



The Forge



The Freedoms Foundation Mission

*We educate about American rights and responsibilities
Honor acts of civic virtue, and
Challenge all to reject apathy and get involved.*



Becky Reid, President

<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/california/san-diego-county-chapter/>

May 2022

2021-2022 NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED AT AWARDS LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Our Annual Awards Luncheon was held at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse. Because of Covid the luncheon was delayed for a year, thus two years of awardees were recognized at the luncheon on February 10, 2022.

What a wonderful way to begin the year for us to all be able to gather once again to recognize these outstanding individuals and groups!

Row 1. to r. Marsha Vanetky, Randy Tidmore Susan Righthouse, Debra Benson, and Beverly Bowler. Back Row : l. to r. Myron Vanetsky, Jamie Tyrone, Bret Righthouse and Julie Brightwell.



2022 STUDENT DELEGATES VALLEY FORGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Ten students were selected to attend the “Spirit of America” Leadership Program held on the Valley Forge campus in Pennsylvania, March 17-23, 2022.

After a three and a half day seminar working with attendees from several states, the San Diego students continued on their journey to Philadelphia and Washington D.C.

Front row: 1. to r. Alyssa Arias, Emily McKewan, Yasmin Moreno, Lilyana Mendez and Chaperone Monica Gutierrez. Back row: 1. to r. Maya Ruhe, Hannah Montano, Nick Lindlar Spencer Casady, Melia Miner and Grace Crabtree.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...
BECKY REID**



Our most recent event was the Allied Gardens Optimist Club's Fly-Away Breakfast. This is an opportunity for students, Optimist members and the board to share breakfast and interact prior to students leaving for the Valley Forge Leadership Summit. Several students and Virginia Syverson, V. P. Youth will attend a breakfast in early summer so the

students can report back to the Optimist Club and thank them for their support. Thank you Optimist members for sponsoring these breakfasts and for your generous donations to help fund the trip.

Our students flew out on a red eye on March 16. At Valley Forge they participated in simulations and discussions. In Washington DC they were able to tour the National Archives, Mt. Vernon, the International Spy Museum, the Arlington Cemetery and enjoy a night time trolley tour of major sites. Please go on the website and view the great pictures.

Again I want to thank all our San Diego members for your continued support. It is more important than ever that we promote knowledge of American history and Democracy and an understanding of our constitutional rights. Please invite friends to become members, join the Board and help us continue to build upon this strong foundation. Hope to see you at the races July 31st.

**2022-2024
SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Because of Covid 19 and a pause in many of our activities, a vote was taken by Board of Directors to delay presenting a new Slate of Officers for a vote by the membership until the spring of 2023. If you would like to be a member of the Board to help further our mission, please contact President Becky Reid at 619-223-4031.

To continue to reach our goals we must have people willing to accept leadership positions.

DONORS

Many thanks to members and friends for their continued support

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Nancy Campbell
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**In
Memoriam**



CAPTAIN USN (RET.) WILL HAYS

March 25, 1932- March 16, 2022

National Patriot of the Year

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON



Student singers



Brenda Ferich, Jamie Tyrone and Becky Reid



Sally Syren and Karla Peterson



Becky Reid and Sam Vanetsky



Sally Syren, Bret and Susan Righthouse and Becky Reid



Sharon Henry, Julie Brightwell and Becky Reid



Becky Reid, Bev Bowler, Debbie Benson and Virginia Syverson



Brenda Ferich, Randy Tidmore and Becky Reid

FLY AWAY BREAKFAST



Jennifer and Spencer Casady



Chaperone Monica Gutierrez



Becky Reid accepts generous checks from Allied Gardens Optimist Club's Bill Glover

"SPIRIT OF AMERICA" LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – VALLEY FORGE



Student Delegates meet with Thomas Jefferson and John Adams



Student Work Session



SAVE THE DATE

**FREEDOMS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES**

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

Bring your friends and family to join the excitement of the races at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.



Meet in the Equus Skyroom overlooking the finish line to enjoy the "Sport of Kings."

IT'S A FUN DAY FOR ALL!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your membership supports our San Diego chapter's student programs and activities. Our Annual Awards Luncheon honors those individuals and/or groups who demonstrate outstanding civic leadership.

Individual Membership	\$35.00
Couple's Membership	\$50.00
Patron Membership	\$100.00

Mail checks to Paula Day, Treasurer
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are trying something NEW!

Because of paper shortages, the costs of printing have become prohibitive. We'd rather use your donations, dues and funds raised at our events to send students to the annual Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program at Valley Forge and tour Washington D.C. So, we have decided to e-mail this edition of *The Forge*. What do you think? Would you prefer *The Forge* mailed to you? If so, email Paula at phday@cox.net.

