

THE MOUNTAINEER

American Legion Boys State

By: The American Legion Department of West Virginia

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government, American Legion Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first American Legion Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

American Legion Boys State programs currently exist in all American Legion departments except Hawaii. As separate corporations, American Legion Boys State programs vary in content and method of procedure, but each adheres to the same basic concept: teaching government from the township to the state level.

American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a separate but similar program for young women called American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

At American Legion Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, American Legion Boys State activities include

legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs.

American Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. In most cases, a sponsoring post, local business, community-based organization, or individual pays the Citizen's sponsorship to the program.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program is the second oldest in the nation and began in 1936, and is the only program to be held continuously where it was founded. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Board of Directors, in recognition of the exigencies of the war years, cancelled the program for the years 1943 and 1945.

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A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!

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Why Do We March?

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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-eight year history.

Requiring the citizens to march is a major factor in achieving and maintaining that record.

Secondly, many dignitaries and other guests throughout the week visit us. 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 and prepares us for the Formal Review to honor the newly elected state officials and our Veterans on Wednesday.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Title 4 U.S. Code § 4

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart.

When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.

POW/MIA Society

www.pow-miafamilies.org/

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.

The League's sole purpose is to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation.



What is Taps & When Is It Used?

Taps is now played by the military at burial and memorial services, to accompany the lowering of the flag and to signal the “lights out” command at day’s end.

Throughout the week of American Legion Mountaineer Boys State you will hear *Taps* sounded numerous times throughout the day. When heard, it is appropriate for you to stand in place and surrender a proper salute.

Words To Taps

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lakes, From the hills, From the sky,
All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.

Fading light, Dims the sight,
And a star, Gems the sky, Gleaming bright,
From afar, Drawing nigh, Falls the night.

Thanks and praise, For our days,
Neath the sun, Neath the stars, Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Awards

Awards are presented on the final day of the program and candidates are interviewed by the respective award selection committee.

BOYS NATION: Two Citizens will be selected to represent The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State at Boys Nation. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Citizen. 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 and suitability for selection.

WILLIAM R. FUGITT MEMORIAL AWARD: This award, given in memory of long time Mountaineer Boys State Administrator William R. Fugitt, is given to the cottage that attains the best total score in the categories of City Government, County Government, Board of Education, Bar Examination, Legal Program, Daily Inspection, Athletics/Band Participation, State Election Participation, and General conduct of all citizens of that cottage during the entire week.

DR. JOHN T. DOMBROSKY AWARD: This award, given in memory of Dr. John T. Dombrosky who was a Mountaineer Boys State Citizen, Assistant Medical Officer and Chief Medical Officer, is presented to a 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. Previous recipients of the Dr. John T. Dombrosky Award shall comprise the Selection Committee.

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD: The Legislator of the Year award is given to a member of the Mountaineer Boys State 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 recipient of this award.

TOMMY E. JONES AWARD: This award, given in memory of long time Mountaineer Boys State Administrator Tommy E. Jones, will be awarded to the Citizen 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: This award, given in memory of longtime Mountaineer Boys State Chief Medical Officer and one of the original Founders of Mountaineer Boys' State, Dr. P. E. Kercheval, is given to a Citizen who is a participant in all of the activities of Boys State, is courteous, congenial, has high moral standards and demonstrates leadership.

FRANK TAYLOR JR. AWARD: This award, given in memory of longtime

Mountaineer Boys State Legal Advisor Frank Taylor Jr., is awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys State who exhibits an enthusiastic interest in law and displays high moral character with honor, respect and integrity for the rights of others. In addition, the recipient must be an active participant in the programs of Mountaineer Boys State. Only Citizens who successfully passed the Mountaineer Boys State Bar Examination will be considered for this award.

DAVID "Dave" FARRIS AWARD: This award, given in memory of longtime Mountaineer Boys State Counselor and Headquarters Staff member, David "Dave" Farris, is presented to the 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. Only those Citizens who hold an elected city or county office shall be eligible for this award.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE AMERICANISM AWARD: This award will be bestowed upon the graduating Citizen who has shown the most patriotism throughout the week, demonstrating respect to the flag and to ceremonies. The Citizen should demonstrate integrity, enthusiasm, service before self, honor, and love of country.

Senator Shelley Moore Capito



Shelley Moore Capito was elected by the people of West Virginia to the United States Senate in 2014. She is the first female U.S. senator in West Virginia’s history and was elected with the largest margin of victory for a Republican in state history – winning more than 62 percent of the vote and all 55 counties.

Shelley believes that the challenges of our day demand

bipartisan solutions and cooperation across the aisle to advance legislation that benefits West Virginia and the country as a whole.

Shelley serves on the Appropriations Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, and the Rules and Administration Committee. This committee portfolio puts Shelley in a strong position to build on the work she began in the House, and to fight for West Virginia coal, jobs and families.

On the Senate Appropriations Committee, Shelley will ensure West Virginia has a seat at the table when our nation’s spending priorities are

determined.

Shelley is committed to being accessible and responsive to the people of the Mountain State. She regularly travels the state to listen and meet with West Virginians.

A lifelong West Virginian, Shelley was born in Glen Dale in the Northern Panhandle. She holds a B.S. in Zoology from Duke University and a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia. Shelley and her husband Charles L. Capito Jr. reside in Charleston. They have three adult children: two sons, Charles (wife Laura) and Moore (wife Katie), and one daughter, Shelley (husband Colin Macleod). They have also been blessed with a grandson, Charlie, and a granddaughter, Celia.

Men of Tomorrow

Written by Roy Lee Harmon – Music by Margaret Nicely Leidig

VERSE

Some day the State we love will call for leaders strong and bold
 To solve the problems great or small and we’ll be enrolled
 For service to our fellowmen, and we won’t be afraid,
 We’re training now for service, then we’ll lead the big parade.

CHORUS

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 home land
 When Mountaineers are free,
 Men of tomorrow, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,
 Men of tomorrow . . . a group of all American boys.

MENU

LUNCH

- Corn Dogs
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Green Beans
- Salad
- Watermelon

DINNER

- Lasagna
- Broccoli
- Garlic Bread
- Salad
- Yellow Cake
- Fresh Fruit