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## 2020 & 2021 Annual Awards Ceremony MARCH 15, 2022

The Pensacola Chapter of  
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

cordially invites you to  
The 37th Annual Awards Banquet

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

6:00 pm

Pensacola Yacht Club

1897 Cypress Street

Pensacola, Florida

R.S.V. P. by March 1, 2022

\$30.00 per person

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# The Declaration of Independence



**June 7, 1776:** Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a Resolution in the Second Continental Congress calling the colonies free and independent states. Congress created a committee that included Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson, to draft a Declaration of Independence. Jefferson wrote it within two weeks, drawing from the ideas of John Locke. It was meant to explain the Lee Resolution. John Locke wrote that all individuals have the right to “life, liberty, and property.” Property became the “pursuit of happiness.”

**July 2, 1776:** Congress unanimously passed Lee’s resolution. John Adams wrote his wife that he thought this date would become a national

holiday.

**July 4, 1776:** The delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence. The United States was born ... provided they won the war. And now we celebrate July 4th every year as Independence Day!

**The Declaration of Independence** has 4 parts:

1. Preamble (Introductory section)
2. Declaration of Natural Rights
3. List of Grievances (complaints) against the king
4. Resolution of Independence by the United States

Government is a social contract. If the ruler doesn’t protect the people and their natural rights, the contract is broken and the people can overthrow him. King George III broke the contract, so now the U.S. is its own nation.

**Actual words from the Preamble:**

*“When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands ,, they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”*

Means: People must state their reasons for a revolution

**From the Declaration of Natural Rights:**

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness ...”*

Means: Some rights come from the fact of just being human and can’t be taken away by a king. When they said “equal,” the Founding Fathers didn’t initially include Native Americans, slaves or women.

**From the List of Grievances:**

*“The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over the States.”*

Means: The colonies listed their justifications for the separation which included the complaints they had against King George III, followed by a lot of examples.

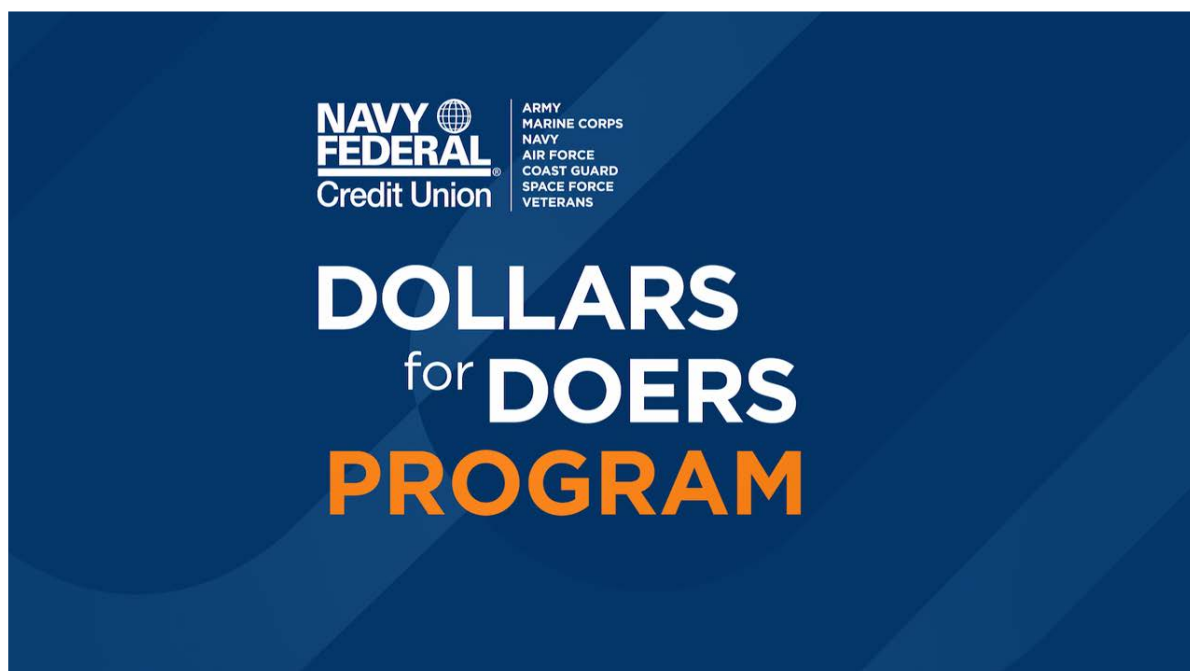
**From the Resolution of Independence:**

*“We therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress ... do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States ...”*

Means: **We’re Independent!**

## Dollars for Doers Award

We're excited to have been chosen as a Navy Federal Credit Union Dollars for Doers grant recipient. Each year, 100 nonprofits are selected to earn a \$1,000 grant in honor of where a [Navy Federal Credit Union](#) employee volunteers their time. [Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pensacola Chapter](#), provides scholarships for high school students interested in cultivating a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship to attend the Spirit of America Youth conference. This is a four-day residential program held at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's campus, in Valley Forge, PA. We appreciate our Navy Federal Credit Union employee volunteer. Thank you for supporting Freedoms Foundation. [#operationgiveback](#) [#freedomsfoundationpensacola](#)



# American Leaders' Youth Summit

Located on Freedoms Foundation At Valley Forge, Pennsylvania Campus  
April 7 - 10, 2022

Attention High School Juniors! Details and application forms are available for anyone interested in attending the 2022 National Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

We offer full scholarships for youth attending this event from the Pensacola, FL area. To get your application form click [here](#). Deadline for application receipt is Friday January 14, 2022. Start the application process today!\*\*

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program is a four-day residential conference for high school students. During the program students interact with experts on citizenship, democracy, the judiciary, the political process, and the free enterprise system. The program includes thought-provoking lectures, historical tours, and experiential workshops, all designed to develop leadership skills and deepen an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of engaged citizenship.

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

### MOCK CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Discussion of a current events-based Constitutional problem.

### FREE ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

Explore the world of entrepreneurship and free markets.

### LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Focused on the character of Medal of Honor Recipients and the Five Pillars of community service: Respect, Accountability, Participation, Productivity and Generosity.

### VISITS TO VALLEY FORGE AND HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA

Students see history come alive in our nation's birthplace.

\*\* Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Requirement: Proof of Covid 19 Vaccination







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## Did You Know ... ?

### **The Concept of Time is attributed to Ancient Egyptian Culture**

Even though most of us think of time measured by the clock and the calendar as absolute, a review of ancient cultures showed that many of them viewed time differently. However, ancient Egyptians were largely responsible for defining time as western cultures know it now, devising the notions of hours and days as temporal units, as well as establishing the social norms by which people related to time.

Ancient societies were tied closely to their land. The Egyptians, being familiar with the seasons and the fluctuations in climate and tides associated with the great Nile River, became aware of time's cyclical nature. By observing and marking the cycle of the Nile's rising and receding, the cycle of seasons were defined and farming could become more predictable and successful. They developed a 365-day calendar, divided into three seasons: "the time of inundation (flooding), sowing time, and harvest time." Each season had a duration of four months, so the entire year totaled 12 months.

They developed a concept of time based on a "succession of recurring phases," which we refer to as seasons. They recognized the cycle of birth, life, death, and rebirth as the first element of time and formed the framework into which other units of time could be set. They believed that death was merely a doorway into the next life.

From these concepts, Egyptians worked their way into smaller and smaller units, reducing time to mere fractions. Their method of counting was based upon a base 12 system: using the three joints in the four fingers of the hand. They were responsible for dividing the daylight period into twelve parts and the night was similarly divided, making a single day into a cycle of 24 hours, a unit for marking the passage of time. Dawn started each day and specific activities were designated in their temples throughout the day. Ancient Egyptians also relied heavily on the changing positions of the stars to measure time at night.

While ancient Egyptians credited their gods and goddesses with giving them the gift of knowledge and understanding of time, they were responsible for identifying and defining the units of time according to which most of the world operate today.

Reference: <https://www.articlemyriad.com/ancient-egyptians-concept-time/>

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2022

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Desired

Patriot (Basic)	\$30.00 - Membership + newsletter
Dual Patriot	\$45.00 - Membership + newsletter
Family Patriot	\$60.00 - Membership + newsletter
Patriot Academic (Full time student)	\$15.00 - Membership + newsletter
Patriot Military (Active Duty).	\$25.00 - Membership + newsletter

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