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73rd Mountaineer Boys State Begins

The 73rd Annual American Legion Boys State was officially underway yesterday afternoon. At 9:00am, Clarence Walton, Director, and Steve Sluss, Administrator, opened registration for the 2010 Boys State citizens.

Approximately 300 young men from all regions of West Virginia, went through the registration process where they received their cottage and party assignment, as well as a Mountaineer Boys State T-shirt.

Upon leaving the Assembly Hall, it was on to the cottage to meet the counselors, find a bed, have orientation, and get ready for the Law Lecture and Bar Exam. At the cottage, each citizen was given an American Legion's Boys State Manual of Government which will be their guide throughout the week.

This year's Boys State includes banking, journalism, law enforcement, legal, and political career paths. Each citizen is given the opportunity for hands on learning.

The Boys State counselors and staff are always available to help with any need that may arise. If you need help with your campaign or are homesick, please let us know.

Throughout the week, you will be scored on many phases of citizenship while participating in the activities of Mountaineer Boys State.

College Credit Offered

For the third year, college credit is available for attending Mountaineer Boys State. The ACE Network, a non-profit organization created to support Boys and Girls State has arranged for 3 hours of general education elective credit through Clemson University. Citizens who applied for the college credit will need to complete a daily journal of their Boys State activities, pass the final exam given on Friday and design a community service project online. The credit will transfer to any public college and university as well as most private colleges. The cost is only \$270.00 and citizens will have until the Thursday night assembly. See Administrator Sluss for more details.



The Mountaineer

The newspaper will be staffed by citizens under the guidance of Betty Ann Stine Williams, Amanda Sluss, and Ernie Horn. The citizens will report on guest speakers, elections, classes, legislative news, cottage happenings, athletics, and what is taking place at the city, county, and state levels of government. We encourage you to get involved in everything offered this week. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity!

If you know of any newsworthy happenings, stop by the newspaper office located in the Southeastern Learning Center and let us know.

Have a great time, learn a lot about government, and make new friends. Enjoy your week at Jackson's Mill!!!

Boys State is Hi-Tech

Once again Boys State citizens will use touch-screen voting for the state wide races in the Primary and General Elections. Mountaineer Boys State is probably the only Boys State program in the country to use this voting procedure.

West Virginia Secretary of State, Natalie Tennant, has provided the voting machines and Casto & Harris is providing the programming. Thank you from Mountaineer Boys State!!!



Samsung Scholarships

The Samsung Scholarship applications should be submitted to Jim Davis at the Dorsey Center by dinner on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. If you completed the Samsung Scholarship online, please let Mr. Davis know by Wednesday. The following information should be turned in with the application:



1. SAT scores
2. Application completed
3. Transcript from high school
4. DD-214 (Honorable Discharge papers)

The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the final assembly on Saturday, June 19, 2010.

A Brief History of Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government.

Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young ladies called Girls State.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

American Legion Boys State is currently conducted in 49 Departments of The American Legion. Hawaii does not conduct a program. As separate corporations, Boys States vary in content and method of procedure, but each and every Boys State adheres to the basic concept of the program; that of teaching government from the township to the state level.

From the AL website www.legion.org

Don't Pass It Up, Pick It Up!!!



The campus of Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and depositing it in trash cans. Put pop cans in special containers where available, so we leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we arrived Sunday. Thank you!!!

Mountaineer Boys State Online www.mountaineerboysstate.org

Parents and friends back home can keep up with all the happenings here at Mountaineer Boys State by accessing the official website. During the week of Boys State, the website will transform itself into Mountaineer Boys State Live Streaming Video!!! Provided by US-TREAM LIVE!

The website, maintained by the IT team, will include election results, the daily schedule, athletic results, pictures and much, much more.

Be sure to have everyone at home check out the website!!!

Thanks to our Sponsors

The question is often asked, "Who foots the bill for Boys State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at Jackson's Mill? Who pays for the transportation, insurance, and administrative costs?" Civic clubs, lodges, school booster clubs, the American Legion and service organizations, as well as business firms, sponsor students to Boys State. The WV Department of the American Legion pays for the administrative cost.

All delegates of Boys State are selected by their high school staff or by local American Legion Post officials.

Please be sure to write and thank your sponsor for enabling you to attend Mountaineer Boys State by supplementing the cost of the program. Boys State stationery and envelopes are available in the Dorsey Center. There is also a box for outgoing mail in the Dorsey Center.



Men of Tomorrow

Oh, we're the Men of Tomorrow,
We march along in happy ranks today.
We never borrow
A bit of care or grief along the way.
Gladly we're learning
The things a good American should know.
Gladly we're yearning
To chart the way a patriot should go.
With lessons done
Objectives won
Good citizens we'll be;
We'll proudly stand
In our homeland
Where Mountaineers are free.
Men of Tomorrow
Good fellowship each one of us enjoys,
Men of Tomorrow
A group of all American boys.

Guest Speakers!

Lunch— Gus Douglas

Dinner— Coach Stewart

Assembly— Natalie Tennant



Monday's Menu

Breakfast

Breakfast Bagels
Hot and Cold Cereal
Bananas
Orange Juice
Milk

Lunch

Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Salad
Watermelon
Lemonade

Dinner

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes w/
Gravy
Green Beans
Rolls

Schedules!!!

**PLEASE SEE
PAGES 13 AND
18 IN YOUR
MBS MANUAL!**

FLAG DAY—June 14, 2009



REMEMBER ME?

Author Unknown

Hello! Remember Me? Some call me Ole Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flagthe Flag of the United States of America...There has been something that has been bothering me, so, I thought that I might talk it over with you here today.

I remember some time ago, (I think it was Memorial Day, or was it Veterans Day?) that people were lined up on both sides of the street for a parade. A high school band was behind me and, naturally, I was leading the parade.

When your Daddy saw me coming along waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it so that his right hand was directly

over his heart.

And you – I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier, you didn't have any hat, but you were giving me the right salute. Remember, they taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart, and little sister, not to be out-done, was saluting the same as you. There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving the military salute. Oh, I was very proud as I came down your street that day.

Now, I may sound as if I am a little conceited, Well, I am! I have a right to be, because I represent you, the people of the United States of America.

But what happened? I am still the same old flag. Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot more stars added since the beginning of this country, and lot more blood shed since that patriotic day so long ago. Not I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, some people just stand there with their hands in their pockets and give me a small glance and then look away. I see children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have some people forgotten what I stand for? Have they forgotten all the battlefields where men have fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me you are actually saluting them!

Take a look at the memorial rolls some time. Look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends and relatives of yours. That's whom you are saluting, not me! Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll see me waving back—that's my salute to you. And then I will know you remember who I am...

Why Do We March?

By now many citizens have grumbled about marching everywhere they go. The answer the that question is simple. Marching is the most efficient, and more importantly, the SAFEST way to move large groups of people in the limited amount of time we have. Mountaineer Boys State has a very good safety record in its seventy-three year history. Requiring the citizens to march is a major factor in achieving and maintaining that record.

Secondly, we are visited by many dignitaries and other guests throughout the week. Seeing the citizens marching to class, to the dining hall, and to the assembly hall is quite impressive and adds to the prestige of Boys State. Marching is as much a part of Boys State as the American Legion itself.

So Hup...two... three... four.... and have fun!!!!

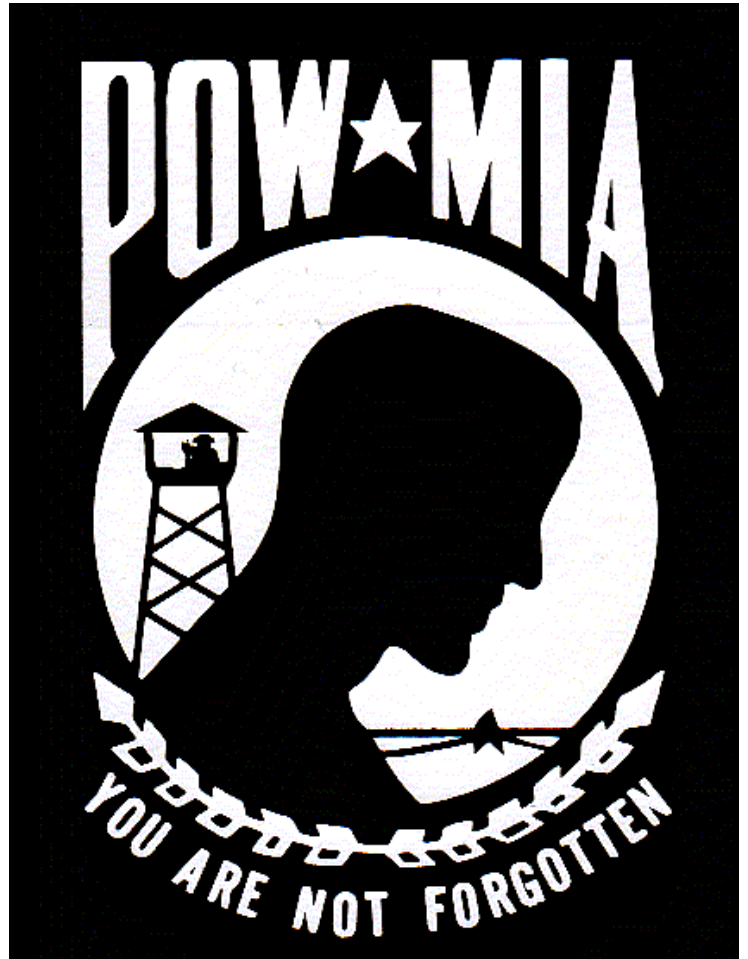


POW/MIA Recognition Day

By Brent Bailey

POW/MIA recognition day is the third Friday in September. It was chosen to salute all prisoners of war and soldiers who have gone missing in action, and a flag was created with it to bring recognition to unreturned soldiers- that flag is now officially a national flag. On this day there are ceremonies throughout the nation for remembrance of the fallen or unreturned, so as not to let the public forget. Our own West Virginia American Legion has created its own day, the American Legion Family Salute to All Veterans Past and Present, which is held September 19th at Holly Gray Park in Flatwoods. It is a remembrance and tribute to all veterans, past and present. The event was started by the West Virginia detachment of the Sons of the American Legion as something to promote the American Legion family and, according to our very own Bill Diedrich, an SAL member, it's "something to promote the American Legion family and educate the public that we're more than just a legion post in their town. It has ceremonies similar to the empty table Boys State witnessed earlier this week, a field of white crosses, and behind that, 25 POW/MIA flags for the 25 West Virginia men who went missing during Vietnam and were never recovered. There is American Legion literature available, a pavilion with memorabilia from all wars, and a replica a prisoner of war cage from Vietnam. All funds received at this event go towards the West Virginia Children's Hospital and the Legacy Fund (scholarships for children of soldiers killed in service of their country), both of which are American Legion programs. Ceremonies are from 10 to 2, and all Boys State citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend and honor the men who gave everything for their country.

Thanks to Bill Diedrich for providing the information necessary for this article.



Anyone interested in the service academies:

West Point
US Naval Academy
US Air Force Academy
US Merchant Marine Academy
US Coast Guard Academy

Contact: COL Bob Marshall, Ret
USMA Field Force
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bob.munhall@att.net

Be sure to tell him that you attended Mountaineer Boys State.



AWARDS FOR THE WEEK



The recipients of these awards will be selected in the following manner:
Recommendations are made by the counselors of each cottage.
Candidates are interviewed by members of the staff.
Candidates will not necessarily be limited to the recommendations of the counselors.

Tommy E. Jones Trophy Award

The Tommy E. Jones Trophy will be awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who contributes the most to the political process. Among the criteria for this award are:

- Enthusiasm
- Sincerity
- Honesty
- Organizational Ability
- Creativity

P.E. Kercheval Award

The P.E. Kercheval Award will go to a citizen who is a participant in the activities of Boys' State, is courteous, congenial, has high moral standards, and demonstrates leadership.

Frank Taylor Jr. Award

This trophy is awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who exhibits an enthusiastic interest in law and displays a high moral character with honor, respect, and integrity for the rights of others. In addition, this young man must be an active participant in the programs of Mountaineer Boys' State. All citizens who successfully passed the Mountaineer Boys' State Bar Exam may be considered for this award.

William R. Fugitt Memorial Award

The Bill Fugitt Award will go to the cottage that attains the best total score in the following seven categories:

- City Government
- County Government
- Board of Education
- Law Examination
- Circuit Court
- Inspection
- General conduct of all citizens of that cottage during the entire week
- Athletics/Band

Dr. John T. Dombrosky Memorial Award

The Dr. John T. Dombrosky Award will be given to the staff member or citizen who has displayed the attributes of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness with the Legion principles as exemplified by Dr. Dombrosky.

David Farris Award

The David —Davel Farris Award is presented to the Boy's State citizen who contributes significantly to the city and/or county government aspects of the Mountaineer Boys' State program and exhibits the qualities of a good sense of humor, kindness, competence, and fairness for all. All citizens who hold an elected city or county office shall be eligible for this award. Dave Farris was a citizen of Boys' State in the late 1970s. He was a long time Staff member who served in many positions. He was a Junior Counselor and served on the headquarters' staff. Dave played a vital role in the City and County governmental process at Boys' State in 1991. Dave was killed by an automobile accident a few weeks following the 1991 Boys' State.

Boys' Nation Award

Citizens who have been elected to a state office, Speaker of the House or President of the Senate, have served in the capacity of State Party Chairman, or have demonstrated extraordinary leadership are eligible to be considered as a candidate for Boys' Nation. Each candidate will be required to complete an application as well as go through an interview. The interview panel will seek input from the eligible candidate's counselors regarding the individual's character, leadership, participation, etc...

Legislator of the Year

The Legislator of the Year shall be a member or officer of the Senate or House of Delegates who best exemplifies extraordinary character, enthusiasm for education, and a genuine devotion to the legislative process. The legislative advisors, chaired by the legislative coordinator, shall select the award.