

From the Field August 2025

COUNTDOWN to our Last conference/reunion continues. In slightly over a month, we will gather for the last time as PCIA. Our last hurrah promises to be the best ever.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTENBER 15 AT MIDNIGHT PDT. Go to our website to register. Hotel room nights at conference rates are still available but some nights are nearly fully booked so make your reservations soon. (<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WASGH/G-PEA5>). Group code G-Pea 5.

VISIT OUR WESITE. www.peacecorpsiran.org. All of the information you need is there including conference program, registration, and more. Be sure to click on the “Important Last-Minute Details” link where you can **submit your lunch choices**. The link also includes information about before and after conference options.

- **Smithsonian Iran collection**, Friday 10/3 at 2 pm. Space limited. Contact brad@peacecorpsiran.org.
- **Peace Corps Archive at American University**, Monday 10/6 at 10 am. Contact skip@peacecorpsiran.org
- **Iran Advocacy Day October 6, 7 in Washington, D.C.** You should seriously consider staying a couple more days to lobby your senators and members of congress on two themes:
 - 1) the importance of adequately funding and fully staffing Peace Corps globally, and
 - 2) the urgency of using diplomacy rather than war to influence Iranian policies and behavior. If you are interested, contact Paul Barker at paul@peacecorpsiran.org, with a copy to Brad Hanson at brad@peacecorpsiran.org.



Have you seen the poster for “When We Grew Together”? We saw a clip in Chicago but now we get to see the whole film. Just one of the many exciting elements of our conference.

An opening reception for Museum of the Peace Corps Experience Exhibit at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library will be Saturday 10/4 from 5-7 pm , following the final conference session.

NPCA has a new web platform, **Peace Corps Connect +**. Please go to peacecorpsconnect.org to learn more and join. As we learn more about how the platform can help us maintain connections.

The next. **Dooreh** will be September 10 at 5 pm PDT. The book to be discussed is *Coming of Age in Iran*. To join the discussion, send an email to doug@peacecorpsiran.org.

The next **4th Monday Discussion** will take place on 9/22 at 5 pm PDT. To join the discussion, send an email to doug@peacecorpsiran.org.