ABOUT THE PROJECT

Dee Baggett’s National President Project will be in support of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The Auxiliary has supported Freedoms Foundation since 1954, including as our Americanism Project.

“My goal is to add to funds raised in 2018-19 and buy a generator for the MacArthur Building,” said National President Dee Baggett. “By having a generator in this building, heat and electricity would allow the kitchen, dining room, a classroom, game room, lounge and some dorm rooms to remain available any time there is an emergency or power outage.”

ABOUT FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

Founded in 1949, Freedoms Foundation provides civic education for students (such as the AMVETS Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference) and professional development for teachers in American history, character development, the Constitution, and the free enterprise system. Their goal is to prepare the next generation to become engaged, patriotic, informed citizens motivated by a sense of duty and responsibility to defend the freedoms that define our great nation.

Included on Freedoms Foundation’s 75-acre campus in Valley Forge, Pa., are an administrative building, dormitories, classrooms, dining room, chapel, and the Medal of Honor Grove, which honors the more than 3,500 recipients of the MOH. All of the facilities were built between 1963 and 1975. Freedoms Foundation has undertaken a comprehensive study and is planning a significant renovation of the campus in order to continue their mission.

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FREEDOMS FOUNDATION GENERATORS
THE CASE FOR GENERATORS

Every winter and summer at least one storm knocks out the power on campus. When an ice storm hit in 2014, a group of visiting fifth graders from California had to be moved from the dorms to a hotel, costing thousands of dollars. Nearly a million people lost power in that storm, some for up to five days or more.

Freedoms Foundation hopes to install three back-up generators, for the dormitories, the administrative building, and the kitchen and dining hall. This will allow for heating, lighting and sanitation to continue uninterrupted while the kitchen keeps serving meals and programs proceed. Most importantly, it will be safe to remain on campus through a power outage and reduce the risk of frozen pipes or other issues in the buildings.

“Knowing we always have the support of AMVETS Auxiliary means we have been able to undertake important projects across the campus every year,” said Jason Raia, Executive Vice President of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

“This generator project has been on our wish list for years; now with the ongoing support of Auxiliary, we can make it a reality.”

Red, white and blue lightning pins will be sold at $5 each to support the generator project. To purchase, contact National Americanism Officer Denise Rodzen.

Please direct all donations for the National President Project through your Department.