# **About Us**

917 society is a non-profit organization made of inspiring, caring and responsible volunteers who want to pass on to the younger generations the rights and the responsibilities given by the U.S constitution.

## What we've accomplished so far

As a 501c3 non-profit organization who is actively contributing in raising educated, patriotic U.S citizens of the future, we proudly say that we have made a true difference with our mission.

We have reached 200,000 eighth graders across the United States of America through our educational program.

More than 693 middle schools in America have trusted us in educating their students about the U.S Constitution.

Free of charge summer Constitution camp for all children who want to be part of a community that believes in the values and norms given by the U.S constitution.

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Collaborating with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to support our mission in educating our youth about the U.S Constitution.



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# **Our Sponsors**

Apart from our amazing team at 917 society with whom we work every day to reach new goals and accomplish our ultimate mission, we are honored to be partnering up with companies such as Wang Vision, Urban Roots Market, Tapps, the Fold Foundation, Authentically American and BellaV skin care who believe and support us in every step of the way.





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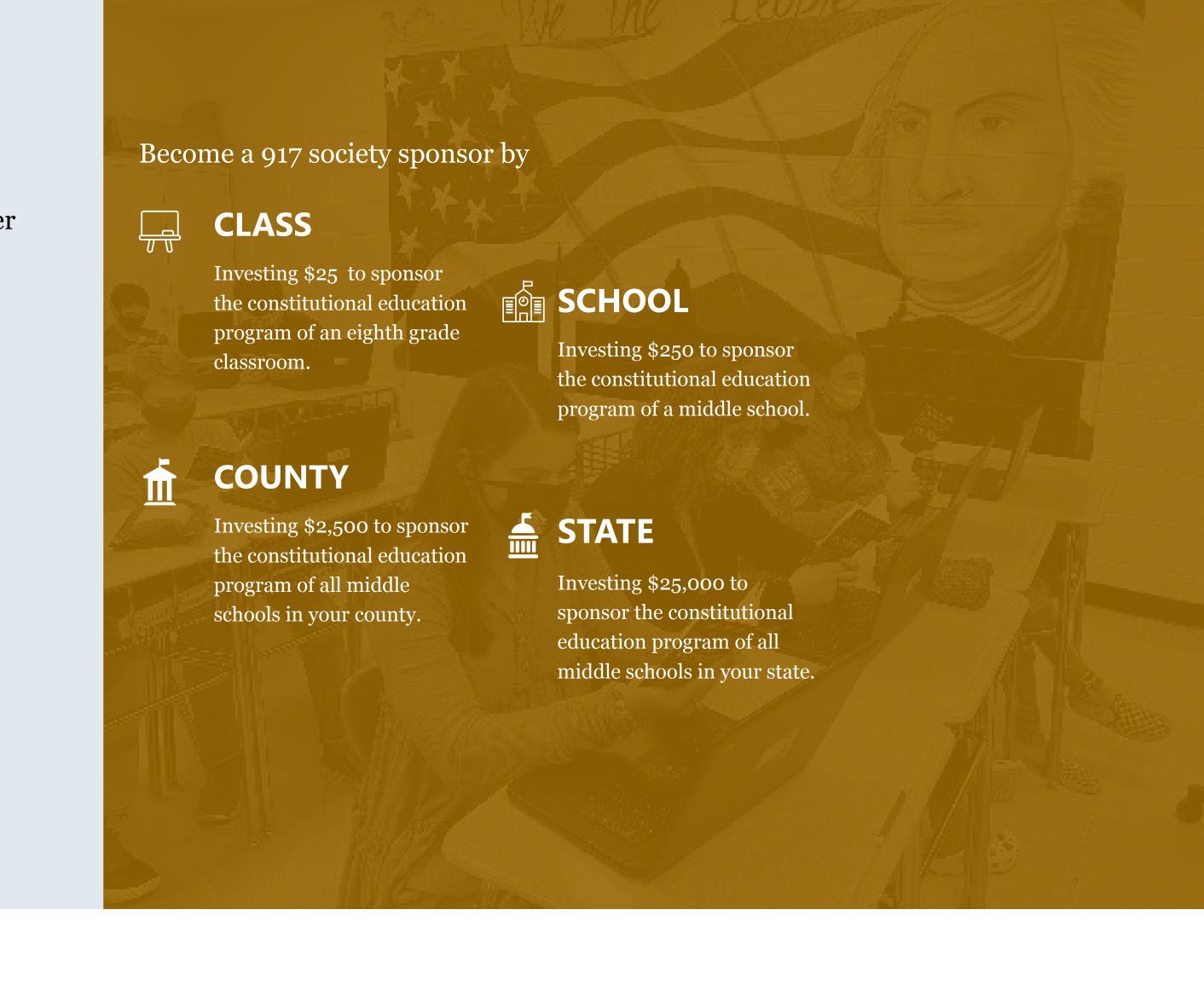




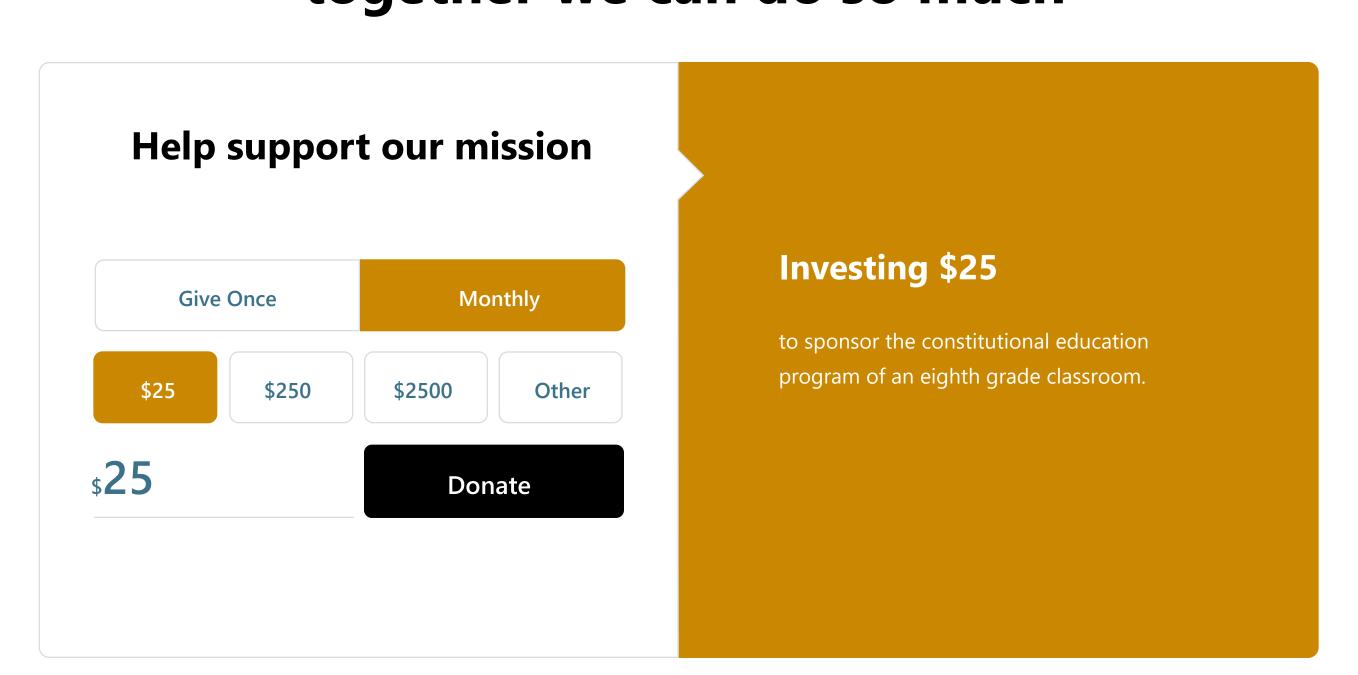


How you can support us Every small deed you make takes us a step further in crafting and implementing our Constitutional education program to all middle schools in the United States. Joining, becoming sponsors and donating to the 917 society will make you part of something great - giving access and encouraging young kids to learn and always remember their fundamental rights, creating decent, educated defenders of the American liberty.

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## Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much



# AND OBJECTIVES

**OUR MISSION** 

### **Our Mission**

The time has come in America for us to stand up as citizens and ask, "What can we do for our country?" In order to protect the values we hold so dear, we must guarantee that generations to come will embrace and uphold the one thing that sets us apart from every other nation. That one thing is the U.S. Constitution.

The 917 Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with a passion to encourage young people to know their rights given to them by the U.S. Constitution as citizens.

Our organization is made up of people who care about our country. Anyone can join The 917 Society and help us ensure our youth are educated and celebrate our Constitution. We provide a lasting, durable pocket Constitution for every 8th grader in America free of charge in honor of September 17th - Constitution Day. Click here to see how many constitutions your donation provides.

We the people of The 917 Society realize how vital it is to help our young people understand their rights and find their voice in the freedom the Constitution has given all Americans. Since we don't receive federal or state funds, we must rely on concerned citizens, like you, to contribute in order to offer this program to our teachers and students free of charge.

All across this great nation, 8th graders memorize the words and take a test, never fully understanding what the Constitution means to them and all of us living in the greatest nation on earth. Becoming a partner of the 917 Society will ensure that our beloved U.S. Constitution will become a guidebook for our youth to carry with them throughout their lives.

With a mission to impress upon students the relevance and practicality gained through an understanding of the U.S. Constitution. We offer a program to celebrate Constitution Day each September 17th FREE to our teachers and students through donations from citizens like you that care about the future of our great Country. We work all year to ensure our 8th grade students will look forward to receiving their Constitution as a "rite of passage" as they grow in citizenship in our beloved Nation and to never take it for granted.

Join the 917 Society and help place a copy of the U.S. Constitution in the hands of our next generation and spark a fire in them to know their rights, know their voice and know their constitution. You can get involved by donating to our mission or you or your organization can volunteer to deliver Constitutions to 8th grade classrooms in your area or both. We welcome all who love our country and our Constitution to get involved and join this movement!

#### Mission 2021

States We Plan to Reach for SEPTEMBER 17th CONSTITUTION DAY
The 917 Society mission for 2021 is to reach 1.5 million 8th grade Students in 14 states in
honor of Constitution Day, September 17th! To do this, we are working to raise a total of
\$500,000 and also coordinating deliveries with our AMVETS State Organizations led by our
Tennessee State AMVETS.

Tennessee	Alabama	Arkansas	North Carolina	South Carolina
North Dakota	South Dakota	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky
Oklahoma	Louisiana	Mississippi	Texas	



## **Our Objectives**

The 917 Society's goal is to impress on students the relevance and practicality gained through an understanding of the U.S. Constitution. We plan to do that in the following ways:

## 1. POCKET CONSTITUTIONS

Our goal is to provide every 8th grader in the United States with a lasting, durable pocket version of the U.S. Constitution to carry with them as they grow in their citizenship. Each Constitution has the oath of citizenship included on the last page that teachers can use in class if they choose to create a moment to imprint on the hearts and minds of our youth their voice is important and they belong to America.

## 2. EDUCATIONAL FILM

The 917 Society is producing short films on the importance of the U.S. Constitution to every citizen's value and rights. The first film is narrated by Nick Clooney and made available to educators to show in their classroom the week of September 17th, in honor of Constitution Day. Films and Videos will be produced all year and added to the website to encourage students to learn more about our Constitution.

## 3. INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

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The 917 Society is building a website that offers educational and curriculum support to teachers and provides social media integration for students to interact with each other for a better understanding of the U.S. Constitution. A resource page is available to educators and students with free lesson plans, games and educational material. We plan to add a student page and 917 Society curriculum in 2021.

## 4. CONSTITUTION APP

Research shows that more 8th graders interface with information through apps than through any other medium. The 917 Society plans to leverage this by creating an app that will allow students to learn more about the U.S. Constitution and its pivotal affect on their lives for the 2021 school year.

# Hear what these Professionals have to say about 917 Society and the Constitution:



Dr. Carol Swain — Retired
Vanderbilt Professor of Political

**Science and Law** 



David L Hudson, Jr. — First Amendment Attorney, Nashville



Fabian Bedne —Architect/Metro
Nashville Council Memger

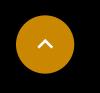


Randy McNally — Lt. Governor, Tennessee/Senator 5th District — Tennessee

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## **OUR TEAM**

The heart of the 917 society is definitely our team, made of our hardworking board members, our passionate and creative production team and our experienced and always present advisory board. All diverse in our views, yet our common bond is the Constitution. Through the responsibilities and rights given by the U.S Constitution, we want to educate and allow young people to better understand how they fit into the world around them. We are focused on bringing to our youth the sense of honor and patriotism that should be ingrained in every American citizen. After all, that's what makes us all uniquely American!

#### **Executive Board of Directors**







**Carol Hamb** 



**Jeffery Humble** 



**Marie Tillman** 



**Martha Leary** 

#### **Production Team**



**Brandon Gosselin** 



**Nick Clooney** 

For information about joining The 917 Society or to become a Founders Club Member you may contact

## **Advisory Board**



Joni Bryan **Executive Director** 256-668-5590



**Carol Hamb** Secretary 270-519-4533



**Joni Hargrove** Community Advisory Board Chair Community Advisory Board 931-721-7514



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With a background in social work, teaching and non-profit work, Joni has seen the impact that inspiration can have on the trajectory of a person's life. After enduring a personal trauma and feeling voiceless due to societal pressures, she strives to impart in others that their voice is important and that each person matters and can make a difference.

When asked by a former activist in the civil rights movement when she had last read her Constitution, she was inspired to take action and make a difference. Thus began her mission to empower our youth with a sense of ownership to the document as it belongs to all citizens. The U.S. Constitution inspired Joni to know her value and her rights. She is passionate that our youth of today appreciate and honor our Constitution and understand the relevance in their lives for the present and the future.

#### **Book Joni Bryan to speak at your next event:**

Call 256-668-5590

There is no fee and she will bring Constitutions for your group for allowing her to share the work of The 917 Society.

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### There's a little something for everyone!

By donating \$25 you will be providing 10 Constitution copies for 10 eighth graders, thus turning into a valuable member of the 917 society. The higher the donation, the higher the number of schools and classrooms we will be able to reach through our mission.

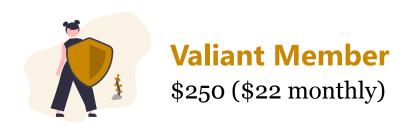
#### **Founding Club Leadership 2020**

We appreciate all individual and corporate donors for the continuous help and support they have given us in order to reach our goal!

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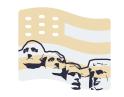


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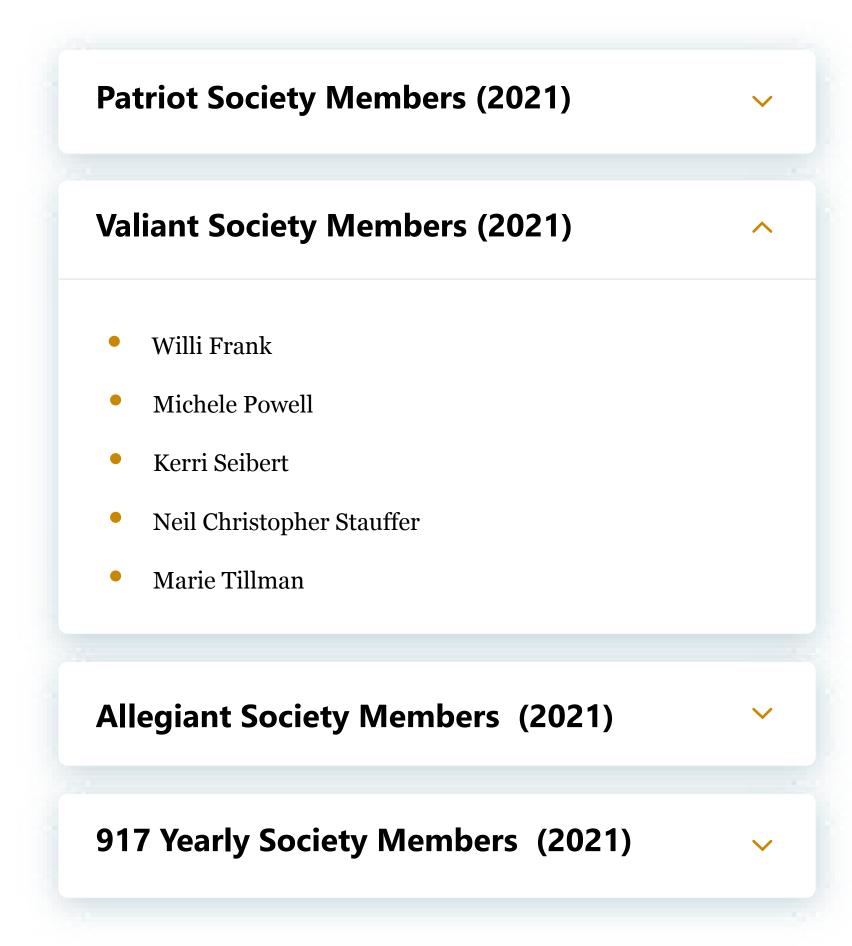




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#### **Founders club**

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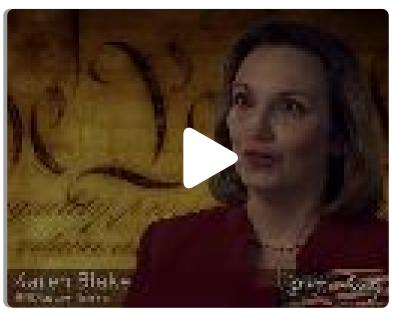
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### **FOUNDERS** CLUB

#### **Founders club**

What makes you eligible to be part of the Founders Club:

- Donating \$1000 or more before September 16
- Reaching 200,000 students through your donation for Constitution Day

#### **Benefits of this membership:**

- Exclusive invitation to the Holiday Party for Founders Club Members only
- The recognition of your contribution will be shown in the form of an appreciation picture and detailed explanation of your biography on this page
- You will be considered a 'Keeper of our Republic'
- You will be featured at our annual Constitution Day Celebration in September of each year.
- By being a member of our Founders Club and helping us fulfill our mission, you are giving a huge contribution in raising future, proud defenders of the American Liberty.

#### Founding Club Leadership (2020)



**Dr. Ming Wang President & Statesman Founder** 



Lee Beaman **Vice-President** 



**U.S. Representative Mark Green** Founders Club Cup Winner and **Statesman Founder** 

#### Presidential Founders Club Members (2021) (\$10,000+)

- Alvin and Sally Beaman Foundation
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Congressional Founders Club Members 2021 (\$5000-\$9,999)

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#### **Founders Club Members**



Jim Ayers 2020, 2021



**Harvey Durham** 2021



**Senator Bill Powers** 2021



**Dennis and Cathy Kolb** 

2021



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**The Calligan Family** Foundation 2021



**Karen Mitchell Porter** 2021



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**Dave and Debbie** Winters 2020, 2021





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**Ed and Joni Hargrove** 2020, 2021



Dr. Richard and **Christine Nelson** 



**Jerome Moon** 





**Ted & Sharon** Williams 2020





**Dr. Daniel Nelms** 

2020, 2021



**Courtney Rogers** 

2020





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**John Dawson** 

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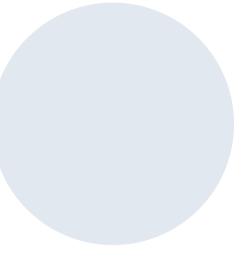


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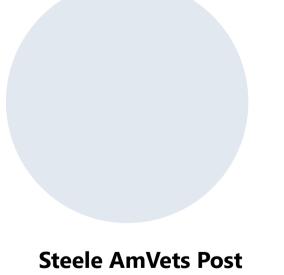


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## CORPORATE **PARTNERS**







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The 917 Society: TN Rep. Terri Lynn The 917 Society: David Hairston

**The Story of Authentically American** 

At 917 society, our mission is to provide every eighth grader in the United States with a copy of the Constitution and educate them on all their rights and responsibilities given by it. We deeply value the close relationship we hold with each of our corporate sponsors and the huge impact they have in our mission. If you share the same concept as we do and want to contribute to turning our goals into reality then email 917society@gmail.com for a detailed sponsor application and find out more on how your organization can help us. All sponsorships are tax deductible

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# Order your free copy of the Constitution

8th grade teachers please send your order for Free Pocket Constitutions to 917society@gmail.com

We will need:

Your Name Your School Shipping Address Total # of Students

\*All public, private and home school teachers may order:

We realize you may cover the Constitution at differing times in the year, but hope you will begin to celebrate Constitution Day each September 17th in the future by presenting the pocket Constitutions to your classes during the week of September 17th to honor the signing of our founding document.

Contact Us

## **Become a Volunteer**

You have an amazing opportunity to make an everlasting difference in the lives of our children! We invite you to join us in Our Mission to distribute a copy of the Constitution to every eighth grade student . . . . 14 states in 2021! There is much to do in order to be ready for Constitution Day on September 17th. We need your help!



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# INVOLVED

#### **FAQ Get involved**

#### **Delivering Constitutions to Schools**

The volunteer would need to deliver to areas which have not been requested by or assigned to legislators or other volunteers. We would do our very best to accommodate your request.

#### **Phone Calling**

Any calls to legislators or other groups which might be prospects to gain buy-in on the 917 Society projects. This might also include school contacts to either gain buy-in or set up delivery of constitutions.. We would provide a calling script for volunteer callers and, in most cases, there would also be a list of those who we wish to contact.

#### **Preparing Postcard/Mailing Publications**

This would be a hands-on project and a work area would be decided upon at the time the project is needed.

#### **Social Media Volunteer**



This would require the volunteer to have a knowledge of basics for posting/maintenance of social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Telegram, etc.

#### **Website Research for Projects**



This would require the volunteer to have access to the internet and the knowledge required to research specific requested projects. Most urgent at this time is a need for volunteers to research schools in order to locate principals and/or contacts at said schools in order to distribute pocket constitutions to those facilities. The volunteer would need to enter information into a provided spreadsheet and then send to the Data Entry specialist to import on the master list.

#### **Grant Writing Assistance**

The volunteer would be working with the Executive Director. Grant writing is the practice of completing an application process for a financial grant provided by an institution such as a government department, corporation, foundation, or trust. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Grant\_writing

RESOURCES

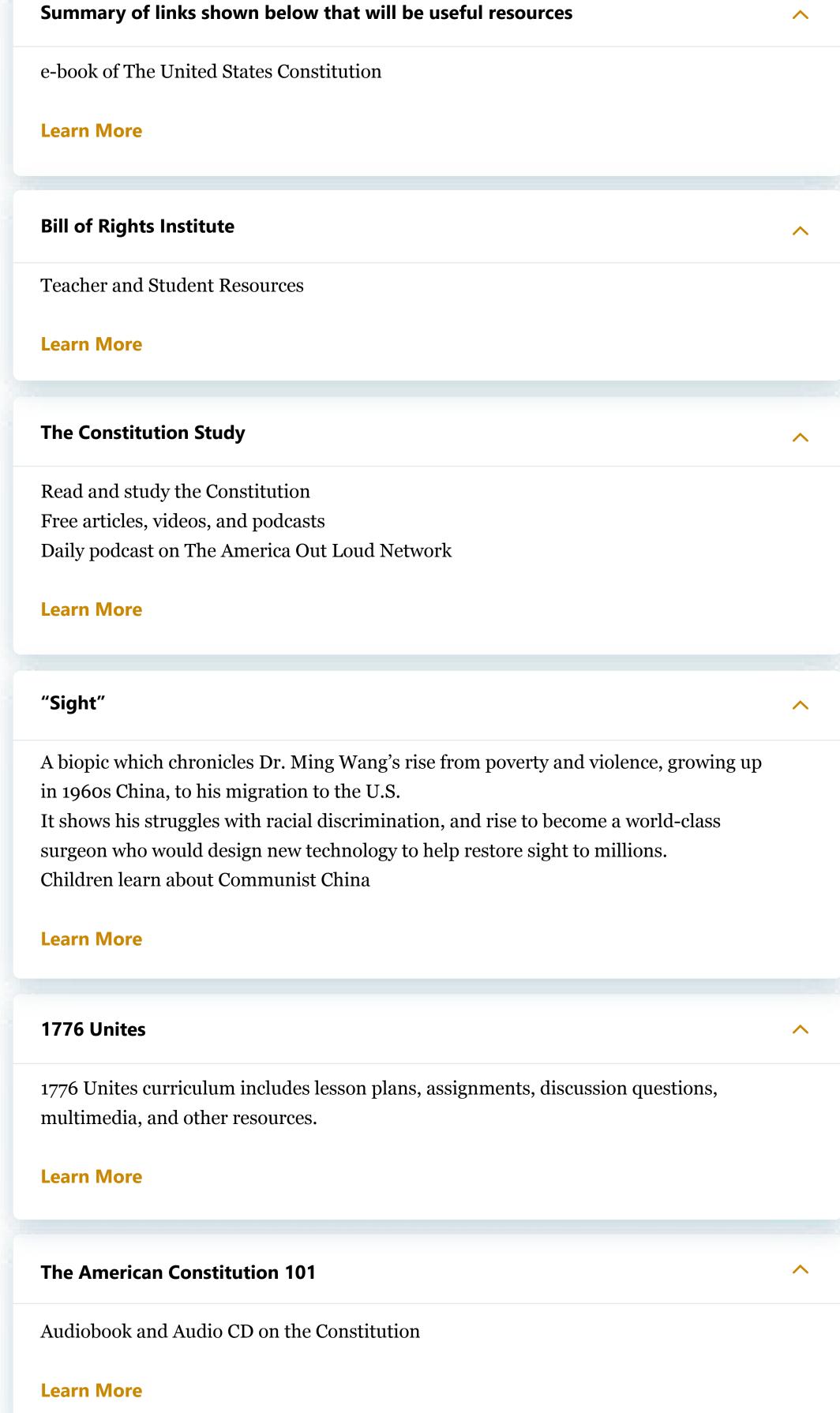
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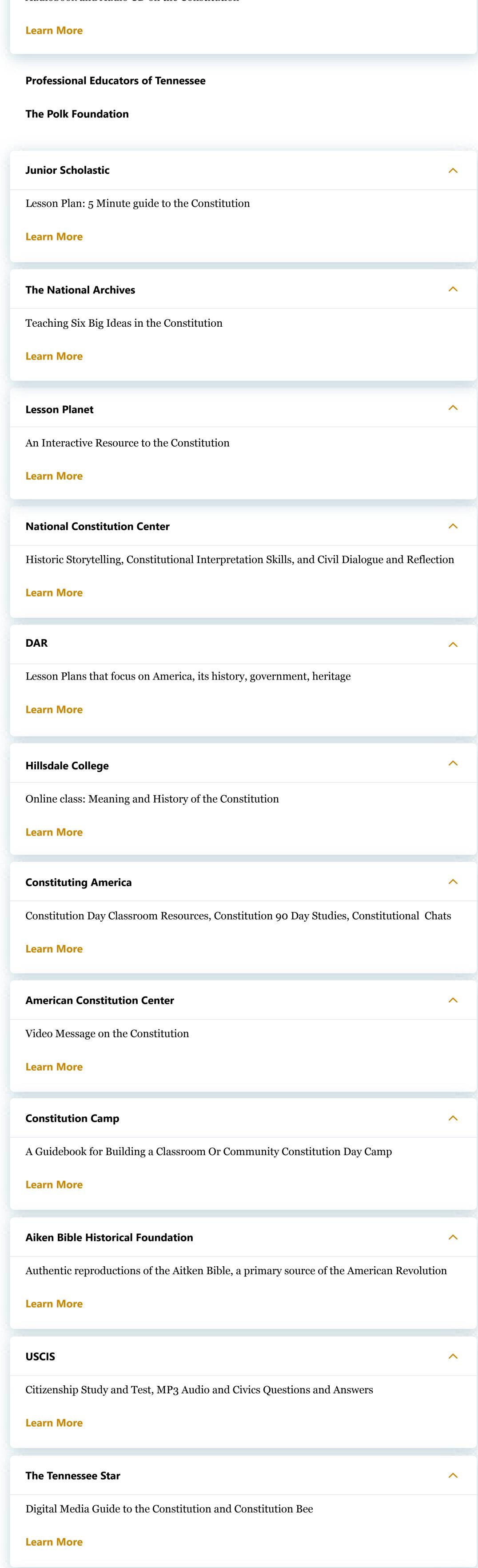
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Below there is a list full of online sources where you could find a free digital copy

of the Constitution. If you have more information on other sources please email

We serve all 8th grade classrooms, public, private and homeschool.





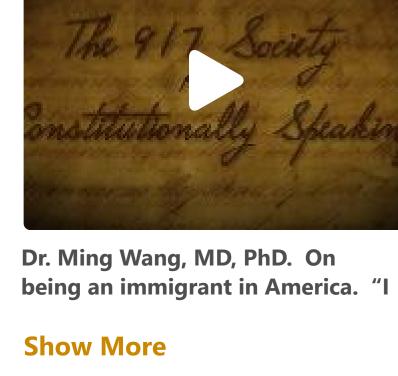


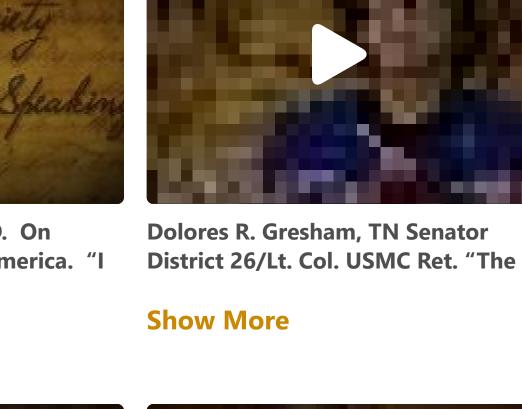
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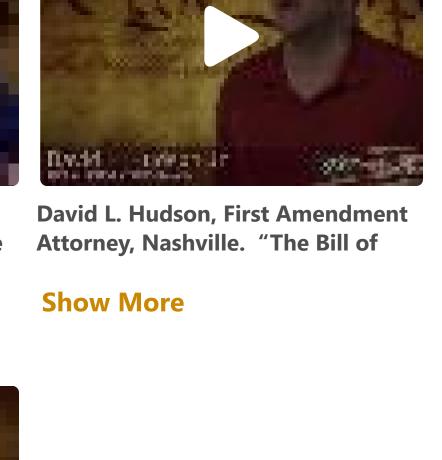
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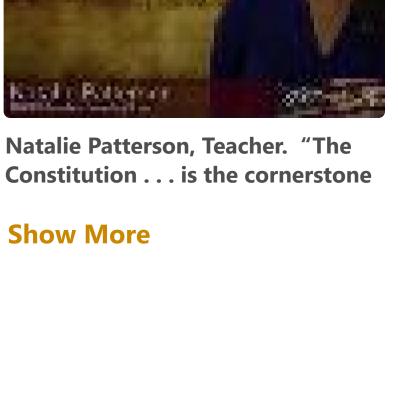
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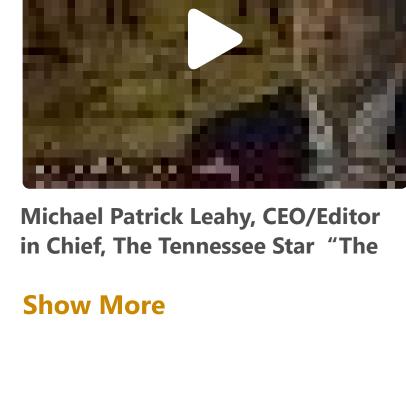
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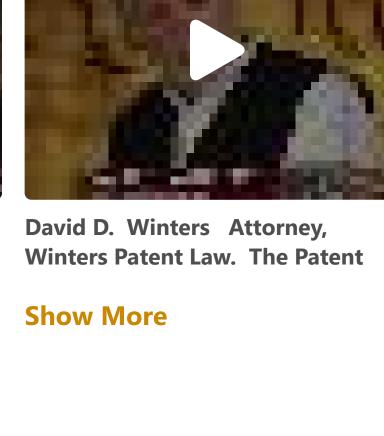








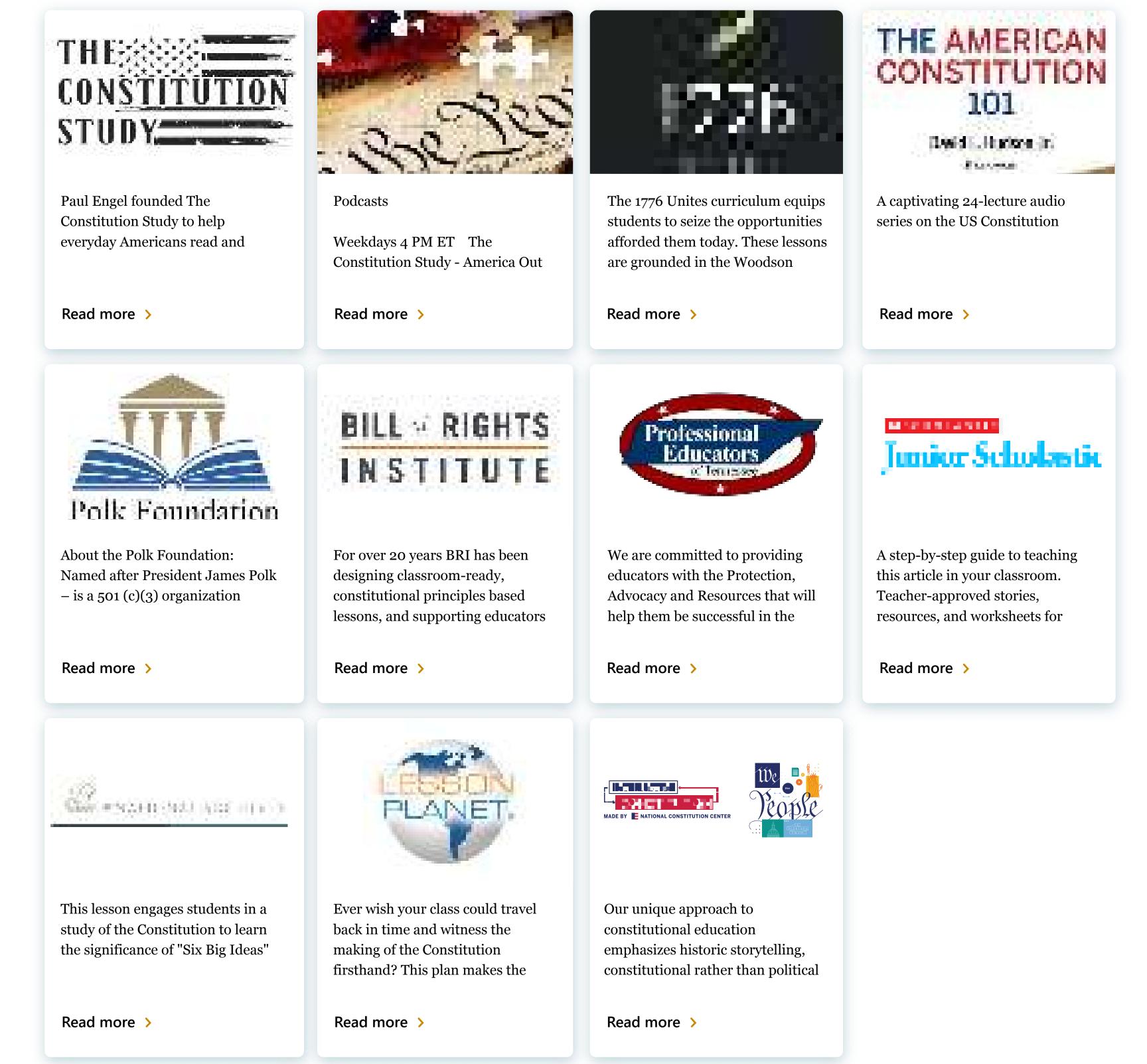




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This is the third year in a row we have achieved this accomplishment. Our Guide Star

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Mark Green Praises 917 Society Founder Joni Bryan: A Tennessee Woman with 'Big Ideas' Who Inspired Change — The Tennessee Star

<u>917 Society Celebrates Constitution Day in Nashville</u> — The Tennessee Star

Joni Bryan of 917 Society to Host a Constitution Celebration at Nashville City Club Tonight at <u>6 pm</u> − The Tennessee Star

Nashville Businessman Lee Beaman to Help 917 Society Go National — The Tennessee Star

<u>917 Society Honors Supporters in Nashville this Week</u> — The Tennessee Star

Local nonprofit aims to provide a copy of the Constitution for every Tennessee eighth grader — The Tennessean

917 Society Members Celebrate Holidays with Big Plans for 2019 — The Tennessee Star

917 Society Needs Help Giving Out Constitutions to Tennessee Eighth-Graders — The Tennessee Star

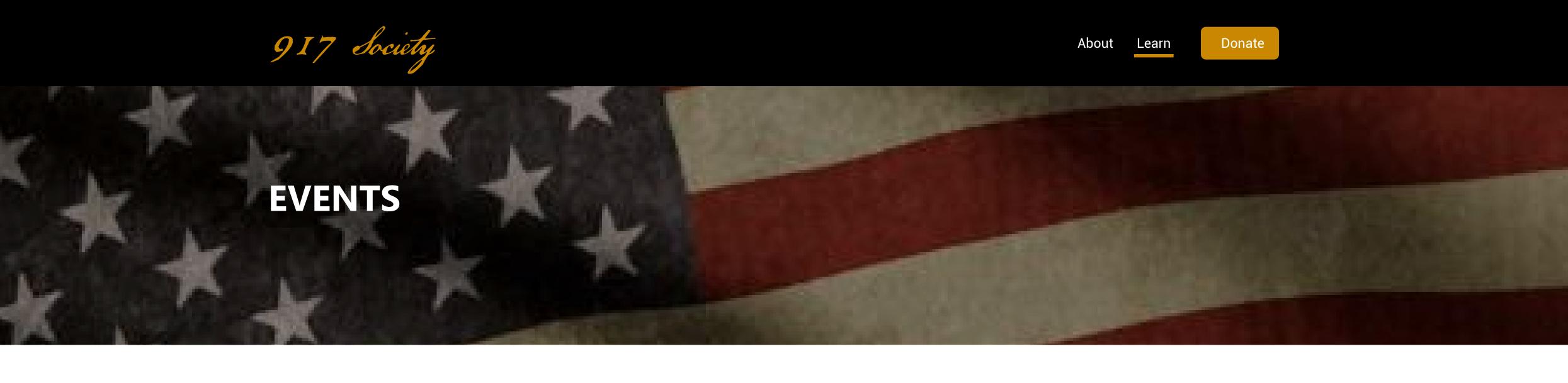
917 Society Celebrates Constitution Day in Tennessee at Residence of Dr. Ming Wang — The Tennessean

<u>The 917 Society Partners with VTVT for Constitution Day 2018!</u> — Vet to Vet Tennessee

<u>Celebrate the Constitution and Citizenship</u> — The Tennessean

Press Release: "Mr. Lee Beaman will be serving as Founders Club Vice-President" facebook

<u>Angela Mcclanahan from Whitthorne Middle School</u> — facebook





Thanks to all who attended our Salute to the Constitution at Mar-A-Lago!

It was a great success. We hope you enjoy the pictures. Robert Sutton's Facebook video of Brian Mast and Abe Lincoln can be seen by clicking the link on the names. THANK YOU, Robert, for sharing these videos and THANK YOU to all who shared their pictures.



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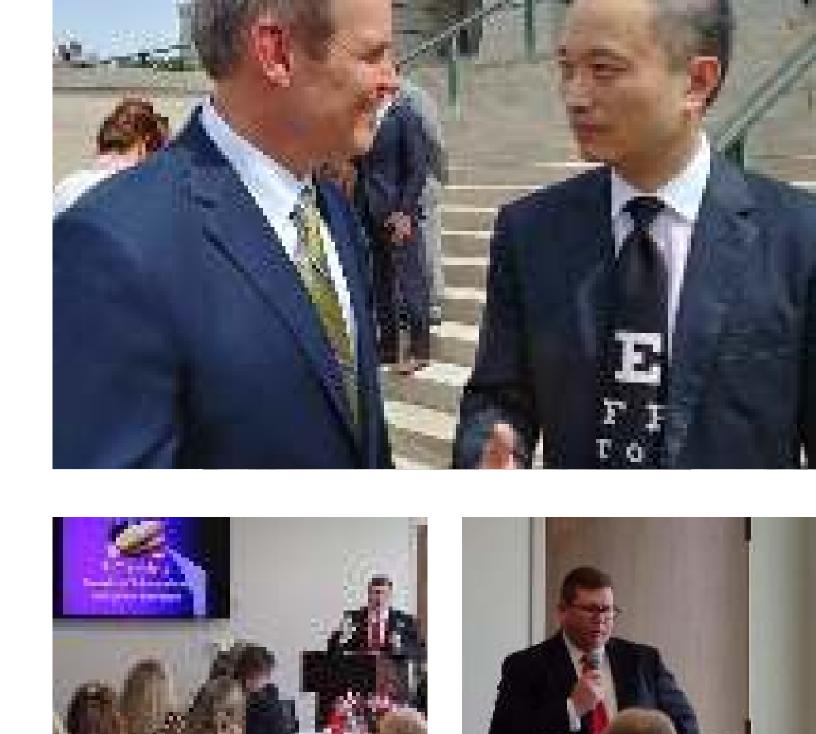
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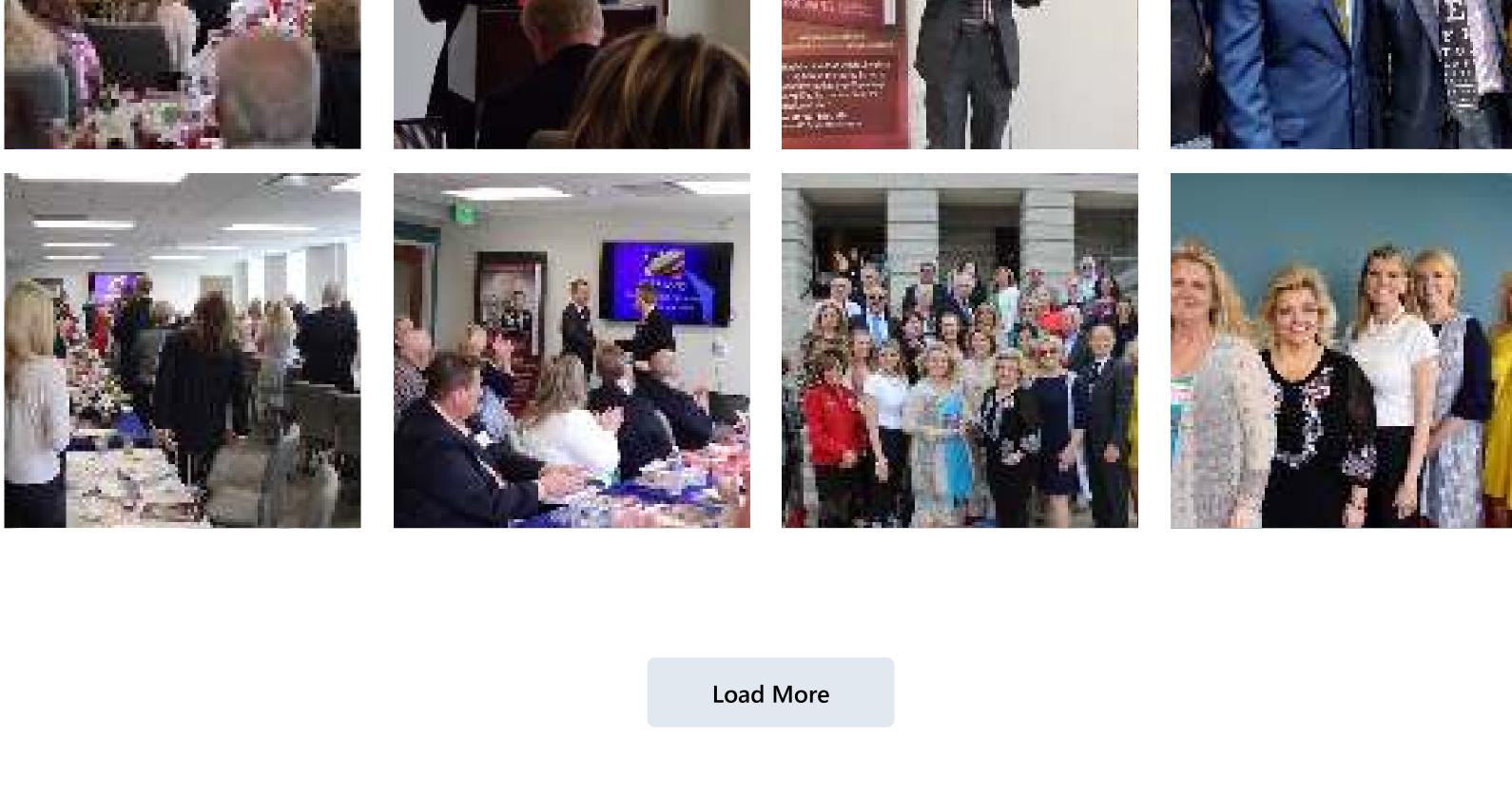
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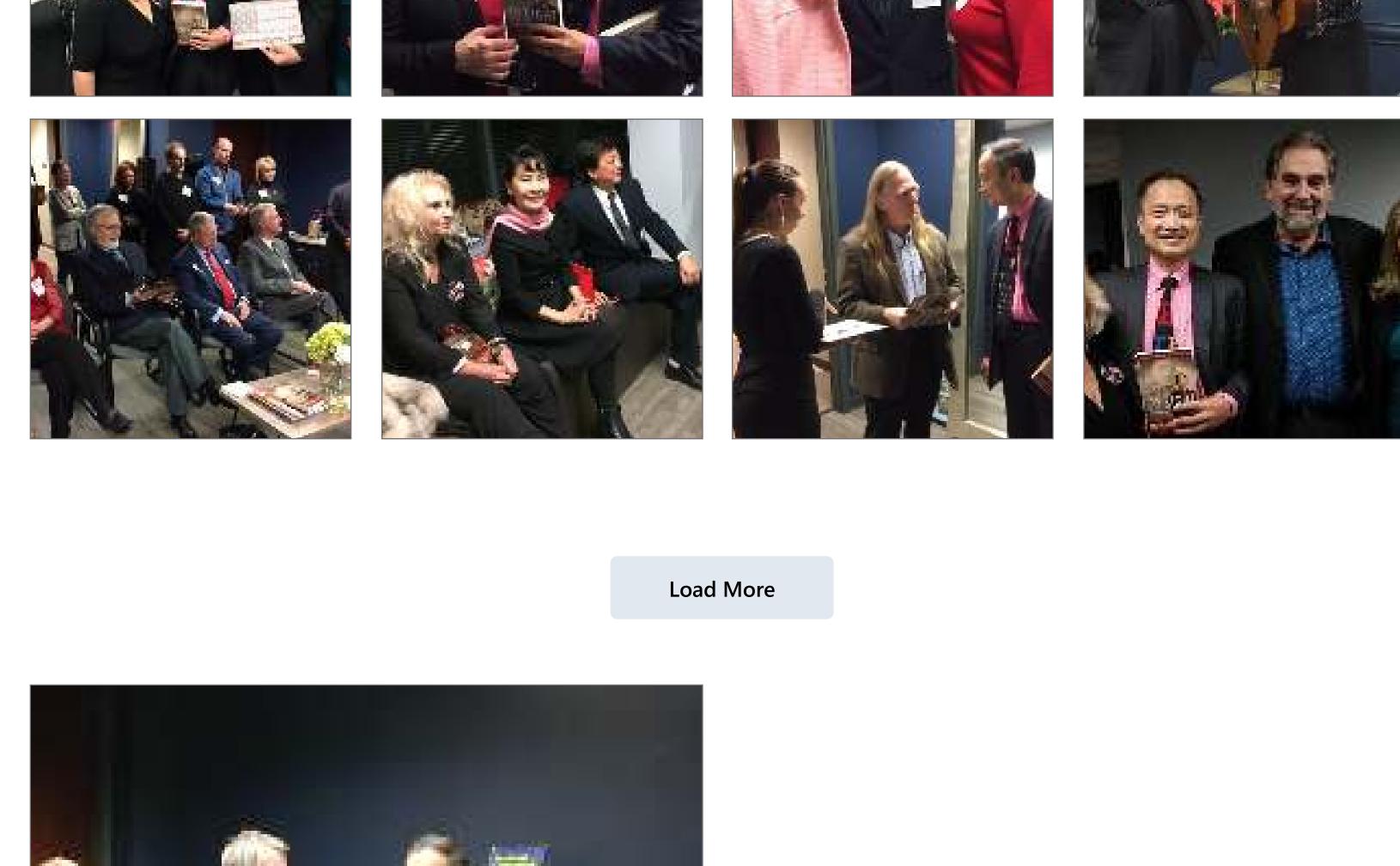
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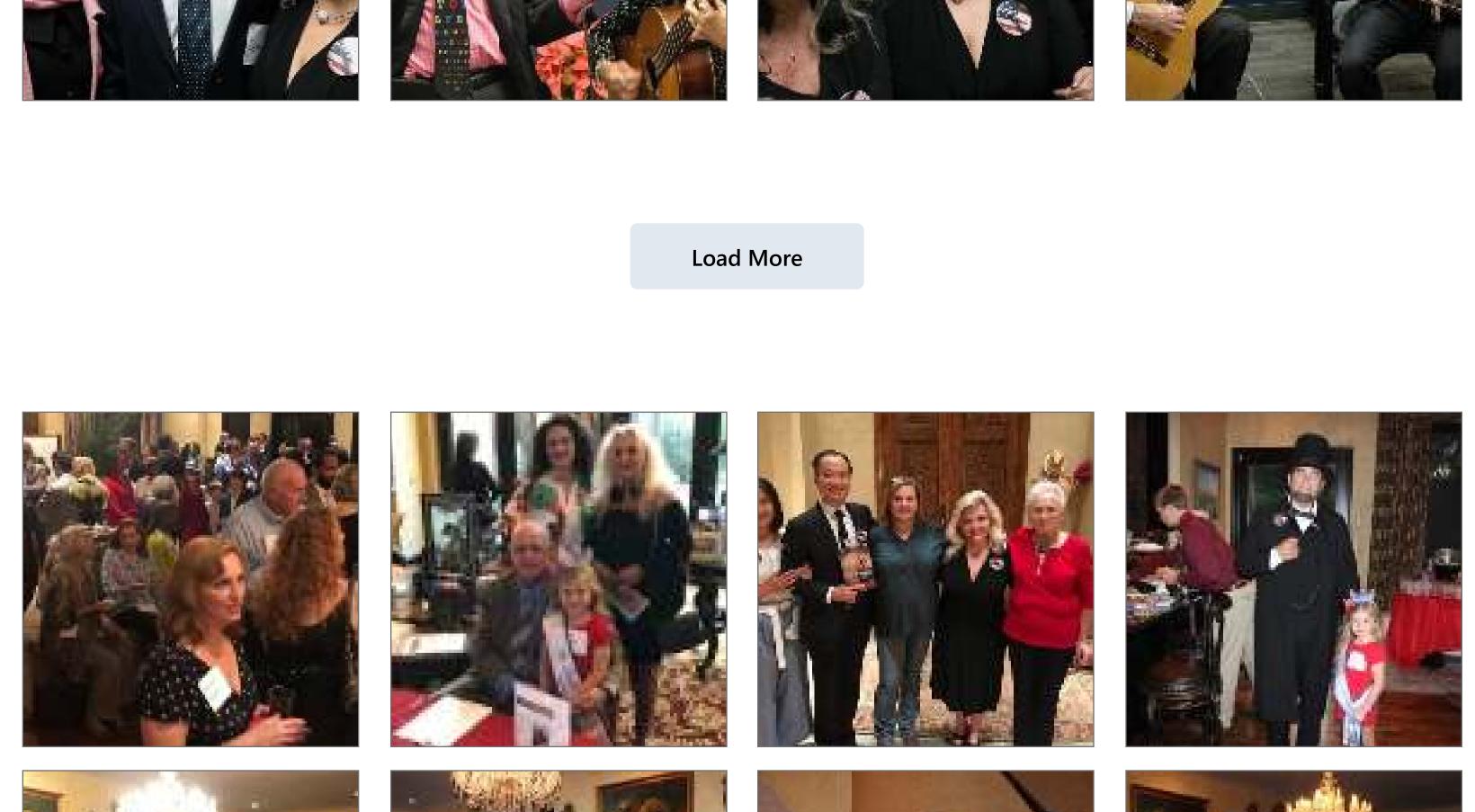


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### Subscribe to our Newsletter

Share Your Voice!

We at the 917 Society want to hear from you about your personal experience with the Constitution and how you would like to get involved in the project.

Use your skills and share your voice with the next generation!

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# Become a member of 917 Society

917 Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your

contribution is fully tax-deductible in the USA.

Whether it's \$25 or \$10,000 we deeply appreciate every donation you make, taking us a step further into fulfilling our mission of educating our youth about the US Constitution and honor Constitution Day September 17th.

Reaching our youth one classroom at a time!



#### Yearly Society Member

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\$25 donation provides for one classroom and your name listed on the website

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### **Allegiant Member**

\$100 (\$10 a month) donation provides
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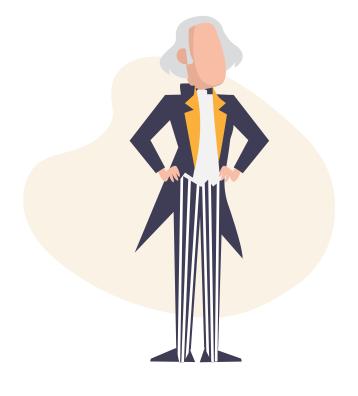
#### **Valiant Member**

\$250 (\$22 a month) donation provides for ten classrooms and your name listed on the website



### **Patriot Member**

\$500 (\$42 a month) donation provides
for twenty classrooms, all will be
documented on social media and at all
917 Society Events
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#### Founder's Club Member

\$1000 (\$85 a month) donation provides for forty classrooms and all will be documented on our website, social media and 917 Society events.

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\$2500 (\$210 a month) donation
provides for one hundred classrooms
and your name, all these will be
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(Statesmen founders club), social
media and a special plaque at our
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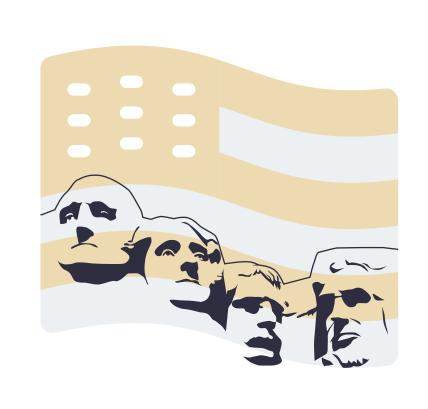
## Congressional Founder Member

\$5000 (\$420 a month) donation provides for two hundred classrooms, everything will be documented on our website (Congressional Founder's Club Member), social media and a special plaque at our Founders Club Event

# Presidential Founder Member

\$10000 (\$835 a month) donation provides for four hundred classrooms, all these will be documented on our website (Presidential Founders Club Member), social media and a special plaque at our Founders Club Event.

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