

Volunteer Chapters Newsletter

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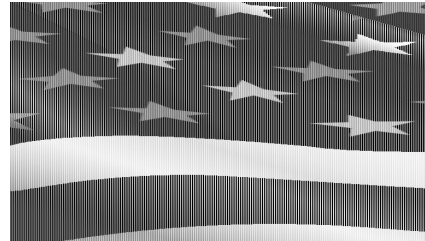
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Happy Flag Day!

Greetings from Valley Forge!

The summer season is upon us at Freedoms Foundation. Our graduate programs kick off on Sunday. We have 9 programs in total taking place this summer with nearly 450 teachers in attendance. The summer follows on the heels of a very successful Spring full of Spirit of America Programs. Thank you to all our chapters who sent students this year. Overall our numbers are up from 2018 and we thank you. Dates for 2020 are set and reservations are being accepted (see article below).

National Award entries have been pouring into the office. Thank you for meeting the challenge of a quick turn around this year and sending us quality individuals and organizations for nomination. We will be notifying chapters of their nominees status by Labor Day.

Please remember to send me contact information of any new officers and dates for any upcoming programs. Plus we would love to show off your events so send photos and a small write-up to me and we will publish in the online newsletter.

I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer. And remember, I am here to serve, so please direct any questions, comments or needs directly to me at 610-933-8825 ext. 234 or at csantangelo@ffvf.org.

Registration is Open!

Chapter and Partners Conference is now open for registrations.

Join us October 17-20, 2019 for the annual conference of volunteers and

partners. Highlights of the weekend include the State of the Foundation given by President, David Harmer; the Red, White and Blue Banquet; and informative working sessions on topics such as Chapter Financials and Building Sustainable Leadership. This year our excursion will be to the area around Valley Forge. We will be visiting Historic Homes and Churches of the Revolution including the home of General Mad Anthony Wayne and historic Augustus Lutheran Church & Cemetery in Trappe, PA, a significant landmark in Pennsylvania's role in the Revolution. Don't delay, program tuition starts at \$300 for early bird registrations. Visit

<https://www.freedomfoundation.org/chapters/annual-chapter-conference/> today!



2020 Spirit of America Dates

Reserve your spots now!



The time is now for your chapter to reserve your spots for the 2020 Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program. We are pleased to offer the following dates for next year.

March 5-8, 2020
March 12-15, 2020 - All Ready Full
April 16-19, 2020 - Limited Space
April 23-26, 2020

Tuition remains at \$475 per participant. Program brochures will soon be available through the education office to assist with the recruitment process.

New Orleans Chapter Recognizes Spirit of America Students and Chapter Members!



Betty Trachtman, Alicia Ohlmeyer, John Grout, Jr.,
Toursa Davis and Amie Seba

The New Orleans Chapter held its annual student recognition luncheon on May 15th. The chapter honored the 9 students and chaperone who attended the April 25-28th Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program. Along with recognizing the students, the chapter made a special presentation to 5 dedicated long time members in recognition of their service. Those honored include - Betty Trachtman, Alicia Ohlmeyer, Tousea Davis, Amie Seba and Arthemise Gros. Congratulations ladies and thank you for all you do for Freedoms Foundation.



New Orleans Chapter Board with Spirit of America Students

Bay State Honors Its National Award Winners

The Bay State Chapter held its 39th Annual Awards Dinner on March 29th. David Harmer, President of Freedoms Foundation, was the guest speaker. The chapter honored 8 individuals and organizations with the George Washington Honor Medal. Pictured below David Harmer presents the George Washington Honor Medal to David Epstein for his speech on women in leadership. Also pictured from left to right - Stephanie Survilas Locke, Co-VP of Awards; Sabrina Casella, Co-VP of Awards; David Harmer; David Epstein; Amy Epstein and Ron Vecchia, Bay State President.



Leavey Class of 2019 Announced

8 Educators will be honored on July 18th at Freedoms Foundation

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation are proud to announce the Leavey Class of 2019. The Leavey Jury Panel selected seven programs and their eight coordinating educators as the Leavey Class of 2019.

This year's recipients represent 2 elementary schools, 3 high schools and 2 colleges/universities. The awards program has honored over 650 teachers in its 42 years with cash awards totaling over \$4 million.

We are proud to say that the award winning program from Texas, "blu Community Bistro" was nominated by our very own Dallas Chapter.

Leavey Awards will be conducted during the *Innovative Entrepreneurs, Dynamic Economy* Graduate Seminar on the campus of Freedoms Foundation the week of July 14-19, 2019.

Leavey Class of 2019

Dr. Margaret Brooks

"Economics of Innovation Course"
Bridgewater State University
Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Ms. Maureen Cumpstone

"The U-Imagine Center for Integrative and Entrepreneurial Studies"
Ursinus College
Collegedale, Pennsylvania

Mr. Sergio de Alba
"The Family Farm Business Education Program"
R.M. Miano Elementary School
Los Banos, California

Ms. DeAnna Donahue and Chef Annette Greenslade
"blu Community Bistro"
Allen High School
Allen, Texas

Ms. Linda Hulen
"Student Entrepreneurship: On the Path to Free Enterprise in Alaska"
Bowman Elementary
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Shawn Kelly
"Innovation and Entrepreneurship"
Gulf Coast High School
Naples, Florida

Mrs. April Porter
"Make the Money"
Williams Field High School
Gilbert, Arizona

Chapter Happenings

See Upcoming Events in Your Chapter Area!

Pensacola Chapter
Luncheon Program
Celebrating the Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship
Thursday, June 6, 2019

Valley Forge Chapter
Father's Day Memorial Walk in the Grove
Sunday, June 16, 2019

San Diego Chapter
Day at the Races
Wednesday, July 31, 2019

Valley Forge Chapter
2nd Annual Tribute to Veterans Car Show
Saturday, September 7, 2019

Pensacola Chapter
POW/MIA Luncheon
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Los Angeles Chapter
Awards Celebration
Thursday, October 25, 2019

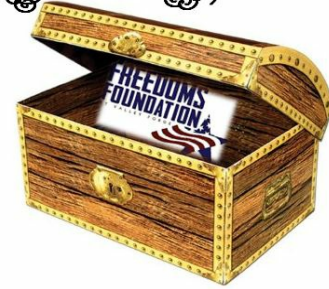
Dallas Chapter
Awards Banquet
Thursday, November 21, 2019

If your chapter is having an upcoming event please email Carolyn at csantangelo@ffvf.org with the details.

Treasurer's Chest

Summer Fundraising Ideas!

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[25 Creative Summer Fundraising Ideas](#)



[Community Yard Sale - Easy Steps to Get Your Alumni Students Involved](#)



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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