

## Thank You Letters from 2019 Spirit of America Youth

Dear AMVETS,

Thank you for providing and taking care of us during our stay here in Philadelphia. During my time here I learned a lot about the history of the United States and was able to meet an abundance of different people from around the country. But most of all, thank you for the amazing opportunity to be able to travel, learn, and create new memories that will last a long time.

Sincerely, N. Bressoud, CA

Dear AMVETS,

I want to thank you for this opportunity to come to Pennsylvania. I met a lot of new people and learned to not judge a book by its cover. Over my course of staying here, I saw many historic landmarks that interest me. My favorite part of the trip was the Debate and Mock trial. All in all, I'm grateful for this trip with my new-found knowledge and had a great experience.

Thank You, M. Biegler, ND

Dear AMVETS,

Thank you for allowing me the honor of attending this amazing trip. I have made so many new friends and learned so many more things better than I would have in school. I feel more connected to everyone here than I ever thought I would. I was expecting to stay in the back of the room and only talk to the girls that came with me from Maine. Instead I got a whole new friend group, for that I am grateful.

Thank You, I. Densmore, ME

Dear AMVETS,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come to Valley Forge in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This, for me, was the opportunity of a lifetime. I was quite surprised by how much I enjoyed this trip. Before coming here, or even going to the airport, I was so afraid of being here by myself and not really knowing what was going on. Even being afraid, I was able to come out of my shell to meet new people from across the country that will be great friends for years to come. I had so many new experiences, and so many chances to see new things that I've never seen before. Again, thank you for allowing me to get the chance to experience Freedom's Foundations at Valley Forge!

Sincerely, I. Maja, CA

Dear AMVETS,

Thank you so much for letting us have this opportunity. I enjoyed every part of it and hope to do it again sometime. We learned deeper insights on the history, the history behind the Declaration of Independence, and we learned how to debate. I also enjoyed making new friends and going to new places.

Sincerely, E. Barrett, DC