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Greetings from Valley Forge!

The year is rapidly coming to an end and it will soon be a new decade! I would like to pause and give thanks to you, our Volunteer Chapter Members. The work you do on behalf of Freedoms Foundation is simply phenomenal. This past Chapters and Partners Conference reinvigorated not only those in attendance but the staff as well. It's always great to recharge the battery and take a moment to reflect on why we do what we do and how important our mission is for today's youth. Thank you for sending students to Freedoms Foundation and supporting civic education. We couldn't do it without you!

Chapters and Partners Conference 2019

Fun and Informational Weekend for Attendees!



Chapters and Partners in front of Augustus Lutheran Church.

The 41st Annual Chapters and Partners Conference recently took place on the campus of Freedoms Foundation. The event was both enjoyable and productive with some very key informational sessions on financial best practices, Salesforce and sustainability. A recap of the entire weekend can be found on the Freedoms Foundation website or simply [click here](#).



Chapters and Partners at Waynesborough.



Billie and Robert Nicholson,
winners of Most Patriotic.

Chapters and Chapter Members Honored
Awards Presented at Red, White and Blue Banquet



David Harmer presents Molly Wehrenberg with the William O. Perry Award.

On Saturday, October 19, Freedoms Foundation honored its chapters and volunteers during the Red, White and Blue Banquet. Recipients included Molly Wehrenberg of the Oklahoma City Chapter. Molly was presented with the William O. Perry Chapter Member of the Year Award for her outstanding contributions during the past year to the Oklahoma City Chapter.

Don Ward from the Utah Chapter was presented with the Spirit of '76 Award for his lifetime of service to the Utah Chapter and the Greater Salt Lake City Community. Also recognized during the dinner were the Outstanding Chapters for 2018-2019. Sacramento Chapter received the award for outstanding large chapter of the year. Los Angeles was honored as medium sized chapter of the year and Pensacola took home the award for small chapter of the year. Congratulations to all our recipients.



Don Ward receives the Spirit of '76 Award from David Harmer.

Greater Las Vegas Chapter Nearing Charter Hosts Student Clean-Up Day!



Chapter President Frank Grealish with volunteers.

The Greater Las Vegas Chapter is on the final steps toward their formal charter, but they are already off and running. They held their first community service project on Saturday, October 19, at St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada. Students from American Prep Academy and Coronado High School came together, led by Spirit of America alum Alexandra Roberts, to repair and spruce up an area of the St. Jude's campus popular with residents and the community.

Chase County Chapter Hosts President Harmer

The Chase County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation hosted Foundation President David Harmer on Friday, November 1, at Brad and Jill Moline's Social House in Imperial, Nebraska. Members gathered to meet David and share with him the history of the chapter and to brief him on upcoming events. Most impressive to David was their Liberty Bell Trophy, which lists the names of all the Spirit of America students sponsored by the Chase County Chapter.

Next is the Chapter's Holiday Fundraiser "A Classy Christmas," hosted by chapter members Brad and Linsey Foote. The event will feature light appetizers and their famous chocolate martinis. The chapter also has a Rhunza sale on tap to raise money to send students in 2020.



L-R Lesley Nordhausen, Carrie Terryberry, David Harmer, Marilee Wallin, Jill Moline and Julie Gockley.

Chattanooga Chapter Holds Awards Program

The Chattanooga Chapter held its annual awards ceremony on Sunday, November 3. The chapter honored not only their George Washington Honor Medal recipients, but also several local community leaders. Attorney Jerry Summers received the George Washington Honor Medal for his various community projects and four young ladies received recognition for their student essays. [Click here](#) to read more about all the honors presented during the ceremony.



L-R Student Essay Recipients Alyssa Prather, Alaina Washington and Lexi Brown with Charlotte Ellington

Veterans Honored for Service

Greater Cincinnati Chapter holds its annual Veterans Recognition and Remembrance Service.

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter sponsored its annual Veterans Recognition and Remembrance Service on Monday evening, November 11, at the Sycamore Presbyterian Church. Representatives from the Northern Kentucky Young Marines greeted each person at the door with a program and a small American flag. The service featured the Little Miami High School Select Choir, which led the audience in the National Anthem and also performed *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *God Bless America*.



Cheryl Popp, chairman of the board

Brian K., an elementary school member of the

and director of Honor Flight
Tri-State, was the keynote speaker.

Young Marines, greets 99-year-old Wayne N., a
WWII veteran.

She shared stories from their 75 flights with more than 6,500 veterans. Barb Harrison, a member of Quilts of Valor, presented Quilts of Valor to two Korean War veterans. The evening ended with a message and prayer of remembrance led by Rev. Theodore Kalsbeek, past president of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter.

Chapter Happenings and Important Dates

See Upcoming Events in Your Chapter Area!

Dallas Chapter
Awards Banquet
Thursday, November 21, 2019

Los Angeles Chapter
Noel Luncheon
Sunday, December 15, 2019

Los Angeles Chapter
Awards Luncheon
Thursday, January 23, 2020

Mary Ball Washington Chapter
Awards Ceremony
Saturday, February 1, 2020

Pensacola Chapter
Awards Dinner
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Utah Chapter
Awards Luncheon
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

San Diego Chapter
Awards Luncheon
Thursday, February 20, 2020

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

Valley Forge Chapter
Awards Gala
Saturday, February 29, 2020

Sacramento Chapter
Awards Dinner
Saturday, February 29, 2020

Leavey Awards Submission Deadline
March 1, 2020

Los Angeles Chapter
55th Anniversary Gala Celebration
Saturday, March 28, 2020

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

Treasurer's Chest

Holiday Fundraising Ideas!



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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