



## EDUCATE HONOR CHALLENGE

Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

Greetings from Valley Forge! I can't believe that the summer is almost gone and I know for some of you students in your area are starting the school year.

This is an exciting time at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge as we are preparing for our 2020 Gala. The all virtual affair is taking place on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 7:30PM ET. We would love for you to join us for this event as we honor Dr. Larry Arnn, President of Hillsdale College; Dr. Rogers Smith, Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania; and The Philly Pops led by President and CEO Frank Giordano. The event will be held on Zoom. Simply [click here](#) to go to the Zoom reservation page to be part of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's biggest fundraising event of the year. If you attend, we will be sure to give your chapter a special shout out during the live streaming segments.

Not only can you help show your support by tuning into the gala on September 12<sup>th</sup>, but you can help make this fundraiser successful by participating in the auction. Thank you to our Valley Forge, Oklahoma City and Los Angeles Chapters for donating items to the auction. Your support is greatly appreciated. We have some amazing items in the auction including a vacation house in the Dominican Republic for one week, a bourbon lovers quartet gift basket, several framed pieces of art featuring Revolutionary War images, and a must have Kate Spade leather bag. The auction will be open for preview today and bidding will start on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9AM ET. [Click here](#) to check out the preview now!

I know many of you have asked about the dates for Spirit of America in 2021. We are finalizing the schedule and will get those dates out to you very soon. I can tell you we will have additional dates available to help accommodate extra students who were unable to attend in 2020. Please remember that seniors are welcome to attend especially if they missed out during their junior year due to the COVID-19 cancellations.

A reminder we are partnering with The Union League Legacy Foundation on an upcoming Virtual Public Affairs Session with Alex Gorsky on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm ET. Alex Gorsky is the Chairman and CEO of Johnson and Johnson. He will be updating the efforts of Johnson and Johnson on developing a vaccine for COVID-19 and the challenges the world is facing during this crisis. The session is open to all, but you must register in advance. The link to registration is below.

Alex Gorsky -

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2515961227098/WN\\_R2vqeAmLSFWQxsYLJvocw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2515961227098/WN_R2vqeAmLSFWQxsYLJvocw).

Thank you to all the chapters who have begun sending in submissions for the 2020 National Awards. Just a reminder that nominations are due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a

year we need to recognize and honor all of our unsung heroes. Please let me know if you have any concerns about the nomination process.

Finally, I am pleased to share another video this week in our video series. This week we hear from Historian David Eisenhower as he talks about the impressions people have of his Grandfather, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, during one of his Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge lectures.

Professor David Eisenhower - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odnLGvO8nw4>

Thank you for your continued support of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Be safe and stay healthy!

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