

Christopher Stevens

The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Houston (RPCVs) mourn the death of fellow RPCV Christopher Stevens (Morocco 1983-85) who was murdered - with three colleagues -- at the American Consulate in Benghazi, on Sept.11.

Chris, like many Foreign Service professionals, began his career as a PCV. Chris taught English in Quaouizahrt, Morocco, a remote rural town in the middle of Morocco. He learned Arabic, was involved in the everyday lives of rural Moroccans, and built on that knowledge to become an exemplary diplomat. Chris knew how to listen to the "street" and talk to the elite.

His experience and credibility in a country that had long been off-limits proved invaluable during the chaotic Libyan revolution, and his work helped convince the Obama Administration to provide conclusive support to the besieged rebels. That made Stevens's death all the more ironic—as President Barack Obama said after the attacks "it is especially tragic that he died in Benghazi because it is a city he helped to save at the height of a revolution." www.world.time.com Sept. 12, 2012

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