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## *Volunteer Chapters Newsletter*

January 2018

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Greetings!

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## Welcome, David Harmer

New President & CEO

February 1 will mark a new chapter for Freedoms Foundation as we welcome our new President & CEO, David Harmer, to the FFVF family.

To learn more about David, his career, and passion for our mission, please read the [official press release](#).

Please help us welcome David!



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## February Award Ceremony Dates

## February

8 - San Diego Chapter  
10 - Orange County Chapter  
11 - Chattanooga Chapter  
13 - Utah Chapter  
15 - Sacramento Area Chapter  
17 - Valley Forge Chapter  
22 - Dallas Area Chapter  
22 - Los Angeles County Chapter  
23 - Broward County Chapter  
27 - Pensacola Chapter



Don't see your Chapter's date? Please send it to [Louise!](#)

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## *Pensacola Chapter*

### *Pensacola, FL*

The Pensacola Chapter had an event-filled month spreading the word of Freedoms Foundation. The Chapter was represented at both a local Rotary event and the 2018 Raise the Bar Conference for teachers. There has already been one teacher that applied after meeting with the chapter at the Conference.

Board member Robert Nicholson, or should I say Mr. Francis Scott Key, was at both events helping to educate, honor, and challenge!

Click [HERE!](#) to watch a video of their day at the Raise the Bar Convention! Perhaps if you're in search of a singer for your chapter, Mr. Key could make an appearance!





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## San Diego Chapter

*San Diego, CA*

This year the San Diego Chapter supported their local DAR Chapter and Silver Gate Yacht Club in their Wreaths Across America campaigns. They had such a great experience helping local organizations, they are excited to run their own campaign next winter.

Getting involved in our communities is at the heart of our mission. To learn about starting a Wreaths Across America campaign in your chapter, check out their website: [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/)

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## Let the Countdown Begin!

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We are DAYS (maybe even hours) away from the brand NEW National website and chapter websites from going LIVE! Stay tuned!



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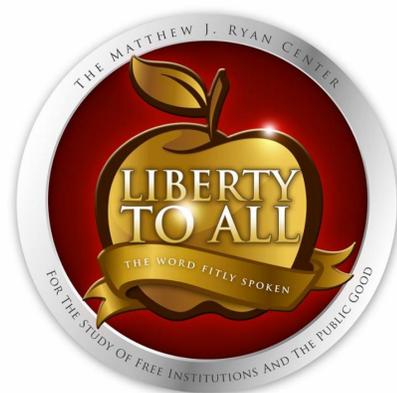
## *Civic Friendship and Our Great Experiment*

*EVP Jason Raia's Op-Ed*

A few weeks ago myself and a few staff members attended a lecture hosted by the Matthew J. Ryan Center for Free Institutions and the Public Good at Villanova University. The topic, *the values, virtues, and challenges of liberal education*, was discussed by Dr. West and Dr. George of Harvard. As a former student of the Ryan Center myself, I greatly enjoyed the thought provoking conversation!

An interesting concept discussed throughout the afternoon was civic friendship, one that is closely related to our mission of promoting civic virtue and active citizenship. Please read Executive Vice

President, Jason Raia's op-ed on the wonderful lecture we attended! [Click here to read!](#)



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## Eagles and Education

I may be biased but had to share this with you in case you didn't see it on our Facebook page. Philadelphia Eagles Defensive End, Chris Long, is donating his entire 2017 season salary to go towards education!

"I'm playing the entire 2017 NFL season without collecting income because I believe that education is the best gateway to a better tomorrow for everyone in America."



[Watch this video!](#)

Who are you rooting for this Sunday?

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# Help Write February's E-News!

Last year I featured staff, alumni, and chapter members in the Chapter February E-News sharing why they love FFVF. Help me write this year's edition. Reply to this email and tell me what you love about Freedoms Foundation!



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## *2018 Graduate Teacher Programs*

Applications now being accepted!

[2018 programs:](#)

Seminars (On Valley Forge campus)

[From Immigrants to Citizens: History and Civic Values](#) \*June 17-22, 2018

[Heroes & Heroines: Transforming Character through Biography](#) June 24-29, 2018

[Medal of Honor Legacy: War on Terror](#) July 8-13, 2018

[Medal of Honor Legacy: World War II](#) July 15-20, 2018

[Building the Nation: Entrepreneurs & American History](#) \* July 22-27, 2018

History Workshops (Traveling Programs)

[Civil War Central](#) June 23-30, 2018

[American Revolution North](#) June 30-July 6, 2018

[Civil Rights Movement](#) \* July 7-14, 2018

\*NEW program for 2018!

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## *Treasurer's Chest*

*January Fundraising Ideas!*

### *Love is (almost) in the air!*

*It may be cold for some of us but with Valentine's Day just around the corner, we can think of love instead of snowflakes in the air!*

- Flower sale
- Candygram sale: Check out [Hershey Fundraising](#) to order candy!
- Chapter Valentine's dance
- Chapter couples night out
- Chapter wine and cheese night
- Raffle a Valentine's Day gift basket
  - Wine, movies, dinner gift cards, spa gift card, chocolate!



# Happy Valentine's Day

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

