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*Messages from the Board*

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Please join us for our **Summer Meeting and Awards Ceremony** for the 2022 and 2023 FFVF winners.

**Fellowship Hall at the Living Word Fellowship Church  
1906 Hickory Valley Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421  
Sunday, July 9 from 3:00-4:40 PM EST.**

\*Update on David Harmer, CEO of FFVF. His recovery from the accident over the Christmas holiday 2022, continues. He returned to FFVF campus on May 1 and is doing well. He joined the teachers for several meals and attended portions of the Statesmanship Teacher Symposium our own Pam Fields participated in last week. Additionally, he hosted 2 dedication services last weekend on FFVF campus. David was very appreciative of our thoughts, prayers, and concern for him and his recovery.

\* The merger between FFVF and Union League Legacy Foundation is almost complete. We are excited about this new partnership. Please watch for email updates from FFVF Headquarters.

**Charlotte**

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*Spirit of America Youth Education Program 2023:*

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The Chattanooga Chapter of FFVF sponsored 6 local area high school students and a chaperone to attend the Spirit of America Student Leadership Program on the Freedoms Foundation Campus at Valley Forge, PA from March 9-12, 2023. Students were selected through the FFVF annual essay contest. Chattanooga Chapter VP for Youth & Education, Pam Fields accompanied the 6 students: Taylor Barrett, Isaac Linville, Jacob Long, John Southerland, Brooke Williams, and John Wood, representing several different schools. Our program included about 100 students and chaperones from across the country.

The Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program is crafted for high school students interested in cultivating a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship through thought-provoking and engaging activities. Led by an outstanding and experienced faculty and staff, students participate in a mock congressional debate, a lesson in writing and rhetoric conducted by none other than Thomas Jefferson, a free enterprise challenge, and leadership development workshops. They hear from dynamic speakers and living historian re-enactors on topics regarding U.S. history, government, and economics with a focus on our freedoms, responsible citizenship, and free enterprise.

Accompanied by expert guides, our students saw history come alive as they walked the hallowed grounds of Valley Forge National Park and visited numerous historic sites throughout historic Philadelphia. Our Philly tour included Independence Hall, Congress Hall, the Liberty Bell Center, Washington's house, Franklin's house and print shop, Franklin's grave at Christ Church Burial Ground, the Philadelphia Mint, and the National Constitution Center. We also tried Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches before heading to the airport!

Along with a thorough understanding of civic responsibility, our students left inspired to do their part in securing the blessings of liberty only an active citizenry can safeguard, guided by a greater appreciation for our country's history, ideals, and the relevance of our country's founding documents. While our students probably felt as if they were drinking from a firehose of information in those 4 short days, each one remarked that he/she

had not really known what to expect but that it had been a truly life-changing experience he/she would never forget!

**Pam**



Chattanooga group about to board for Valley Forge led by VP chaperone Pam Fields!



Another group shot outside the Martha Washington Building on the campus at FFVF. Note our very own Jeff Scott, VP of Education, and Thomas Jefferson, Founding Father of the United States.



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*National and Chapter Website:*

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- Please continue to access the website and monitor it for updates:  
<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org>
  - Presently, this is our chapter website:  
<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/tennessee/chattanooga-chapter/>

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*FFVF Dues & Membership & Support*

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- Remember our FaceBook page @FFVFChattanoogaChapter

**Our fundraising goals for this year '23-'24 are \$10,000 to send 15 local students to the Spring 2024, (March 7-10) FFVF Spirit of America Youth program!!**

To continue our mission, please help us send students to Valley Forge.  
Please consider becoming one of these supporters:

**“Purple Heart” supporter:** \$525.00 (cost of the 4-day Spirit of America Program)

**“Gold Star” supporter:** \$300

**“Silver Star” supporter:** \$200

**“Bronze Star” supporter:** \$100

Another amount:

Thank you!!

Please make your checks payable to the Chattanooga Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation  
Valley Forge and mail them to:

**Valerie Rutledge, Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 21443**  
**Chattanooga, TN 37424**





**Chattanooga Chapter Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge  
Membership Application**  
[ChattanoogaChapterFFVF@gmail.com](mailto:ChattanoogaChapterFFVF@gmail.com)

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Please join and support us in our mission to educate the students, teachers, and their families to give them an appreciation for the rights we enjoy as Americans, an awareness of the responsibilities that we have as citizens, and a greater understanding of the founding documents and the principles upon which they are based.

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**Committee Volunteer Opportunities:**

Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Awards \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to  
Valerie Copeland Rutledge, FFVF Chattanooga Chapter Treasurer  
P. O. Box 21443  
Chattanooga, TN 37424  
Dues are \$25 per person per year,  
January 1, through December 31**



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