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Meet & Greet

April 18, 2023

Members and Guests are Invited

To a Get Together

PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB

1897 Cypress Street

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Complimentary Finger Food

No Host Bar

Let's Catch Up

Learn what's planned for 2023

Gift Basket Drawing

RSVP

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38th Annual Awards Recipients 2022

We are happy to recognize our community members who received Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's National George Washington Honor Medals Awards in 2020 and 2021.



“Blazer Academy”
Sheriff Chip Simmons
Delarian Wiggins
Adult Community



“St Joseph Medical Clinic”
Dr. David Cockle
William Brown
Adult Community





“St. Sylvester Columbiettes”
Angela Edwards
Adult Community



“Novice Teacher Providing Civic
Education to the Next
Generation”
Laura Buckstein
Educator

“Eddie Brown at the Salvation Army”
Eddie Brown
Adult Community





“Sharing Her Passion for STEM”
Grace Williams

Youth Community

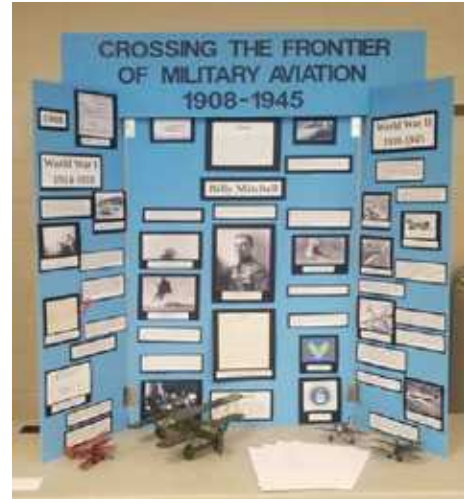
“Promoting Kindergarten Readiness”
Gorham Partington
Graybill Partington

Youth Community



Color Guard
Escambia High School JROTC

Community Activities



History Fair

Freedoms Foundation presented an award to Andrew Barnes at the Escambia County School's annual History Fair. The exhibit was titled "Crossing the Frontier of Military Aviation 1908-1945." One of the people highlighted in the exhibit was William "Billy" Mitchell a United States Army officer who is regarded as the father of the United States Air Force. Mitchell served in France during World War I and, by the conflict's end, commanded all American air combat units in that country.



Francis Scott Key and Mary "Polly" Lloyd Key,

portrayed by Robert and Billie Nicholson, were invited to participate in Beulah Elementary's Heritage Day. They shared the story of Francis' experience on board a British ship during the attack on Ft McHenry in Baltimore, MD, Harbor, the basis for his poem, "In Defense of Ft McHenry," which later became our beloved "Star Spangled Banner." In addition, they shared childhood stories and adventures during their life together.

Women History Month

Mary Baldwin and Agnes McClung



Mary Baldwin

In 1863 two women became co-Principals of Augusta Female Seminary in Stanton, Va. Mary Baldwin had been one of the first students to attend the school when it was opened by the Presbyterian Church. The War between the States embroiled the state of Virginia and most schools closed. This would have been the situation at the Seminary if not for these two women, as the school was broke. Mary had opened a charity



Agnes McClung

school earlier and her friend, Agnes McClung, planned to open her own boarding house when they were approached by a school trustee with the opportunity to work together at the Seminary.

Baldwin headed the school and McClung would be matron, in charge of the girl's housing. McClung's elderly mother was to live at the school as well, in a support capacity. The ladies would have no salary and no provision for maintenance of the school. Rather, they were authorized to use the buildings and to make their own financial arrangements. Baldwin sunk her entire personal fortune of \$4,000 into the school, and it was from this beginning that she and McClung equipped the seminary and financed its increasing needs.

When the school opened in October, more than eighty pupils were enrolled, and over 20 of them were boarders. They fitted the school with all things borrowed, with nothing matching. Tuition was paid in flour (\$25 a barrel), bacon (\$1 a pound), cornmeal, beef, potatoes, sorghum molasses and wood. As the Civil War continued and intensified, they found themselves hard-pressed to keep the seminary supplied and open, but they did.

In June of 1864, the conquering Union soldiers were on their doorstep. Of course the soldiers were looking for provisions and the women used cunning and audacity to foil their attempts to find and appropriate their hard-gained provisions. The barrels of flour were hid in each dorm room under a crinoline and set to look like a dressing table. Since there were more barrels of flour, the remainder was sown into ticking and made into a bed. When the tramp of the blue coats were heard, the thinnest girl would chalk her face and get into her bed of flour. As Ms Baldwin ushered a Federal officer into the room to make the usual search, this ghastly figure suddenly rose up in the bed as if awakened from sleep. The startled officer backed out of the room with a murmur of apologies for disturbing a girl so ill.

The school survived the war, thanks to McClung's financial management, and continued as an all girls school until 2017 at which time it became co-ed. The school's name - Mary Baldwin University, today, has an enrollment of 1,800 students with on-campus and online courses available. For Virginia students from low income families, tuition is zero. The University's mission: Empowering inclusive leaders to create lives of purpose and professional success.

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Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Membership Desired

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Dual Patriot	\$45.00 - Membership + newsletter
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Patriot Military (Active Duty).	\$25.00 - Membership + newsletter

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to Valley Forge Youth Conference. \$ _____

Other donation \$ _____

Total amount \$ _____

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