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California to Hold Largest Swearing-In Celebration for AmeriCorps' 20th Anniversary

Event Will Kick-Off New AmeriCorps Class, Include Service Projects

Sacramento, CA – On September 12, 2014, a new class of California AmeriCorps members will pledge to “get things done for America” as part of a nationwide ceremony to mark AmeriCorps’ 20th anniversary.

More than 1,000 of the nearly 10,000 new members in California will be sworn in as a new year of service will begin. The celebration will recognize AmeriCorps members and alums for their positive impact in the Golden State over the past 20 years.

AmeriCorps members provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across California.

Since 1994, more than 116,000 California residents have served over 142 million hours and have qualified for education scholarships (Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards) totaling nearly \$332 million – the highest in the nation.

(Credentialed media only. Please RSVP with Monica Hassan through email listed above. Check-in at media table on day of event will be required.)

WHAT: CaliforniaVolunteers, joined by U.S. Congresswoman Doris Matsui and others, will recognize the commitment of current AmeriCorps members and will highlight the extraordinary impact AmeriCorps has made for 20 years. Members will also participate in multiple service projects as part of the celebratory event.

WHO: More than 1,000 new, current, and former AmeriCorps members
U.S. Congresswoman Doris Matsui
President, Janet Lamkin, Bank of America-California
CaliforniaVolunteers Commission Chair, Rita Holiday (Intel Corporation)
More VIPs to be announced

WHERE: The Presidio Institute Parade Grounds (Fort Scott)
1202 Ralston Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94129

WHEN: September 12, 2014
10:00 a.m. – Ceremony kickoff
10:45 a.m. – New AmeriCorps members sworn-in
1:00 p.m. – AmeriCorps members, alums, and guests complete four service projects (various locations)

VISUALS:

- Swearing-in ceremony of 1,000 AmeriCorps members at 10:45 a.m.
- Visual photographic pillars with AmeriCorps impact statistics.
- Four service projects showing AmeriCorps members in action doing service at 1:00 p.m.
- Interview opportunities with VIPS, AmeriCorps members, and alums.
- Great on-location, remote shots with view of the Golden Gate Bridge.

CaliforniaVolunteers is the state office that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering, including the state AmeriCorps program and the California Disaster Corps. Through the CaliforniaVolunteers website, individuals and families can find more than 50,000 volunteer opportunities throughout the state, involving education, the environment, youth, and disaster preparedness. For more information, please visit www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org.

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.

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