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President Obama commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Community of Democracies. ...

4. National Muslim Convention Highlights Faith and Community

As America's Muslim population grows, so does its role in all aspects of society. The Islamic Society of North America's annual convention strives to unleash the power that Muslim Americans have in taking an active role in shaping their communities by improving themselves and working with others. ...

5. Photographers Challenged to Capture the Meaning of Democracy

The Democracy Photo Challenge, launched July 7, challenges people around the world to finish the phrase "Democracy is ..." with an original photo that captures their view of democracy as it appears among the people, communities and sights around them. ...

6. SportsUnited Programs Engage Youths Worldwide

Under the State Department's SportsUnited initiative, athletes and coaches travel overseas to engage sports-oriented kids, and coaches and young athletes visit the United States. SportsUnited aims to engage in a dialogue with non-elite youth ages 7-17. It also funds sports grants overseas. ...

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Peace Corps Director Williams with Macedonian President Ivanov. (LP)

Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams Honored by Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov

July 14, 2010

Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams, visiting Macedonia on July 12-15 for a regional Peace Corps Directors Conference, met in Ohrid yesterday with Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov. Peace Corps/Macedonia Director Stephen Kutzy and U.S. Ambassador Philip Reeker joined Director Williams at Villa Biljana in Ohrid. President Ivanov expressed his high esteem for the work of the Peace Corps volunteers and emphasized that they establish permanent links between the U.S. and their host countries. President Ivanov announced his decision to honor the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 2011 as well as the 15th anniversary of the Peace Corps/Macedonia Mission... [more](#).



Presentation of the Colors by the U.S. Marine Corps. (LP)

[Embassy Fourth of July Reception Brings Together Friends of America](#)

July 2, 2010

On July 2nd more than 1200 people braved a powerful rainstorm to attend a reception at the U.S. Embassy to commemorate the 234th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Throughout the world, U.S. Embassies host similar events to honor the values and ideals captured in the historic Declaration nearly two and a half centuries ago. Ambassador Reeker noted that this was the largest event ever hosted by the Embassy, and thanked the American and American-affiliated companies who joined in sponsoring this event.

- ◇ **To see full text of Ambassador Reeker's speech please [click here](#).**
- ◇ **To see more photos from this event, please view a video slide show on the Embassy channel on .**



Children participate at the 4th of July Celebration in Tetovo. (LP)

[Tetovo Celebrates U.S. Independence Day](#)

July 4, 2010

On July 4th, 2010 the American Corner in Tetovo organized a major celebration of the U.S. Independence Day with fireworks, children's activities and an evening rock concert. In a full day of events the Corner included a march to the fortress in the hills above Tetovo, face-painting and races for the kids and an art exhibition in the House of Culture. The concert featured Greta Koçi, Çiljeta, Biba Dodeva and the famous rock band from Tetovo "Elita 5" and drew an impressive crowd of 15,000 to the city square in Tetovo. Ambassador Reeker emphasized that this multicultural and multiethnic event included representatives from a wide range of Government and opposition parties, including Deputy PM Abdilaqim Ademi, Minister of Culture Elizabeta Kancevska Mileska, Mayor of Tetovo Dr. Sadi Bexheti, VMRO DPMNE MP Natasha Janevska, President of the Wilson School in Macedonia Adrian Masha and the Coordinator of AC Tetovo Gezim Sulejmani.

- ◆ **To see full text of Ambassador Reeker's remarks please [click here](#).**
- ◆ **To see more photos from this event, please [click here](#).**
- ◆ **Video:** See the local media coverage of this Event. ([TV Koha Tetovo](#) | [TV Art Tetovo](#)).



Ambassador Reeker with the American Blues musician Gregg Wright (L) and Vasja Ivanovski (M)/ Organizer of the 2010 Skopje Blues & Soul Festival. (LP)

Gregg Wright Band Brings American Blues to Skopje Blues & Soul Festival

July 2, 2010

Blues musician Gregg Wright and his band gave an electrifying performance to a large audience as part of the [Skopje Blues & Soul Festival on Friday, July 2](#). Wright has had a long career in American Blues, hailing from Louisiana and having performed with Michael Jackson and Fleetwood Mac. Ambassador Reeker joined the band backstage to present Gregg Wright and his band with a Cultural Diplomacy Award from the Embassy for their contribution to furthering American music and culture in Macedonia.

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