



The Steamboat Institute

9TH ANNUAL

# FREEDOM

## CONFERENCE & FESTIVAL

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

AUGUST 25-26, 2017

All sessions are in the Korbel Ballroom at the Steamboat Grand, unless otherwise noted.

### Thursday, August 24:

**5:30-7:30pm** - Sponsor/Speaker Kick-off Reception at home of Steamboat Institute sponsor (this event is by invitation only)

**8:00pm** - **FILM FESTIVAL: "Amazing Grace"** – Steamboat Stage at Gondola Plaza – featuring remarks by Dr. Robert Beltz, Filmmaker with Walden Media (Film is free and open to the public)

### Friday, August 25:

**8:00am** – Registration opens in foyer outside ballroom – Steamboat Grand – name badges and event programs available for pick-up

**9:00-10:00am** – Private Viewing for major sponsors: **"The Art of Leadership: A President's Personal Diplomacy"** by President George W. Bush, with Rachel Mabry, Regional Director, George W. Bush Presidential Center (Spring Creek 1) – Bush Art Exhibit will be open to all conference attendees from 10:00am to 6:00pm

**9:00-10:00am – Sam Sorbo, author of *They're Your Kids: An Inspirational Journey from Self-Doubter to Home School Advocate* – presentation and book-signing (Spring Creek 2)**

**10:00-11:00am – Connor Boyack, author of *The Tuttle Twins* book series, which teaches children about the foundation of freedom – presentation and book-signing (Spring Creek 2)**

## **OFFICIAL OPENING OF FREEDOM CONFERENCE:**

**11:00am – Doors to Korbel Ballroom open – Steamboat Grand**

**11:45–12:00 – Welcome & Opening Remarks – JENNIFER SCHUBERT-AKIN, Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder of the Steamboat Institute**

\*\*\*Presentation of the Colors – Local American Legion/VFW Honor Guard\*\*\*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Walsh

Featuring Our National Anthem performed by

**GARY HOFMEISTER**

**12:00-1:00pm - Kick-off Luncheon – JAMES TARANTO, Editorial Features Editor, *The Wall Street Journal*: “The Crisis of Authority and How Trump Won”**

**1:00–1:15pm – Break while Grand staff clears luncheon dishes**

**1:15–1:30pm - Brief remarks about Bush Art Exhibit by Rachel Mabry, Regional Director, George W. Bush Presidential Center**

**1:30–2:45pm – “Liberty’s Nemesis: The Unchecked Expansion of the State”**

**John Yoo**, Professor at Cal-Berkeley Law School

**Dean Reuter**, Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy

**Charles J. Cooper**, Cooper & Kirk

Moderator: **Mary Kissel**, *The Wall Street Journal* editorial board

**2:45–3:00pm – BREAK – Book-signing with John Yoo and Dean Reuter**

**3:00–4:00pm – “A World of Uncertainty: Hotspots, Flashpoints and Challenges”**  
featuring a conversation with:

**Ilan I. Berman**, Senior VP - American Foreign Policy Council  
**Dr. Peter Brookes**, Senior Fellow, National Security Affairs – The Heritage Foundation

\*\*\*Book-signing with Ilan Berman:  
*Iran’s Deadly Ambition: The Islamic Republic’s Quest for Global Power*

**4:00–5:00 pm – “How Hollywood Can Inspire and Elevate the Human Spirit”**

**Sam Sorbo**, actress, author and film producer  
**Dr. Robert Beltz**, filmmaker with Walden Media  
**Dave Alan Johnson**, Co-founder & Creative Head, Salt Entertainment  
Moderator: **Tom Rogan**, Tony Blankley Senior Fellow; Columnist,  
*Washington Examiner*

**\*\*\*BREAK BETWEEN AFTERNOON AND EVENING EVENTS\*\*\***

**Friday Keynote Dinner on the Mountaintop (guests take scenic gondola ride to Thunderhead Summit of Steamboat Ski Area):**

**6:00-6:30pm** – Private Reception with Mr. Steve Forbes (limited to approx. 30 major donors and Board members)

**6:30-7:30pm** – VIP/Sponsor Reception and Photo Opp with Mr. Steve Forbes on outdoor deck at Thunderhead Summit of Steamboat Ski Area

**7:30-9:30pm** – Dinner in Champagne Powder Room, featuring keynote speaker:

**Mr. Steve Forbes**

Chairman and Editor-in-Chief  
Forbes Media

**“What Now for the Economy? Can We Get a Tax Bill?  
And What About Health Care?”**

Following his remarks, Mr. Forbes will be interviewed by  
MARY KISSEL of *The Wall Street Journal* editorial board

Book-signing with Mr. Forbes:

***Reviving America: How Repealing Obamacare, Replacing the Tax Code and Reforming The Fed will  
Restore Hope and Prosperity***

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Entertainment during reception and dinner provided by  
**MR. BILL MARTIN, Acoustic Jazz Guitarist**

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**\*Special Presentation to Award  
4th Annual  
Tony Blankley Chair for Public Policy and American Exceptionalism**

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Following Mr. Forbes’ remarks, please enjoy a medley of patriotic songs performed by  
**MR. GARY HOFMEISTER**

## **Saturday, August 26:**

**8:00am** – Breakfast Buffet Opens

**8:30–9:00am – Father Andre Mahanna** – U.S. President of the Apostolic Union of Clergy – speaking on religious freedom and terrorism in the Middle East – including his successful effort to free a young girl kidnapped by ISIS; Father Mahanna was a guest of President Trump in the Rose Garden for the May 4<sup>th</sup> signing of the Religious Freedom Act

**9:00-9:15am** – Break while Grand staff clears breakfast dishes

**9:15-10:30am** – “What is happening to health care in America?”

**Beverly Gossage**, Director - HSA Benefits Consulting

**Frank May**, CEO – Yampa Valley Medical Center

**Eric F. Meyer, M.D.**, Co-founder - Rural Partners in Medicine

**Grace-Marie Turner**, President - Galen Institute

Moderator: **Hadley Heath Manning**, Tony Blankley Fellow; Policy Director, Independent Women’s Forum

**10:30–12:00pm** – “Media Bias and the Perpetual Spin Zone”

**Mollie Hemingway**, Senior Editor, *The Federalist*

**Wayne Laugesen**, editorial page editor, *The Colorado Springs Gazette*

**Dan Njegomir**, reporter, *Colorado Politics*

**James Taranto**, editorial features editor, *The Wall Street Journal*

Moderator: **Jillian Melchior**, editorial page writer, *The Wall Street Journal*

\*\*\*Followed by book-signing with Mollie Hemingway: *Trump vs. the Media*\*\*\*

**12:00–12:30pm** – Break - Hemingway book-signing

**12:30-2:00pm - Closing Luncheon:**

**Special Presentation of  
“Courage in Education” Award to  
Brandon Van Dyck, Assistant Professor of Government and Law  
Lafayette College (Easton, PA)**

**Award Presenter: Bruce Benson, President of the University of Colorado**

**Keynote Luncheon Speaker:**

**REBEKAH GREGORY**

**“Taking My Life Back: My Story of Faith, Determination and Surviving the Boston Marathon Bombing”**

**\*\*\*Following her presentation, Ms. Gregory will be signing copies of her book\*\*\***

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**3:00-5:00pm – FILM FESTIVAL: “Let There Be Light” (Sean Hannity, Executive Producer) – Chief Theater – featuring remarks by Sam Sorbo (actress, screenwriter and co-producer) – The Steamboat Grand will provide complimentary shuttle service to/from the Chief Theater (downtown Steamboat Springs) for conference guests – FILM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**5:00-7:00pm – Coyote Gold Margarita Party and Concert, featuring Jon Gibbs & Colter Christensen– Gondola Plaza at base of Steamboat Ski Area – Show your Freedom Conference name badge for a complimentary Coyote Gold Margarita. Party and concert are free and open to the public (but there is a charge for margaritas for those without a conference name badge).**