



EDUCATE HONOR CHALLENGE

Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

Happy Fall! I first want to send my well wishes to all our chapters who have been facing the wrath of mother nature during the last few weeks – Pensacola, New Orleans, and all of our California Chapters. We are thinking about you.

Since our last communication, we had a very successful virtual gala on September 12th. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for the festivities and bid on the auction items. We were able to raise a good amount of money in support of scholarships for teachers and students to attend our programs. If you were unable to join us, we have the gala up on our YouTube channel. A link to the event is below in our video section.

On top of the gala, we are wrapping up a successful Fall Annual Fund Campaign that was run in conjunction with Constitution Day. Thank you to all of our volunteer chapter members who donated. Your support means a great deal and goes a long way in support of our educational programs.

During our presidents' Zoom call on September 9th, I announced the 2021 Spring Spirit of America dates. We have 6 dates this year and are holding the number of participants to 80 for all programs. If you still need the dates, they are on our website along with updated online registration forms (<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/students/high-school/spirit-of-america/>). The response has been amazing. Thank you to all the chapters who have made reservations to date. I can tell you that March 18-21 only has 5 spots remaining and April 22-25 is close behind with only 10 spots still open. If you have not reserved your slots yet, please hurry before your date is full.

We are pleased to continue to offer online programming to our chapters and supporters. We are currently working on several pieces including an in depth tour of Gettysburg, with chief tour guide and historian extraordinaire, Arch Hunter. Building off our gala, David Harmer sits down with Distinguished Citizen Award recipients, Dr. Larry Arnn and Dr. Rogers Smith to discuss the Constitution in the weeks before the election on November 3rd. We are also working with the Legacy Foundation of the Union League to offer additional programming. Upcoming events include their liberty series with friend of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Allen Guelzo and Lenny McAllister on Tuesday, October 13th. You can pre-register for the program using this link - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3115962198620/WN_zyrAE11gTvGN1vzbQmnfjA.

As mentioned above, I am pleased to share with you the video of our 2020 virtual gala. Please note that the first 10 minutes gives thanks to our sponsors. You can pick up on the action at the 10:15 time stamp.

An Evening With Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge 2020 -
<https://youtu.be/XzsJUZclsNU>

Finally, as we are in the midst of the 2020 election season, I am sharing with you a message from our President and CEO, David Harmer.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is incorporated and legally recognized as a tax-exempt charitable and educational organization. Contributions to us are tax-deductible. In return for that favored tax status, we are obligated not to engage in political activity. That obligation applies equally to our local chapters. Both the national Foundation and its local chapters are nonpartisan and nonpolitical.

Chapter members and officers must never use any chapter communication, event, position, or resource to promote or oppose any political campaign, candidate, or cause. Any reference in any chapter communication to any partisan political matter jeopardizes the Foundation's tax-exempt status and is strictly prohibited. The [Internal Revenue Service](#) warns:

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Avoiding the legal and financial consequences of violation ought to be motivation enough. But an even more fundamental consideration should govern our words and deeds. Freedoms Foundation exists to build understanding of the spirit and philosophy of our nation's founding documents. We fail to further that mission if we limit our audience to those who already share our personal political views. Anyone who loves our country is welcome.

Thank you all for continuing to move forward with events, recruiting students, submitting award nominees, and simply holding meetings. We appreciate your creative approach in spreading the mission of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and are here to assist you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Be safe and stay healthy!

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