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Volunteer Chapters Newsletter

May 2017

Greetings!

The sun is shining and summer is on the way! Here are some updates from Valley Forge!

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Brand Champions of the Month

May: Congratulations to the **Bay State Chapter!**

The Bay State Chapter in Boston, MA worked with Louise to update their membership registration form that led to us updating the 'chapter membership tri-fold' that many chapter members may remember.



Branding Champion of the Month

Does your chapter need a new membership packet/form? Check out this example of the [Membership Tri-Fold](#) and [Membership Application Insert](#). Contact Louise to have these documents created for your chapter.

Need help with the [new national branding](#)? Let Louise help your chapter!

Founding a Legacy

Recently we were gifted a beautiful painting of the late Alice Zabel Hall. Mrs. Hall was the founder of the very first volunteer chapter which was located here in the Philadelphia area. Then called the "Women's Chapter of FFVF", was started around 1964. Mrs. Hall was the wife of Mr. Wallace Hall who was on the National board and served as a trustee.

We are delighted to have this treasure pictured here with Mrs. Hall before her passing in 2005. [Click here](#) to read more about the life of our chapters' founder, Alice.



2017 National Volunteer Chapter Conference

49th Annual

ALL chapter members are welcome to attend the 49th Annual National Volunteer Conference which will take place on our Valley Forge campus: Thursday, September 14 - Sunday, September 17.

This is a great opportunity to network with other volunteers from around the country, learn about new and exciting updates from National Headquarters, and leave with the tools to make the 2017-2018 year your chapter's best yet!

Conference Cost:

\$300 before July 15

\$350 after July 15

Potential Weekend Highlight:

Visiting the BRAND NEW [Museum of the American Revolution](#) in Philadelphia, PA!

Interested?! Contact [Louise](#)

to reserve your spot today! Registration information coming shortly.



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Save the Date!

The 49th Annual
National Volunteer Chapter Conference

September 14 - 17

All chapter members welcome!
Details & registration information to follow



49th Annual National Volunteer Chapter Conference

2017 Chapter Awards

[Spirit of '76 Award](#)

Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

[William O. Perry Award](#)

Chapter Member of the Year

[Chapter of the Year Award](#)

2015: Broward County Chapter

2016: Sacramento Chapter

2017: *Your Chapter Name Here?*



End of Year

Fiscal Year 2017

Freedoms Foundation runs on a fiscal year: July 1 - June 30. The end of FY2017 is quickly approaching! Chapter presidents and treasurers were sent all of the materials needed to complete the End of Year Financial and Activity Reports but they can also be accessed via the exclusive [Chapter Resources page](#).



All reports are due back to National by July 31.

Chapter Resources Page

Branding, marketing, templates, OH MY! Whether you're in need of the Freedoms Foundation logo, past E-newsletters, a letterhead template, or a chapter year calendar example, everything can be found on the exclusive Chapter Resources page. This is a page that can only be accessed with the below link and has been set up for chapter members only!! This is YOUR space to find the information you need.



www.freedomsfoundation.org/chapterresources

Something missing or a suggestion to be added? Contact [Louise!](#)

An Evening with Freedoms Foundation 2017

On April 27, the National office welcomed over 150 guests including four Medal of Honor Recipients to our campus in Valley Forge, PA for an

Evening with Freedoms Foundation: Celebrating Teachers, Character, and the Medal of Honor. With the help of generous supporters especially many members of our National Board of Directors, we successfully raised over \$100,000 to provide scholarships to educators from around the country to attend our Graduate Teacher Programs for professional development.



The evening also celebrated the *2017 Distinguished Citizen Award* Recipients, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Penny Fox from Philadelphia, PA. More information about the evening is explained in the [press release](#) on our website.

Click [HERE](#) to see pictures of the evening!

Graduate Teacher Programs

Applications now being accepted!

The application process for the 2017 Graduate Teacher Program is still open! All teachers are welcome to apply. Look for the [Teachers section](#) of our website for more information on the programs being offered this summer and how to apply.

Upcoming Events

Here's a look at what's happening in 2017:

Events

- *National Volunteer Chapters Conference: September 14-17*

Student Programs

- *June 15-18: VFW Voice of Democracy*
- *July 6-9: National Sojourners Spirit of America*
- *July 30: August 4 - Service Learning in Public Policy (SLiPP)*

Seminars

Graduate Teacher Programs

- *June 18 - 23: Medal of Honor Legacy: WWII*
- *June 25 - 30: Medal of Honor Legacy: War on Terror*
- *July 9 - 14: Biography and Character*

- July 16 - 21: Medal of Honor Legacy
- July 23 - 28: Medal of Honor Legacy: Vietnam

Workshops

Graduate Teacher Traveling Programs

- June 24 - July 1: Civil War South
- July 15 - 21: American Revolution South

Treasurer's Chest

May's Fundraising Ideas!

Treasurer's Chest



Summer Fundraising!

Fun in the sun days are almost here! With the school year almost over, just think of all the great get-together ideas for your chapter!

- Memorial Day BBQ Fundraiser
- Hold a fun 50/50 chance or basket raffle at your family's Memorial Day party
- Host a chapter family picnic
- Flag Day flag give away [June 14]
- Chapter softball tournament
- Chapter volleyball tournament
- Host an ice cream social
- Beach / lake day trip



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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

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Margaret Mead