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Volunteer Chapters Newsletter

May 2018

Greetings!

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Save the Date

National Volunteer Conference

Make sure you're in attendance this year to meet new President & CEO [David Harmer](#). The National Volunteer Conference is open to all chapter members from every chapter. Reserve your spot today for special pricing by emailing [Louise](#). Look for registration forms in June.



Mary Ball Washington Chapter

Saluda, VA

On May 6, the Mary Ball Washington Chapter hosted their annual student luncheon at the Indian Creek Yacht and County Club in Kilmarnock, VA. Students, parents, friends, and members enjoyed an afternoon of inspiring remarks, good conversation, and a delicious luncheon. The Chapter was honored to have founding member Mrs. Elizabeth (Bankie) Benton in attendance. So many positive comments about the students' talks regarding their impressions of how Spirit of America reinforced their commitment to our mission to educate, honor, and challenge.

Pictured are scholarship recipients with Chapter President and chaperon Clark Waring: Bryan Graulich, Middlesex High, Jerry Turner, Northumberland High, Blake Smith, Lancaster High and Tahi Wiggins, Northumberland High.



New Orleans Chapter

New Orleans, LA

On May 16, the New Orleans Chapter also welcomed their scholarship recipients back from Spirit of America at their annual student luncheon at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie, LA. The students had a chance to share their favorite experience from their trip which was inspiring!

Thank you to the New Orleans Chapter for welcoming me to your event! I love hearing students talk about their time with us on campus.



Memorial Day Op-Ed

President & CEO David Harmer

David Harmer was invited to write his reflections on Memorial Day by the Dallas

Morning News. [Read here.](#)

Memorial Day memorializes those who gave their lives to launch and sustain the American experiment. For me, their sacrifice is never far from mind, as my office borders the site of the Continental Army's encampment at Valley Forge, crucible of the American Revolution.



Coast Guard Band Visits Valley Forge
June 10, 2018

If you are in the Valley Forge area next weekend, please join us!



Invites you to join us on
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018
Events are Free and Open to the Public

1:00 PM

Coast Guard Memorial Fountain Rededication

In recognition of Medal of Honor Recipient Doug Munro
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge



- *21-Gun Rifle Volley
- *Ribbon Cutting

Join us to thank all the volunteers who helped refurbish the fountain
along with:

- *COMO Barry Kyper, District Commodore USCG Auxiliary D5NR
- *CDR Doug Sheehan, USCG, Retired
(nephew of Medal of Honor Recipient Doug Munro)

2:00 PM



Outdoor Concert and Free Parking

Bring a lawn chair or blanket

Families welcome

Visit Medal of Honor Grove

Snacks and beverages available

No alcoholic beverages

Handicap drop off only

Location of Events

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
1601 Valley Forge Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-933-8825 ext. 232 (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
Website: freedomfoundation.org

Band concert will be cancelled in the case of rain and will not be rescheduled

2018 Graduate Teacher Programs

Spaces filling quickly!

[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

*NEW program for 2018!

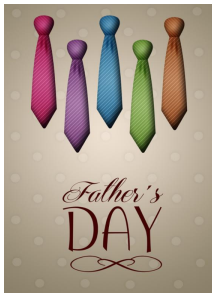
Treasurer's Chest

May Fundraising Ideas!

Both Flag Day (June 14) and Father's Day (June 17) are just around the corner as well as the summer weather.



- [5 Nonprofit Fundraising Ideas You Can Learn From Father's Day](#)
- [BBQ Fundraiser Ideas](#)
- [Mini Cookie Fundraiser](#)
- [Create Your Own Cookbook Fundraiser](#)
- [Fundraising Zone Kits](#)
- Flag Day fundraiser: hand out flags in your community with a donation bucket nearby.



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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."

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Margaret Mead