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SAVE THE DATE POW/MIA LUNCHEON

Founding Forward, Pensacola Chapter
And
Pensacola Navy League
Sponsor
The 26th Annual
POW/MIA LUNCHEON

September 17, 2025
Pensacola Yacht Club, 11:30 A.M.

Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

RSVP by September 9, 2025

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Meet 'n Greet 2025

Founding Forward Pensacola Chapter (formally Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge) held our April Meet 'n Greet for members and guests to recognize our History Fair award recipient and the students returning from Youth Conference at the Founding Forward Campus in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Featured guests were Paul Hamilton from Founding Forward National and Escambia History Fair Award winner, Graham Murrell.





SPIRIT OF AMERICA YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025

Founding forward is creating an informed, educated citizenry empowered to participate in and uphold our system of self-government. The Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference is crafted for high school students interested in cultivating a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship through thought-provoking, engaged activities. Four Pensacola area students and two adult chaperones attended this year's conference session, April 3-6.



Our group flew out early Thursday morning with a transfer in Atlanta. The airport-train system helped us make it to the gate in time for the next flight.



Ned Hector (historic actor) told the students, "Being a leader sometimes means taking responsibility for the actions of those you lead."



Students from several states attended this session of Youth Conference. They provided different outlooks and opinions. We made new friends with many of them.



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Thomas Jefferson had an interesting presentation. Historic actors really bring the past to life.



Group poster making and taking an idea and making it into a bill to send to Congress.



Free Enterprise Activity - solving the world's problems.



Touring historic sites.



Did You Know ... ?

Seven Symbols on the Dollar Bill - and What They Mean

For most folks the only thing that matters about cash is the value printed on each bill and the number of them in their wallets. Upon close examination, there are a number of intricate details on the various denominations. Along with the portrait of a famous statesman, US currency features a variety of intriguing images with interesting explanations. The humble dollar bill offers a rich tapestry of symbolism. Here is an explanation of some.

SERIAL NUMBERS - The front of the bill features several numbers. The longer ones off to the top right and lower left of Washington's portrait are the serial number, with the first letter of each series identifying the Federal Reserve Bank that issued the note. That same letter appears in the middle of the Federal Reserve District seal to the left of the portrait and also corresponds to the four numbers located at the number "1" at each of the four corners.



TREASURY SEAL - Also on the front, the green imprint to the right of George Washington is the U.S. Treasury seal. It features a set of balanced scales, which represents justice. The inverted "V," known as a chevron, is lined by 13 stars, symbolic of the original 13 colonies. At the bottom of the seal, the depiction of a key stands for authority.



BALD EAGLE - The reverse of the dollar bill features the two sides of the Great Seal of the United States, created in 1782 by Secretary of Congress Charles Thomson. The front of the seal, to the right of the word "ONE" emblazoned across the middle, features the American bald eagle, wings spread as if in flight. The eagle grips 13 arrows in its left talon, emblematic of war, and an olive branch signifying peace in the right talon. The bird's head is notably turned in the direction of the olive branch to exemplify the nation's preference for peace.



SHIELD - The shield stands in front of the eagle "without any other supporters to denote that the United States of America ought to rely on their own virtue." The shield displays 13 vertical lines of alternating shades to represent the first states, which together prop up a horizontal band that stands for the unifying force of Congress. While the bill mostly features varying shades of green and white, the original seal provides even more significance when seen in full color. The vertical lines are alternately red, representing hardiness and valor, and white, for purity and innocence, while the blue horizontal band symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice.





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STARS - Above the eagle's head, a conglomeration of 13 stars floats in the middle of a glory-like display of light and cloud. Again, the 13 stars represent the original 13 colonies, here emerging as a new nation among the world's sovereign entities as a new constellation would appear among the other stars in the sky.



PYRAMID AND EYE - Perhaps the most cryptic and controversial symbols to adorn the dollar bill are the pyramid with its detached capstone and embedded eye. The pyramid signifies "strength and duration," the structure's unfinished form represents America's status as an unfinished creation. The pyramid consists of 13 rows, with the year of the nation's founding printed in Roman numerals on the lowest level. Meanwhile, the giant floating eye, traditionally known as the Eye of Providence, was explained by the designer as another of the "signal interpositions of providence in favor of the American cause." These particular symbols have been fodder for conspiracy theorists who believe U.S. currency is filled with references to shadowy organizations such as the Freemasons. However, the Eye of Providence had already been a well-known Christian symbol of God's benevolent watchfulness by the time the Great Seal of the United States was created in 1782. The incorporation of both the eye and the pyramid into the Great Seal predated their widespread use among the Freemasons.



LATIN INSCRIPTIONS - The back of the bill also features several Latin inscriptions. The eagle clutches a scroll in its beak that reads *E Pluribus Unum*, which translates to "Out of Many, One." Possibly borrowed from the London-published *Gentlemen's Magazine*, which was well known among educated Americans in the late 18th century, the motto encapsulates the cause of the American states. Across the back of the bill, which features the reverse side of the Great Seal, the phrase *Annuat Coeptis* above the pyramid translates to "Providence Has Favored Our Undertakings." Below, the inscription *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, meaning "A New Order of the Ages," refers to the inception of the U.S. government.

If you haven't noticed these things before, take out a dollar bill and study these intricate design details. What other interesting parts do you find?

Reference: <https://historyfacts.com/us-history/article/symbols-on-the-dollar-bill-meaning/>



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