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Fall at Freedoms Foundation

Greetings from Valley Forge!

Summer 2019 is in the books. It was a very successful and busy summer with nine programs for teachers, three for students and the 41st Annual Leavey Awards Celebration. Thank you to all the chapters that promoted the programs to teachers in your area or supported teachers' attendance through travel stipends and tuition. A special thanks to the Utah, Dallas, Pensacola and Oklahoma City Chapters for their generosity.

We are not slowing down in the Fall. The 2019 National Award Recipients have been announced (see below for more information). We are also prepping for the 51st Annual Chapters & Partners Conference and the AMVETS Spirit of America Youth Leadership program among other things.

I realize that many of you are returning to regular meetings after a summer hiatus. Please remember to share your upcoming events and recaps of recent activities to include in this newsletter.

I wish you all a happy start to Fall. 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.

Join Us In October!

It's not too late. Register today to attend the Annual Chapters & Partners Conference.

Join us October 17-20, 2019 for the annual conference of chapters and partners. Just added to the program: Historian Allen Guelzo, who will speak on Saturday morning and Sunday service at Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge Park. These activities are on top of an already packed schedule, which includes an excursion to local historic homes and churches and lunch at Black Powder Tavern. The tavern was a secret hiding place for ammunition during the Valley Forge Winter Encampment of 1776-1777. Don't delay. Visit our website today to learn more and register.

<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/chapters/annual-chapter-conference/>



National Award Recipients Announced

85 Recipients over Nine Categories!



Freedoms Foundation is proud to announce that it will be honoring 85 individuals and organizations with the George Washington Honor Medal through the National Awards Program. This award recognizes those who, through words and deeds, best exemplify the heritage and unique freedoms enjoyed by all in this great nation of ours.

Ninety-six percent of this year's nominations were from our Volunteer Chapters. Thank you to all who participated in this year's program and congratulations on your recipients.

The deadline for next year's National Awards submissions is June 1, 2020. The website is now accepting applications for 2020, including Youth Essays.

Valley Forge Chapter Hosts 2nd Annual Tribute to Veterans Car Show



A view of the car show from up above

The Valley Forge Chapter hosted its 2nd Annual Tribute to Veterans Car Show on the campus of Freedoms Foundation on Saturday, September 7. The show included over 100 cars of all makes, models and years. The event also featured local food trucks, vendors, a DJ and activities for the kids. The show was open for the public to attend and view all the incredible autos. Awards were given out in a variety of categories. All funds raised go to support scholarships for Spirit of America and to local veteran organizations.



The trophies presented to the winners in various categories.

San Diego Chapter Holds Day at the Races

The San Diego Chapter held its traditional Day at the Races on July 31 at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. The chapter celebrated Virginia Syverson, the 2018 William O. Perry Chapter Member of the Year Recipient, at the races. Pictured below are, first, Virginia and her family, and then members of the San Diego Chapter enjoying the day.





Pensacola Chapter Presents 21st Annual POW/MIA Luncheon

The Pensacola Chapter had a packed house at the Pensacola Yacht Club on September 17 as guests heard from Dr. Leo Murphy about First Lt. James R. Polkinghorne Jr., a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. Lt. Polkinghorne was listed as MIA on May 5, 1944, in Sezze, Italy. His life and bravery during WWII were recently captured by Dr. Murphy in the biography "Lost In Heaven."



From left, Pensacola Navy League President Capt. Dan McCort, USN (Ret.), Pensacola Chapter Chapter President Betty Williams and Dr. Leo Murphy

Graduate Programs for 2020 Announced 6 programs offered for the summer of 2020.

The slate of summer teacher programs has just been announced. Freedoms Foundation will be conducting five on-campus seminars and one traveling workshop in 2020. Programs are listed below.

All the programs will be formally announced on the Freedoms Foundation website in mid-October and online applications will be available at that time. All teachers must apply directly to Freedoms Foundation via our website.

Flyers advertising the programs are available electronically or by regular mail. Please contact Carolyn at csantangelo@ffvf.org or at 610-933-8825 ext. 234.

If you have questions about the programs or application process, email grad@ffvf.org

Summer 2020

Medal of Honor Legacy: World War II
June 21-26

American Revolution - Philadelphia Campaign
July 5-10

The Presidency and Electoral Power
July 11-16

Educating the Young Entrepreneur
July 19-24

Medal of Honor Legacy: Technology and the War on Terror
July 26-31

Traveling Workshop
Union and Confederate Capitals: Washington DC and Richmond
June 27-July 2

Chapter Happenings and Important Dates

See Upcoming Events in Your Chapter Area!

Los Angeles Chapter
Awards Celebration
Thursday, October 25, 2019

Chattanooga Chapter
Awards Celebration
Sunday, November 3, 2019

Greater Cincinnati Chapter
Veterans Day Memorial Service
Monday, November 11, 2019

Dallas Chapter
Awards Banquet
Thursday, November 21, 2019

Los Angeles Chapter
Noel Luncheon
Sunday, December 15, 2019

Pensacola Chapter
Awards Dinner
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

San Diego Chapter
Awards Luncheon
Thursday, February 20, 2020

Dallas Chapter
50th Anniversary Gala Celebration
Thursday, February 20, 2020

Leavey Awards Submission Deadline
March 1, 2020

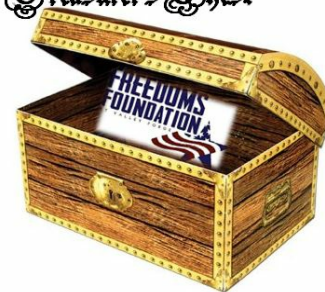
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If your chapter is having an event, please email Carolyn at csantangelo@ffvf.org with the details.

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Fall Fundraising Ideas!

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Football, Tailgating and Fundraising



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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