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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida is *your* group—please join us for fun get-togethers, community service activities, job/life networking, great events, stimulating conversation, and much more. Read on and get involved!



Newsletter

April 2018

National Volunteer Week

April 15–21

National Volunteer Week has been celebrated annually since the 1970s. It'll be held the third week of April. If you're looking for a way to give back, **here are three ways** you can!



1) **Participate** in one of these [United Way events](#). Give blood, read to children, make hurricane preparedness kits, clean up Biscayne Bay, and more! There's something for every day of the week.

2) **Become** a volunteer or tutor for the [Global Field Academy](#), [Educate Tomorrow's](#) new initiative. Email [Virginia](#) for more information about available opportunities to work with their students in this innovative program.

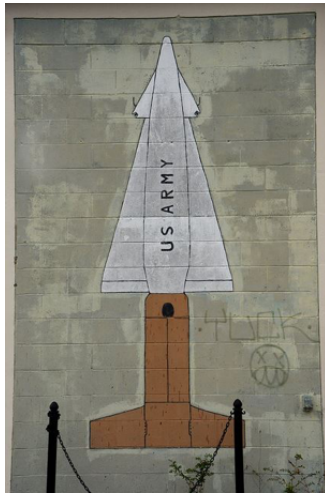
3) **Search** for a volunteer opportunity near you at an organization that speaks to you by using [Points of Light's](#) handy [search tool](#).

Upcoming Events

Nike Missile Base Tour

Sunday, April 8

Do you remember, or have you heard about the **Cuban Missile Crisis**? Did you know that **Everglades National Park** houses one of the best-preserved relics of the Cold War here in Florida?



An historic [Nike Hercules Missile Site](#), called **Alpha Battery or HM-69**, remains virtually the same as it was when official use of the site was terminated in 1979. This missile base was built by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, completed in 1964 at the height of the Cold War, immediately following the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962. At a time when national security against Soviet attack was America's main priority, the United States Army chose this [strategic site within Everglades National Park](#), located **160 miles from the Cuban coast**, to build an anti-aircraft missile site.

We've arranged for a tour of the site, to be given by Ranger Leon Howell, on **Sunday, April 8th**, at 2:00 pm. This exciting and timely tour will last approximately 90 minutes. There's no charge for the tour, but the park will charge its regular entrance fee. If you'd like to carpool (either provide one or get a ride) into the park, please be at the Coe Visitors Center by no later than 1:30 pm.

After the tour, some of us will be going to one of the **local Mexican restaurants** to partake of some yummy "vittles," and we'd be happy for you to join us!

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Bon Voyage Picnic

Sunday, April 22



Celebrate Earth Day and help send off the latest invitees to their Peace Corps adventures at our annual **Bon Voyage Picnic**. The family potluck will be held from 2–5:30 p.m. at [A.D. "Doug" Barnes Park](#) in Shelter 3. From 2–4 p.m., Enjoy relaxing, snacks, **palm frond weaving** with George Fitzpatrick, and



other **fun activities** for the kids. The park also has nature trails, a pool, and a playground. Snacks and beverages will be provided, but feel free to bring more! From 4–5:30 pm, we will **honor the upcoming PCVs** and **share a potluck meal**. You are encouraged to bring a dish from your country of service. Drinks and kid/adult-friendly sandwiches will also be provided. The picnic and park entrance are free. Rain or shine! The park is located at [3401 SW 72nd Ave, Miami, FL 33155](#). Contact **Patty** pharespl@gmail.com if you have questions.

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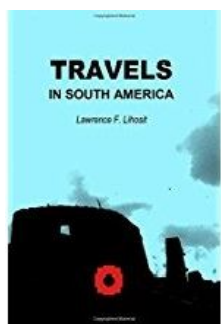
Call for Suggestions

Do you have an **idea** for a great restaurant to host a **Partnership Dinner**? Do you know of a great bar that we could host a **happy hour**? If so, our event coordinators would love to hear from you.

[Email Us](#)

Books & Travel Corner

An Epic Voyage



Climb into a dark spider infested *Moche* burial chamber, listen as Indians advise how to apply an Andean hot springs mudpack, hide from the Chilean army, and more with **RPCV Lawrence F. Lihosit** (Honduras, 1975–77). His recently published ***Travels in South America*** will take you on

Russia

Former RPCVSF President Tuey Murdock (RPCV Colombia) will be living in **Moscow**, Russia until sometime in 2019. Tuey would enjoy assisting any RPCVSF member with **travel to Russia**. [Email us](#) and we'll get you in touch with her.



Namibia, anyone?



Would you like to go on **safari in Namibia**? Travel is looking to put together a trip in September or October. If you're interested, please [email us](#). We need **six people** to confirm the trip. **Claim your spot** for this fantastic getaway today!

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