



Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

Happy 4th of July to you, your members, and family! I hope that all of you are able to celebrate safely with family and friends this weekend.

I am pleased to share with all of you that our Spring Gala, *An Evening with Freedoms Foundation*, has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 12th. We will be hosting a hybrid event with a small audience in attendance, as well as an online audience. We will be inviting all of our supporters across the country to join us for this Freedoms Foundation signature event. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead, but I would like all of you to start thinking about the idea of hosting watch parties with your members. I know that things may be limited with COVID-19 restrictions, but we would love to have our chapters be part of this new look gala.

The auction will also be taking place in conjunction with the gala on September 12th. Be on the look-out for announcements on the bidding process. We are still looking for items for the auction. If you know of any possibilities, please reach out to Collin McClain in the Development Office at cmccclair@ffvf.org.

Our Summer Learning Series debuted last week. We had a good number of participants join our graduate teachers for speakers throughout the week. We have registration up now for the American Revolution: Philadelphia Campaign taking place next week. Please check out the opportunities on our [Summer Learning Series Webpage](#) and share with your fellow chapter members.

Finally, I am pleased to share another video this week in our video series. I am going back in our archives from last summer's graduate programs. This video is an excerpt from the talk given by Medal of Honor Recipient, Sgt. First Class Leroy Petry, USA (Ret.), during the *Medal of Honor Legacy: War on Terror* program. Leroy will be speaking again at this year's program at the end of July. You will have the opportunity to register to hear him speak. You won't want to miss it.

Sgt. First Class Leroy Petry, USA (Ret). - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAU1en3rVY&t>

Thank you all for your continued hard work in these difficult times. We appreciate you! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Be safe and stay healthy!

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