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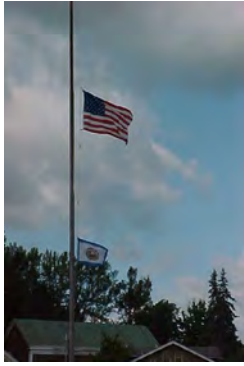
### Formal Review

The annual Formal Review was observed Wednesday evening on the athletic field. Each cottage passed in review for Governor Joe Manchin, Legionnaires, Boys' State Board of Public Works, Boys' State Supreme Court, parents, and special guests.

The efforts of all Sr. Counselors and Counselors were evident during the Formal Review. A special thank you to the Mountaineer Boys' State band under the direction of Drew Aires.



# Why the Flag is Half-Mast



Many of the citizens arrived at breakfast and began to wonder why the flag was being raised only to half-mast. They simply did not know the particular struggle and sacrifice of one Boone county

His career was cut short on June 5<sup>th</sup> when, while serving in the north of Baghdad, he was killed by a roadside bomb that hit his Humvee.

The half-staff was observed on the Boys' State grounds after Governor Manchin issued a proclamation stating that all flags in the state should be flown this way out of respect. Ulbrich's funeral will take place today in his hometown. The absence of his presence has been felt all over the state.

soldier.

Brian "Scott" Ulbrich was a Manila, West Virginia resident who attended Scott High School in Boone County. Ulbrich moved through the ranks to specialist.

## MIA Display in Dining Hall

The POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony has been a ceremony to honor our veterans. The POW/MIA flag was designed in 1976, and to our knowledge, the ceremony originated around that time. The ceremony lets us honor those who are Missing in Action or Prisoners of War. Some of us may have noticed the POW/MIA flag draped over a chair in the dining hall during meals. This flag will be used in the ceremony.

There is a small table used to represent a spot for one person to eat and to symbolize the frailty of the POWs. A white table cloth is put on the table to represent purity. A single rose placed in a vase signifies the blood shed in sacrifice for freedom. The red ribbon on the vase accounts for the comrades who are no longer with us. A slice of lemon on the plate on the table reminds us of the bitter fate of the fallen. Salt sprinkled on the plate signifies the shedding of countless tears of the families of the honored. The glass on the table is inverted, for they cannot toast with us at this time. The chair is left vacant



### Athletic Results June 15, 2005

AREA 1 Volleyball Beside Braxton	AREA 2 Volleyball Beside Softball	AREA 3 Frisbee Behind Chapel	AREA 4 Softball Grass Field	AREA 5 Basketball Behind Gilmer
Gilmer Kanawha-F	Barbour Braxton-N	Kanawha-N Lewis-F	Monroe-F Panhandle-F	Braxton-F Marion-F
Lewis-N Randolph-F	Calhoun Monroe-N	Marion-N Panhandle-N	Upshur Webster	Monongalia Randolph-N

<u>Breakfast</u>		<u>Lunch</u>		<u>Dinner</u>	
Eggs	Bacon	Tacos	Corn	Turkey	Stuffing
Biscuits	Gravy	Pears	Salad	Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	
Cold Cereal	Hot Cereal		Rolls	Mixed Veggies	Rolls
	Fruit	Cinnamon Raisin Bread		Salad	Fruit Pies

# *the Schedule*

- 6:00 - Reveille and Clean Quarters  
 7:15 - INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
 7:20 - FLAG RAISING  
 7:25 - BREAKFAST  
 8:25 -9:30 All County Officials meet in West Virginia Building for specialized instructions.  
 All City Officials meet in Assembly Hall for specialized instructions.
- 8:25 -12:00 Governor & Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge meeting rooms.  
 Senate and House in session at Jackson Lodge Basement.  
 Supreme Court in session at Flameway Hall.  
 County school superintendents and boards of education meet in Southeastern Learning Center  
 State Board of Education in Chapel.  
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working.  
 State Police and Conservation Officers meet in EEC #5
- 9:30 - 12:00 City and county Governments organized and working in cottages  
 Magistrate and Circuit Courts organized and working in cottages
- 12:05 INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
 12:15 LUNCH  
 1:00 Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. **ALL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.**  
 AFTER CIRCUIT COURT TRAILS - State, County, and City Governments organized and working (see morning schedule for locations)  
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working.  
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working and meeting with advisors for further instructions in EEC#5
- 3:00-4:30 Athletics and Swimming  
 5:15 INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
 5:30 DINNER  
 6:30-7:30 Athletics, Band practice, and Swimming  
 Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.  
 State police and Conservation Offices organized and working and meeting with advisors.  
 Fire training academy (Fire Marshall will provide schedule)  
 Talent Show participants meet with Talent Show Coordinator at Assembly Hall.
- 8:00 ASSEMBLY - The Honorable Robert Maxwell, Judge  
 \*\*AFTER ASSEMBLY - Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.  
 Musicians and performers gather on Marion front porch.
- 11:00 Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages  
 11:00 - 12:00 As on all previous evenings

## *ATHLETIC SCHEDULE* *Thursday, June 16, 2005*

AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
Volleyball	Volleyball	Frisbee	Softball	Basketball
Beside Braxton	Beside Softball	Behind Chapel	Grass field	Behind Gilmer

### *SESSION ONE*

Upshur	Braxton-F	Monroe-N	Gilmer	Barbour
Panhandle-F	Kanawha-N	Randolph-F	Marion-F	Lewis-F
Marion-N	Panhandle-N	Monroe-F	Lewis-N	Braxton-N
Webster	Randolph-N	Monongalia	Kanawha-F	Calhoun

### *SESSION TWO*

Braxton-F	Marion-N	Braxton-N	Barbour	Kanawha-F
Webster	Monongalia	Lewis-N	Calhoun	Panhandle-N
Monroe-F	Marion-F	Gilmer	Kanawha-N	Lewis-F
Randolph-N	Upshur	Monroe-N	Randolph-F	Panhandle-F

# Bobby's Farewell Address

My fellow Boys' Staters, I would like to begin by saying what an honor it was to serve you as governor and what an honor it was to serve the tremendous and prestigious program that is American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State. As a citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State last year, I cannot even begin to count the many valuable lessons I learned while participating, not only in the dealings of state government, but lessons in how to deal with both life's triumphs and challenges. I cannot express enough thanks and gratitude to those who make such a special program such as this work. I assure each and every one of you that I will utilize the traits, traits such as self-respect, hard work, loving this great nation, honesty, and respecting both my peers and those more experienced to the best of my ability. After experiencing the benefits of Mountaineer Boys' State first hand, benefits which include improving my leadership skills and the benefit of making friends to whom I remain close even to this day, I have truly come to appreciate what this program is all about, and for that I am extremely thankful.

As I look around this room here today, I see many different types of young men. After observing this year's Boys' State as both your counselor and governor, I have noticed that some of you are great athletes, great musicians, and some possess great public speaking qualities. The point is that each and every one of you brings a different character and personality trait to the table. However, the one characteristic that all of you possess is that of leadership. All of you are outstanding leaders, otherwise you would not be present here today. I strongly encourage each of you to apply this great gift to benefit your community, your state, your nation, and your world. I also advise you to absorb all the information and important lessons you will receive during your week at Mountaineer Boys' State, and put these teachings into action within your community. In all honesty, I would like to let you know that because of young men like you, I am very excited about the future of our state. I am looking forward to taking on the challenge that will face our generation. I am proud of you and I am proud of this program.

In conclusion, I would first like to express my deepest gratitude and thanks to our veterans, our legionnaires, who, without their sacrifice, my opportunity to spend my short time on earth as a free man would not exist. Gentlemen, I thank you. To the staff of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State: I applaud and appreciate all the hard work that you do in making this program the enormous success that it truly is. Finally, I would like to thank you, the 2005 citizens of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State. I loved and appreciated your enthusiasm and acceptance of me as your governor. I want you to know that if you ever need me at all, I will be ready and willing to help any of you if necessary. Once again, I must re-iterate on how much pride I have in this state and you are all a big part of why I am proud to call myself a West Virginian. Thank you and, and I wish the best of luck to our new Governor Afeef Ahmed.



## FAREWELL BOBBY:

The end of Bobby!...Bobby!...Bobby!...Bobby!...Bobby!.....Bobby! At approximately 3:10, Bobby Harron said goodbye to the position of Governor. In his closing statement, Bobby stated that he learned more than just how a state government is run, he learned how to get through obstacles that life throws our way. He also said to contact him if we need anything. Bobby, could I have Karen's number when you're done with it.

Judge David Janes from Marion County swore in the newly elected Boys State officials. The new Governor, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, Treasurer, Supreme Court Justices, State Superintendent of Schools, Auditor, Attorney General, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House all took their Oath of Office.

# Inaugural Address

Afeef Ahmed also gave his opening address as Governor. He thanked the people that helped him win the election; his cabin, his counselors, special thanks to Phil Hancock, and God for giving him the opportunity to lead Boys State. He said it wasn't his win, it was our win, the 68<sup>th</sup> Mountaineer Boys State win. Ah, I can hear it now, rushing through my head. Afeef!... Afeef!... Afeef!... Afeef!... Afeef!... Afeef!... Afeef!.....Afeef!



# Thank You Instructors...



Board of Public Works Advisors:  
Governor's Office - Brian Kastick  
Secretary of State's Office - Phil Hancock  
Commission of Agriculture's Office - Steve Hannah  
Treasurer's Office - Paul Hill  
Auditor's Office - Mac Parsons  
Attorney General's Office - Rob Goldberg  
Legislator - Raamie Barker  
Legislator - Jerry Goodby



County Clerk - Bob Pasley  
Assessor - Randy Lipford  
Board of Education - Claude Smith  
County Commission - Mickey Brown  
City Government - Jon Tucci  
Sheriff - Rick Reese  
Circuit Clerk - Donald Kopp  
Prosecuting Attorney - Earl Maxwell  
Magistrate - Warren Davis  
Family Law Judge - Mark Snyder  
Defense Attorney - Chuck Shields  
Circuit Court Judge - John Lewis Marks, Jr.  
County Boards of Education - Claude Smith  
State Board - Dr. Howard O'Cull



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### ***Governor Joe Manchin***

The Honorable Governor Joe Manchin made a grand entrance by arriving in time for the Formal Review. He greeted a crowd of many Boys' State proud parents, family members, and dignitaries. Following the Formal Review, Governor Manchin addressed the assembly. Governor Manchin is a familiar face at Boys' State and a big fan of the program. He encourages the delegates to get involved. He dreamed of being a leader, following in his father and uncle's footsteps. As Secretary of State, he was instrumental in providing the touch screen voting which made Mountaineer Boys' State the only program to use this system. Thank you Governor Manchin for many years of dedication!



### ***Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Speaks to MBS***

Boys State was honored Wednesday evening to have Hershel "Woody" Williams in attendance to speak at the assembly. Williams was given the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman for his service in Iwo Jima. He also received a Purple Heart for his service. "Woody" has been honored in West Virginia by having many places named after him such as the National Guard Armory in Fairmont, an athletic field in Huntington, and a bridge also located in the state. After serving the United States, Williams is the only living West Virginian to receive a Medal of Honor for his duty in a war.

### ***Reel Speaks to MBS.***

Department Sergeant of Arms CSM Edmund L. Reel (RET) served in the US Army for 28 years. He was held captive by the North Koreans and the Red Chinese Army for 1026 days. Upon his release, he returned to Ft. George G. Meade for discharge. In 1953, he reenlisted and in 1962 was assigned to HQ Setaft Vienza Italy, then to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. He retired on April 1, 1975. CSM Reel is a recipient of the combat infantry badge, bronze with valor purple heart, and numerous other medals.



### ***Delegate Joe DeLong Speaks at Dinner***

**Joe DeLong is a three term member of the House of Delegates from Hancock County. He was the star lineman for WVU football team in the early 90s. He is now a professional horse trainer. He is chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee. DeLong encouraged the delegates to remember their values.**