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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"To you! To you! All songs of  
praise is due."  
- Sir Philip Sydney

Dear Members:

Yes, indeed, approbation is forthcoming to all of our extraordinary chairmen and committees. To our stalwart supporters, to our most helpful media, and to our receptive community for their unparalleled efforts show in pursuing our theme: "America the Beautiful"--Preserving Our Heritage.

We applaud our most gracious and generous hosts, Enyd Lee and Elliot Sokolow, who invited us to their palatial waterway home and gazebo surrounded by beautiful flowers to enjoy our annual soiree. Enyd Lee personally prepared the gourmet menu. With soft background music by "Lynn and Carlos," it was a night to remember!

Thank you "Martha and George" Alice and Edward Johnson for again chairing a most successful 34<sup>th</sup> George Washington Birthday Ball at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. The patriotic ceiling and table decorations added to the ambiance. A most dedicated, supportive committee included: Roberta Rowan (Reservations), Bankie Benton (Silent Auction), Richard Handley and Astrid Hinz (Public Relations), Rita Gretina (Invitations), Richard Davis (Treasurer), and Beth Holland Koh (Captain of Ladies of the Colonies). How could we miss!

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"Success, remember is  
the result of toil."  
- Sophocles

## View from the Past

### HISTORY OF "TAPS"

We have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It is the song that gives that lump in our throats and usually creates tears in our eyes. But do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, Captain Ellicombe decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. Captain Ellicombe had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals and at the end of each day on US military bases, was born.



#### "TAPS"

Day is done, Gone the sun.  
From the lakes, From the hills, From the skies.  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, Dims the sight,  
And a star, Gems the sky, Gleaming Bright,  
From afar, drawing nigh, Falls the night.

Thanks and praises, For our days,  
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.  
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT, PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY AND  
PRAY FOR THE WORLD.



**March Event**



Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Time: 11:30 AM – Registration  
12:00 Noon – Luncheon

Place: Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**PROGRAM**

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Broward County Chapter  
**Proudly Presents Our**  
***Distinguished Citizens Award To***  
***Mayor Jim Naugle\*, City of Fort Lauderdale***  
For his support of our commitment to Americanism  
*(\*Please read Mayor Naugle's biography on the Newsletter Page of our web site*  
*[www.ffvbroward.org](http://www.ffvbroward.org)*)

And

***Future Leaders of America***  
***The Graduating Class of 2018***

Chairman: Mary Hart  
Reservation Chairman: Kay Warren  
Decoration Chairmen: Mary Ann Timmins and Kay Warren

Host and Hostess  
Ann and Al Della-Donna,  
Committee: Astrid Hinz, Richard Handley, Connie Christensen, Jane Wikberg

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**Please help us by making your reservation no later than Saturday, March 9, 2007.**



Enclosed is a check for \$20.00 each for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

Please make check payable to FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, BCC and mail to:

Kay Warren  
711 N. W. 71 Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317 – 954-587-2615

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend but please accept my donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 2007 Calendar Of Events

All events will be held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida



Theme: "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"  
SAVE THESE DATES!

March 14, 2007	Distinguished Citizens Luncheon
April 29, 2007	Student Luncheon and Report
May 16, 2007	Installation of Officers & America's Future-Our Youth

## Corrections To Membership Information

**Mrs. Joseph Lynch (Betty) -- Correct home phone number is 352-750-6962.**

**Mrs. Norman Burch (Audrey) – Correct home phone number is 561-483-3022  
correct cell phone number is 561-251-2533.**

**Please notify Mary Ellen O'Donnell (954-566-7529) or Judie Wright (954-462-3206) with information regarding membership needs or changes.**

## President's Message *(Continued From Page 1)*

Our heartfelt appreciation to our Honorary Chairman, Dr. Zachariah P. Zachariah, and special supporters, Mary Porter, Gladys Goodmonson (Miss Freedom), Richard and Beth Holland Koh, Margareta Sudbrink, Denis and Thelma Archer Jotcham, Billie Price, George and Leona Gore, May Joyce Madzinski, and Berth H. Berkow or their continued loyal support.

With the proceeds from the Ball and generous donations, we proudly boast about being able to once again send fifty Broward high school junior students (all expenses paid) to attend a four-day "Spirit of Youth Conference" on the 105-acre campus which once served as part of the encampment of General George Washington and his Continental Army. We thank Dr. Roger Verse, (Vice President, Youth Programs) and his committee who for months have been planning the March and April visits.

We invite you to circle your calendar for our forthcoming March 14 meeting, "Distinguished Citizens Luncheon," to be chaired by Mary Hart, assisted by Kay Warren, Mary Ann Timmins, Ann and Alphonse Della-Donna, Connie Christensen, Astrid Hinz, Jane Spray Wikberg, and Richard Handley.

With love and appreciation,  
Arlyne Vollmuth Bentsen  
President



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### **Please Note:**

Pictures of the Soiree and the George Washington Ball  
will be featured in the March Newsletter.

### **Reminder**

**The next Executive Board meeting will be held  
at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 3, 2007  
at  
Second Presbyterian Church.**



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