



THE BELLRINGER



40TH ANNUAL NATIONAL AWARDS

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***Founding Forward at Valley Forge
Pensacola Chapter
(formerly Freedoms Foundaton)
cordially invites you to the
40th National Annual Awards Banquet
Tuesday, November 19, 2024***

6:00 pm

***The Pensacola Yacht Club
1897 Cypress Street
Pensacola, Florida 32502***

***R.S.V.P. by Monday, November 13, 2024
\$30.00 per person***

***Contact: Connie Brown (850) 450-4227 cell/text
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Business Attire

**RSVP by November 13, 2024 to:
Founding Forward
P.O. Box 1012, Pensacola, FL 32591**



Our Community Honorees

Award Recipients of 2024

Adult Community – George Washington Honor Medal “The Blue Anchor Belles”

Goldie Lahr

“Family Promise of Escambia County”

Jenn Lusher

“Military Award”

Petty Officer Cindy Islas, USN

“Survivor Led Solutions”

Alicia Tappan

Youth Community

“The Youth Citizens Development Project”

Audrey Foss and Dylan Patterson

Teacher Award – George Washington Honor Medal “Tools for Teachers”

David Gardner

“All Around Teacher Dedicated to Student Success”

Dominic Lumbrazo

School Award – George Washington Honor Medal Escambia High School

“Honoring the Fallen Memorial Ceremony”

Dr. Dana Boddy, Principal

Youth Essay – George Washington Honor Medal on Neck Ribbon

Jaylaa Barnett

Penelope Emerson

Victoriah Reed

Murray Turner

Alice Zhang

Pensacola Difference Maker

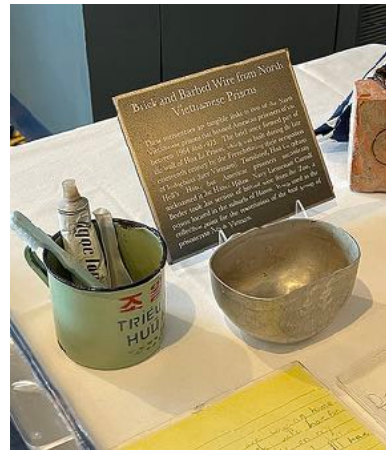
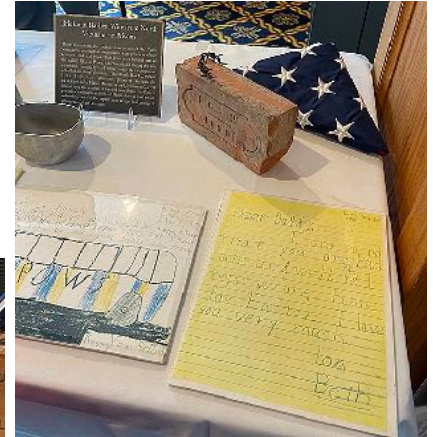
Donald Partington



POW/MIA 25th Annual Luncheon



L to R: Gaby Wilkins, Founding Forward, Pensacola Chapter President
 Featured Speaker: Dina Linn, MA, Curator, National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL
 CDR Mark A. Schmitt, Jr. USN (Ret.), Pensacola Navy League President



September 4, 2024, Founding Forward at Valley Forge and Pensacola Navy League welcomed Dina Linn, Supervisory Museum Curator, National Naval Aviation Museum as guest speaker. As a subject matter expert on military history research, heritage asset management, and artifact photography, she shared stories to go with artifacts displayed. Guests were entertained with patriotic music provided by the Blue Anchor Belles, attending POWs were recognized, The Table of Remembrance was presented by CDR Mark Schmitt, USN (Ret.), followed by Bugler Scotty Mills' rendition of "Taps".

Display Photos: Donna Harper

WE CHALLENGE ALL TO REJECT APATHY AND GET INVOLVED



Community Activities



CONGRATULATIONS

National Award Recipients
New American Citizens

Thank you Veterans

PENSACOLA NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Founding Forward members, George and BeBe Dodge attended the November Naturalization Ceremony for 40 new citizens in our district. The featured speaker was Lt Col Alexander M. Monte, Executive Officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group in Pensacola. The Dodges had an opportunity to meet with the EO following the ceremony and discuss immigrant family history.



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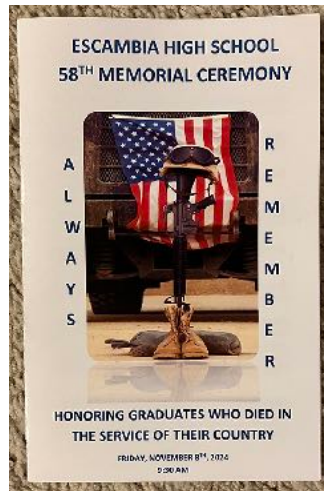
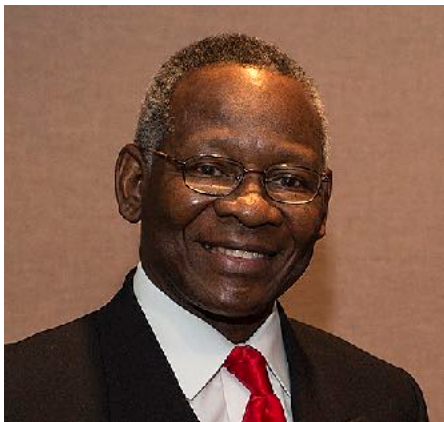
LtCol. Alexander M. Monte, USMC, Executive Officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 23, Pensacola, FL, and Chief George B. Dodge, Sr. November 1, 2024 - US District Court Pensacola, Citizen's Naturalization Ceremony



ESCAMBIA HIGH SCHOOL 58th “Honoring the Fallen Memorial Ceremony”

For the 58th year, Escambia High School conducted a ceremony honoring 33 alumni who have given the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the US Military as well as all POW and MIA. Major General Al Gilley, US Army (Ret.) was the guest speaker. Founding Forward members Betty Williams and Freddie and Monica Tellis attended.

Maj Gen Al Gilley, US Army (Ret.)



PENSACOLA VETERANS DAY PARADE

Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council, Inc., is hosting its annual Veterans Day Parade at 9:30 am on Monday November 11th in Downtown Pensacola. Parade starts at Spring Street and ends at Veterans Memorial Park.



Navy Federal C. U. @ Pensacola Veterans Day Parade



Did You Know ... ?



The \$2 Bill is Older than the United States?

Following the beginning of the Revolutionary War, the American colonies needed funds. The second Continental Congress voted to issue bills of credit equal to 2 million Spanish milled dollars and the first Continental Currency notes, referred to as “Continental” were born. The notes featured various

denominations including the standardized \$2 bills, issued on May 5, 1775, more than a year before the U.S. officially declared independence on July 4, 1776.

The Continental Currency notes not only funded the war, but also symbolized a new nation in defiance of England. Founding Father Benjamin Franklin was an early printer of Continentals, which were developed and printed in Franklin’s native Philadelphia. He also suggested inspirational sayings for the notes, as seen on one famous \$2 bill design from 1776, which includes the motto “Tribulatio Dicit,” or “Trouble makes us stronger.” That particular bill design features an image of grain being separated from the chaff. Franklin also devised a way to fight counterfeit bills by producing notes with raised patterns cast from actual leaves from trees. The British did, however, figure out a way to counterfeit the 1777 and 1778 currency issues. The Continental Congress had to recall those two printings. ¹

The modern \$2 bill looks very different today. The version first printed in 1862 featured a portrait of Alexander Hamilton, who established the First Bank of the United States in 1791 and served as the first U.S. Treasury Secretary. Since 1862, the \$2 bill has featured a portrait of the third U.S. President, Thomas Jefferson. On the reverse side is a print of John Trumbull’s painting “Declaration of Independence.” Which depicts the Founding Fathers presenting a draft of the historic document to Congress. In addition, anti-counterfeiting measures such as the U.S Treasury seal, engraved signatures, and complex patterns and shapes made by geometric lathe were added. ²

The \$2 bill was favored for its cost-efficiency. At the price of just five cents each, both the one and two dollar bills were printed and distributed. This equal production cost made the \$2 bill far more cost-effective for the treasury. However the \$2 notes received little circulation at the start of the Great Depression. Few Americans had enough money ever to require the \$2 bill. By 1966, its production had ceased. In an attempt to revitalize the note, production resumed in 1976, made for the celebration of the bicentennial. Purposed for one’s keepsake led to the denomination’s second demise. Today, the \$2 bill is perhaps not rare in terms of existence but merely tucked away among other “treasures” in American homes and wallets. ³

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2025
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Membership Desired

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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

Scholarship Fund Donation: Will be used exclusively for sending students to Valley Forge Youth Conference. \$ _____

Other donation \$ _____

Total amount \$ _____

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