



Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

Greetings from Valley Forge! Summer is upon us and like many of you, we are enjoying the heat and humidity. The campus is quiet, but the office is busy running the virtual teacher programs, preparing for the upcoming gala, and continuing to plan and adapt thanks to COVID-19.

We recently had a very successful and productive meeting of our National Board of Directors. The meeting accomplished quite a lot. The biggest item of note was the unanimous approval of the Campus Master Plan. As you know, we have been working for some time on developing a plan to upgrade and improve the facilities. This has been a long time coming and not only was the plan approved but the start of Phase I was also given the green light. Work on Phase I, the replacement of the sewer system, is set to begin. Making all of this work possible requires funding. As a result, the board authorized the engagement of a qualified consultant to conduct a feasibility study for a capital campaign. Though we miss the students and teachers on campus right now, we continue to work to make sure we are able to host them well into the future. Please note if you are interested in seeing the campus mater plan, please let us know. We are happy to share with our chapters.

Our annual gala, *An Evening With Freedoms Foundation*, is approaching quickly on September 12, just under two months away. Attached to this email is the formal invitation. All the fun and festivities will be available virtually and a great opportunity for you and your chapters to join with us for this special occasion. You can participate for free or consider participating on a higher level and receiving a watch party goody box to enjoy at home. The online auction will also serve as a great vehicle for participation. All the information you need can be found both on the [Freedoms Foundation website](#) and the [gala event website](#).

Our inaugural Summer Learning Series is coming to an end. It's not too late to participate though. We have our [Leavey Summit](#) showcasing this year's 5 recipients and their entrepreneurial programs on July 23rd. The series caps off with [The Medal of Honor Legacy: Technology and the War on Terror](#) program the week of July 27-31. Medal of Honor Recipient, Sgt. First Class Leroy Petry, USA (Ret.), will be a featured speaker. Please check out the opportunities on our [Summer Learning Series Webpage](#) and share with your fellow chapter members.

A quick reminder, the National Awards deadline is fast approaching. The deadline is September 1st, but submissions are being accepted now. During this difficult time, responsible citizens are stepping up. Let's make sure Freedoms Foundation is in the forefront of honoring them. Please [click here](#) for nomination information.

Finally, I am pleased to share another video this week in our video series. I am once again going back in our archives from last summer's graduate programs. This video is

an excerpt from the talk given by Dr. Allen Guelzo of Princeton University during the *Abraham Lincoln's Constitution* seminar. We were also fortunate enough to have Dr. Guelzo speak at last year's Chapter & Partners Conference.

Dr. Allen C Guelzo - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUDSHOvJHpE>

Enjoy the dog days of summer and thank you for all your hard work. We appreciate you! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Be safe and stay healthy!

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