



## Vision

*All Americans actively engage in our democracy by celebrating our heritage, defending the Constitution, and protecting individual freedoms.*

## Mission

*We educate about American rights and responsibilities, honor acts of civic virtue, and challenge all to reject apathy and get involved.*



Freedoms Foundation and AMVETS Auxiliary have been partners for well over 60 years. Our Americanism Conference is an opportunity to experience some of the most important moments in American history in Philadelphia and New York in the company of others who understand the sacrifice of those who have served their country with distinction. Come celebrate America with us!



For more information contact  
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# Americanism Conference

October 12-15, 2017



*Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island*





*National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge*

## Americanism Conference

Come to the 2017 conference! Get to know Auxiliary members from around the country, exchange ideas, and learn something new about our great nation. Tour Freedoms Foundation's campus and the Medal of Honor Grove and on Friday. Hear from a local scholar about Valley Forge and visit the National Park, before you partake in a conversation with Edward 'Ned' Hector, a free man of color, Bombardier and Patriot of the American Revolution.

Saturday you will travel by bus to New York City, where you will tour the Statue of Liberty, the beacon of freedom for the United States. You will also explore Ellis Island, and relive the history of the hardships endured by millions of immigrants looking for a new life in the US. As well as having lunch on Ellis Island, you will go to the 9/11 Memorial, site of the largest attack on American soil. The Memorial's twin reflecting pools are each nearly an acre in size and feature the largest manmade waterfalls in North America. We will have the opportunity to visit the newly opened 9/11 Museum before returning to FFVF.



*9/11 Memorial*

## Schedule

*\$365 in 2016*  
*\$385 after January 1, 2017*  
Due with registration.

### Thursday, October 12, 2017

Arrivals and registration  
Dinner & Reception  
Auxiliary Mixers  
Free Evening to Explore the Local Area:  
Valley Forge Casino, King of Prussia Mall

### Friday, October 13, 2017

Breakfast  
Tour of FFVF Campus  
Medal of Honor Grove  
Scholar Presentation: "Why Valley Forge Matters"  
Lunch  
Ned Hector, Continental Soldier  
Valley Forge Tour  
Dinner  
Signers Ceremony

### Saturday, October 14, 2017

Breakfast  
Bus to NYC  
Statue of Liberty  
Lunch on Ellis Island  
9/11 Memorial & Museum  
Return to Freedoms Foundation  
Dinner  
Free Time on Your Own

### Sunday, October 15, 2017

Breakfast  
Chapel service  
Evaluation  
Departure

## Location and Transportation

The Freedoms Foundation is located on our 75 acre campus adjoining Valley Forge National Historical Park, 25 miles west of Philadelphia. Transportation arrangements can be made from airport through the FFVF education office. Participants will be housed in double occupancy rooms on the campus; linens are provided.

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Member Post/Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dept \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by October 4, 2017 to:**

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