



Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

February brought over a foot of snow to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Campus. As always it's beautiful, but not fun to clean up. Our famous Pennsylvania groundhog says 6 more weeks of winter and I believe him.

The staff have been busy working on a variety of projects. We continue to accept teachers into our summer teacher programs, layout the virtual Spirit of America Program, and prepare mailings to reach potential donors along with current supporters. One project we are focused on is the Presidents' Day Social Media Campaign. It is set to kick off on Presidents' Day, February 15th. You can still help us with our efforts. We welcome short video messages explaining how you were influenced by Presidents Washington, Lincoln, or Eisenhower. We are also looking for unusual presidential trivia. If you know of any interesting fun facts on the presidents, please share. Send all submissions, both video and trivia, to me at csantangelo@ffvf.org. Most importantly don't forget to check out all the posts and videos on our Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube pages.

There is an upcoming National Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 16th. Among the many things on the agenda is the discussion of updated policies governing volunteer chapters. The chapter committee of the national board has been working hard on creating updated policies and model by-laws to make life easier for our current chapters and incoming chapters. Look for news on the board meeting in our next update.

Program Invitation

You and members of your chapter are invited to join the Union League of Philadelphia for Lincoln Day! The Union League Legacy Foundation will present a Lincoln Day program to honor the Union League's patron saint - our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln on Friday, February 12th at Noon via Zoom. Historian David Blight will give the keynote and Union League President Craig Mills will deliver remarks along with Lincoln Day traditions. The program is free, but you must pre-register. The registration link is below.

<https://legacyfoundation.wufoo.com/forms/lincoln-day-2021-nonmember-registration/>

Finally, I am pleased to share another video this week in our video series. We return to Valley Forge National Historical Park with Arch Hunter. Arch talks about the diversity of individuals who contributed to our victory in the Revolutionary War at the Patriots of African Descent Monument within the park.

Patriots of African Descent Monument- <https://youtu.be/4OY7751xkJ0>

Thank you all for your continued efforts and remember if you need anything we are only an email or phone call away.

Be safe and stay healthy!

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