

# Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

## BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA CHAPTER



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bankie Benton, President

Dear Broward Freedoms Member,

Pat McDougale saw nineteen (19) of our students leave with Susan and Ed Carpenter as their chaperones to the Student Leadership Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Pat said they finally got off. One girl was late, one left her camera at security and another had to come back through security as her mother brought her a cell phone, but all nineteen finally got off. Pat has an unpredictable job, but she's always up to the challenges. The interviews were conducted by Paula Farland, Mary Ellen O'Donnell, Ted Currier, Minna Cohn, Pat and our new member, Bob Reich. It is always wonderful when new members step up to the plate and take an active part.

Our two members, Dr. Michelle Kayda and LTC. Connie Christensen, Ret. gave a report on their trip to the Volunteer's Conference. Connie, as Southern Leadership Director, reports that she will have a regional meeting for the Southern Leadership in Birmingham, AL the weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and we hope you can attend. More information will follow. The Youth Summit, which previously was known as The Spirit of America Conference, national hopes to grow from 360 students to 480 students. Some of the other chapters have the parents contribute or the students earn part of the expense to go to the conference. Since airfares are continuing to rise and tuition is rising also, this is something we may wish to consider. There are also several new programs that national is offering, including a new pre-college summer program. This is for high school juniors and seniors to give them a competitive edge. We will evaluate this in our next board meeting and would appreciate your thoughts.

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## View From Valley Forge

### Perspective on the Freedoms Foundation Alumni Association By Joshua Klein (Submitted by Patricia McDougle)

Abraham Lincoln began the Gettysburg address with the famous intro, "Four score and seven years ago." Doesn't seem like much does it? But, it moved a nation divided so there must've been something behind it. It's a date! Simple as that!

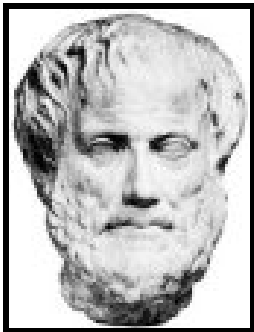
OK, so it was the year our nation was founded. Lincoln used this date to recall a memory of a better time; a time when our nation was united. Its amazing the power of a couple of numbers could have.

Today is September 20, 2008 – and the first meeting of the Freedoms Foundation Alumni Association. True, it is not the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Hopefully, it will be an important date for you all. About seven months ago, we all participated in the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge Spirit of America Conference. There we listened to past presidents that stood before us, and it was there that we walked through Washington's headquarters, and saw the Liberty Bell.

I can't speak for everyone but, thanks to this trip, I gained an amazing sense of some of our nation's history and the camaraderie that it evokes. It is my hope that this feeling will be carried on by the alumni association. We learned of history on this trip, now it s time for us to start to become part of it.

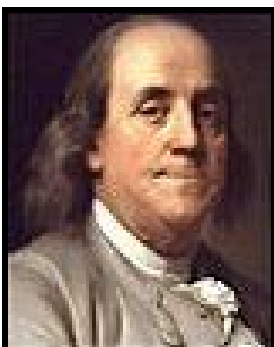
**[About the author: Joshua attended the Spirit of America Youth Conference in March of 2008. He is now a senior at Miramar High School. He made this keynote address at the inaugural meeting of the Freedoms Foundation Alumni Association on September 20, 2008.]**

## Words From the Past



*"If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in government to the utmost."*

- Aristotle



*"Without Freedom of Thought, there can be no such Thing as Wisdom; and no such Thing as Publick Liberty, without Freedom of Speech."*

- Benjamin Franklin



**November Event**



**National Awards**  
**and**  
**Tribute to Veterans**



**Hosts:**

LTC. Connie Christensen,  
Mary Kay Follin,  
Astrid Hinz, Larry Rowe, Mary Ann Timmins, Kay Warren,  
Honorable & Mrs. George Wortley, MC Ret.

**Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

**Time: 11:30 AM REGISTRATION**  
**12:00 Noon LUNCH**

**Place: Coral Ridge Yacht Club**  
**2800 Yacht Club Blvd.**  
**Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304**

**THE CLUB REQUIRES THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE NO LATER THAN**  
**Friday, November 7, 2008**

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 each for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

**Please note that those who arrive *without* a reservation  
will be charged an extra \$5.00.**

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



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

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

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## 2008 – 2009 PROGRAMS

### Mission

To educate and inspire an awareness of principles upon which America was founded and the responsibilities of citizens in a free society.

**October 30 – November 2, 2008**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

**Tribute to Veterans and National Awards  
12:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008**

**Holiday Party  
6:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

**Report From Valley Forge: Mike Di Yeso or Russ Shultz  
12:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**Saturday, February 21, 2009**

**George Washington Ball  
6:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**February 26 - March 1, 2009**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2009**

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**March 12 - March 15, 2009**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

**Music as Therapy with Gail Smith  
12:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**April 23 – 26, 2009**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**Sunday, May 17, 2009**

**Spirit of America Youth Banquet  
1:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

**Installation of Officers  
12:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**



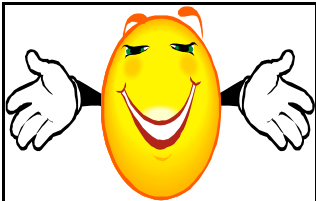
## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



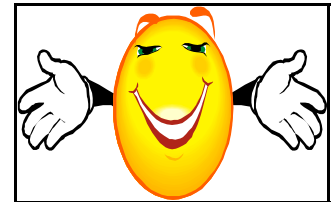
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**Please correct your Roster Booklet to include:**

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## Membership Changes

### STATUS UPGRADED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

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Thank you.



## MEMBER HOT TOPICS!

### First Meeting of the Freedom's Foundation Alumni Association a GREAT SUCCESS!

By Michelle Haddad Kayda, Ph.D.

On September 20, 2008, the *Freedom's Foundation Alumni Association* had its first meeting at the Sun-Sentinel building on Las Olas Boulevard. Twenty-seven people attended, including students, parents, and members of the *Freedom's Foundation Alumni Association* Planning Committee. Sponsors for the event included Merrill Lynch, Inc., Doughboys Pizzeria, Primanti Brothers-Oakland Park, and of course, the Sun-Sentinel. Bankie Benton, our president, welcomed the group and applauded the students' dedication and enthusiasm.

The students decided to continue their work and have proposed that we have an annual networking dance for all past and present participants of trips we sponsor to Valley Forge. The first dance is scheduled for this January and we look forward to seeing you there. Getting together with and talking to the students we send is the best way to hear about the students' experiences at Valley Forge--and how much they really appreciate our sponsorship! The exact date and location of the Annual Dance is to be determined, but please plan to attend this event—you will be VERY glad you did!

### Lots Learned at the Leadership Training in Valley Forge!

By Michelle Haddad Kayda, Ph.D.

Connie Christensen and Shelly Kayda represented our chapter at the Leadership Training in Valley Forge that took place on September 25th-28th, 2008. They brought back lots of information about the national organization's progress and goals. New literature has been produced and the education staff has been increased to further assist local chapters to meet their needs. In addition, the grounds look beautiful—a great improvement!

Highlights of activities for this coming year include new educational programs, such as "The Student Entrepreneur Experience," and "Service Learning in Public Policy." Both programs are excellent opportunities for adolescents to learn the importance of and encourage their involvement in community improvement and government. The national organization has also designed new programs for elementary and middle school students and Eagle or Venturing Scouts. Goals for the coming year include increasing the number of participants in all programs designed for students and teachers

### STUDENT AIR FARES TO VALLEY FORGE ON THE RISE!!

By Richard Davis

It should be noted that, in February, US Airlines fares to Philadelphia will increase from **\$443 round-trip to \$748 round-trip**. In March they will increase again to **\$777 round-trip**. For the April trip, the committee is considering the cheaper fares by Delta, Air Tran and Southwest airlines although their flights DO NOT have direct connections to Philadelphia. Air fare for our students is a major cost of the program. One, two or more underwriters could make a great difference in our ability to service this program as we always have in the past. **Please contact Mr. George Wortley (954-565-0042) our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in charge of alternate fund raising if you can help in any way.**

## Because We Care...

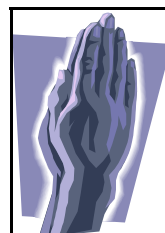
*We Remember The Families Of Those Who Have Passed Away*

**Mrs. C. J. Simandl (Betty)**

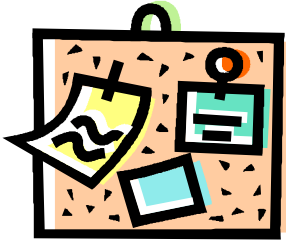
**Dr. Robert A. Steele**

**Stewart R. Kester**

(A \$200 Gift was donated by his family in his memory)



**MATTERS of INTEREST & IMPORTANCE!!**



**Membership Dues** must be received by **September 30<sup>th</sup>** so your name will be included in the 2008-2009 Membership Roster.

**Regular Dues: \$30    Patron Dues: \$125    Life Member Dues: \$300**

Please send your check to: Anita Hansen, Membership Chairman  
4280 Galt Ocean Drive, #18K  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308



Congratulations on the marriage of **Anita Hansen** and **George Wortley**.  
Our very best wishes to them on this joyous occasion!



**NEW ROSTERS available at the November 12th event**

At our November Tribute to Veterans and National Awards Luncheon the 2008-2009 Rosters will be distributed.  
Please be sure to attend the event and pick up your roster...hot off the presses!



**VETERANS DAY**

Our Chapter is supporting the "Light for a Veteran" display to be illuminated this Veterans Day (November 11th) at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fort Lauderdale. Be sure to pay a visit to the last resting place of our veterans when you can.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)**

Your board voted to join the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. That is another way of getting our organization better known in the business community. The Rev Dr Roger Verse planned to be our representative; however, he announced at our board meeting he is planning to move to Vero Beach. We will certainly miss Roger, but he is planning to come back for meetings. The board asked Connie Christensen, since she is already attending, to represent us there at the present time.

Be sure to bring a friend and a prospective member to the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

God Bless America,  
**Bankie Benton**





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## Member HOT TOPICS!

Hot!

Do you have a **HOT TOPIC** to share with your fellow Freedom's Foundation members? This new feature of our newsletter appears on page 6. Check it out! Please contact the editors for more information. We look forward to reading your views, news and schmooze!

## George Washington Birthday Ball Reminder



The Birthday Ball is coming...  
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**The Birthday Ball is Coming...**

**February 21, 2009!**  
**Remember the fun last year?!?!**  
**Spread the word to friends and family...**



"Ladies of the Colonies" 2008 Birthday Ball



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