



EDUCATE HONOR CHALLENGE

Dear Chapter Presidents and Representatives,

We are wishing you all a very happy Spring. It certainly feels like a period of rebirth as both headquarters and our chapters start planning for programming taking place later this year.

At headquarters, we are busy working on the Summer Teacher Programs and a couple of Spirit of America programs with our partner organizations, VFW and National Sojourners. We are also setting up our Service Learning in Public Policy (SLiPP) program for August and a special program with Sea Cadets this July. A flyer on the SLiPP program is attached to this email. If you are interested in sending students, please contact our [education department](#). We would love to see some participants from our chapters.

Planning also means looking towards 2022. In case you missed the announcement, we have our Spring chapter dates for Spirit of America. The dates are listed below.

March 3-6, 2022

March 10-13, 2022

April 7-10, 2022

April 21-24, 2022

Plus extra dates with various partner organizations on February 24-27 and March 17-20, 2022

Because we are still living in a COVID world and will be for the foreseeable future, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has released some COVID guidelines for our teacher and student participants. You can read these guidelines on our website - <https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/covid-policies/>. We will continue to update these guidelines as conditions change. Please share this statement with your members, potential students and their parents, and any teachers that you are sending to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge this year.

Just a reminder to all, your feedback is very important to us. We are embarking on an effort to collect each chapter's best practices and areas requiring assistance. Our goal is to create a living document for both existing and new chapters. This document will cover topics such as membership, student recruitment, and fundraising, just to name a few. You were all sent a questionnaire to complete and return. In case you did not receive your copy, the survey is attached. We ask that over the next couple of weeks you take some time to give your input and return the information to us via email, mail, or a telephone conversation. Thank you in advance for your time and efforts to make all of us stronger and better.

Finally, we bring you a video in recognition of Medal of Honor Day on March 25th. During a talk with teachers at one of our summer programs, Medal of Honor

Recipient James McCloughan gave an impromptu performance of *Amazing Grace* that blew all of us away. Specialist McCloughan returns this summer to speak during our Sea Cadet's program. We hope you enjoy and feel inspired.

James C. McCloughan, Medal of Honor Recipient - https://youtu.be/P3rZ_GFiguc

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Please don't hesitate to reach out if headquarters can be of any assistance.

Be safe and stay healthy!

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