

September 28, 2012, The White House. "Your son was a hero in two countries—here in the United States, where he inspired those of us who knew him, and in Libya, a country he helped save. Chris built a loyal following among his colleagues, and I was proud to meet many young diplomats in recent days who view him as a role model. . . . In rest, may he find the lasting peace he worked to build throughout his life."
—Barack Obama, President of the United States

October 2, 2012. "Chris was the living embodiment of everything an exemplary diplomat should be: selfless and inquisitive, driven yet principled. From the Peace Corps to the State Department, his creativity, charisma, and intelligence made him a model spokesman on the front lines of American diplomacy. Chris had an uncanny ability to connect with the people around him wherever he served; it was this quality that won him the trust and confidence of not only President Obama and myself, but of countless Libyans."

—Hillary Clinton, United States Secretary of State

September 17, 2012. "He always brimmed with California optimism, with the fresh and engaging spirit of new world America. We who are not diplomats were so proud to know he was the face of America."

—Neal Johnson, Attorney, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

September 21, 2012. "He was my first boss in the Foreign Service (when he served as Political Chief in Jerusalem), my primary role model. And a genuine friend who provided me excellent advice and kind words over the years. I only hope that your grief may be eased by the pride of having given our country and the world such an amazingly talented and capable Ambassador who trained, mentored and touched the lives of so many of us in the diplomatic service."

—Neil Hop, Afghanistan

To the *New York Times*, September 13, 2012. "Chris Stevens was someone who had, since joining the Peace Corps after college, selflessly dedicated his energies to the effort to create a more peaceful and just world. He was warm, thoughtful and intelligent; honest, optimistic and funny. He had a genuine and deep concern for the people of the Arab and Israeli worlds in which he worked. He wanted the people of Libya, Israel and Syria—his primary postings—to have better lives, better justice, more open and equitable societies, less violence and hatred. His killers have now deprived themselves of the contributions that Chris would have made."

—Edward S. Harwood, Joanne Pillsbury, Los Angeles, California

The family of Chris Stevens has established the

J. Christopher Stevens Fund

to support activities that build bridges between the people of the United States and the Middle East. In the spirit that inspired Chris, the family envisions the Fund will promote religious tolerance, cultural understanding, educational youth exchanges, and other people-to-people programs.

For details please see: rememberingchrisstevens.com

A Celebration of Life



Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens

April 18, 1960 – September 11, 2012

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

4:30 pm

The Rotunda

San Francisco City Hall

One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, California

John Christopher Stevens

Chris Stevens was born in 1960 in Grass Valley, California, to Mary and Jan Stevens. His early years were spent in Marin County. The family later moved to Davis and, in 1975, to Piedmont, where he attended Piedmont High school, Class of 1978. In the summer of his junior year in high school, the American Field Service exchange program sent him to Spain. This experience ignited his interest in travel and foreign languages.

At UC Berkeley, where he majored in history, class of 1982, he studied French and then spent a semester in Perugia, learning Italian. Entering the Peace Corps after graduation, he was sent to Morocco, where he took a beginning course in Arabic. He was then sent to a Berber region of the Atlas Mountains to teach English, 1982-85. On his return to the U.S., Chris attended the U.C. Hastings School of Law in San Francisco, Class of '89, serving as a member of the Law Review. After passing the California Bar examination, he worked for two years in international law at the firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro.

Chris joined the Foreign Service in 1992. As he spoke Arabic, the State Department sent him to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to be the Consular/Economic Officer. His successive posts were: Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Iran Desk Officer, Staff Assistant in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Consular/Political Officer in the Cairo Embassy. His next two posts were as Political Officer in Damascus, Syria, and Deputy Principal Officer and Political Section Chief in Jerusalem, where he served for three years. In 2006-2007, he was a Pearson Fellow with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. From 2007 to 2009, when the United States resumed relations with Libya, he served as the Deputy Chief of Mission and *Chargé d'affaires* in Tripoli, rebuilding the U.S. Embassy. He next returned to Washington, D.C., and after a year's study at the National War College of the National Defense University, received an M.S. degree in history and national security studies. He was then appointed Director of the Office of Multilateral Nuclear and Security Affairs, but shortly afterward, because of his familiarity with Libya's government, he served as the American Envoy to the Libyan Transitional National Council in Benghazi, during the insurgency, from March 2011 to November 2011. After the fall of the Khadafi government, he was nominated to be the U.S. Ambassador to Libya, and confirmed in May, 2012. He returned to Tripoli to relocate the American Embassy, which had been destroyed in the insurgency. He was enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with the new, democratic government in Libya.

The evening of September 11, 2012, he was in the Benghazi U.S. Consulate offices, helping to launch a Cultural Exchange center there, when the Consulate was attacked by violent extremists. Chris was overcome by smoke inhalation from firebombs thrown into the building and a ring of fire around it. His body and those of three other Americans killed with him were flown to Andrews Air Force Base, near Washington, D.C., where they were received by President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in a formal military service. His ashes were later taken to California, where they will be interred in Grass Valley with his Stevens ancestors.

Remembering Christopher Stevens

<i>Prelude</i>	Mozart: <i>Sinfonia Concertante, Andante</i> Schubert: <i>String Quartet in A minor, Andante</i> String sextette: Mark Volkert and Philip Santos, <i>violins</i> Nancy Ellis and Su Buchignani, <i>violas</i> Jan Volkert and David Commanday, <i>cellos</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	The Right Reverend William Swing <i>Former Bishop of California</i>
<i>Interlude</i>	"Shall We Gather At the River" University of California Men's Glee Club Alumni Monroe Kanouse, <i>Conductor</i>
<i>Welcome</i>	The Honorable Edwin M. Lee <i>Mayor of San Francisco</i>
<i>Remembrances</i>	"Growing Up with Chris" Anne Stevens Sullivan, M.D., <i>Sister</i> Tom Stevens, <i>Brother</i> Hilary Stevens Koziol, M.D., <i>Sister</i>
<i>Interlude</i>	Brahms: <i>Requiem, Fifth movement</i> , "Ye now are sorrowful." Christine Brandes, <i>Soprano</i> String sextette; UC Men's Glee Club Alumni
<i>Remembrance</i>	"University of California Days" Steven MacDonald
<i>Interlude</i>	"Songs of "California" UC Men's Glee Club Alumni
<i>Remembrance</i>	"The Hastings Years" Mary Neumayr
<i>Appreciation</i>	The Honorable Ali Suleiman Aujali <i>Libyan Ambassador to the United States</i>
<i>Appreciation</i>	Presentation of Congressional Record, October 16, 2012 The Honorable Barbara Lee, <i>United States Representative</i>
<i>Appreciation</i>	The Honorable George P. Shultz <i>Former United States Secretary of State</i>
<i>Appreciation</i>	The Honorable Thomas R. Pickering <i>Former United States Under Secretary of State</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	The Right Reverend William Swing
<i>Postlude</i>	"America The Beautiful" Verses 1 and 4 String sextette; UC Men's Glee Club Alumni