

THE MOUNTAINEER

Welcome to ALMBS

By: *The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State*

The 85th Annual American Legion Boys State officially began yesterday, June 9, 2024. Approximately 200 young men from all regions of West Virginia went through the registration process, which included their cottage and party assignments, as well as issuance of their American Legion Boys State t-shirts.

After registration, the citizens were off to their assigned cottages to meet their counselors, find a bed, have an orientation, and get ready for the Law Lecture and Bar Exam. Each citizen was given *The American Legion Boys State Manual of Government*, which will be his guide throughout the week.

The American Legion Boys State program offers opportunities for each citizen to have hands on learning in banking, journalism, law enforcement, legal, political, homeland security, National Guard, corrections, and emergency management career paths.

The American Legion Boys State counselors and staff are volunteers who are available to help with any need that may arise whether it is career path questions or simply homesickness.

Throughout the week, scores will be given on many phases of citizenship while participating in the activities of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Individual and cottage awards will be presented on Saturday for outstanding achievements during the week.

Jamie Summerlin to speak at 2024 ALMBS

Embarking on a remarkable journey on March 26, 2012, Jamie Summerlin, a dedicated veteran of the US Marine Corps, set out on an extraordinary mission.

His goal was two-fold: to pay tribute to our Military and Veterans while raising funds for Operation Welcome Home, a West Virginia-based veteran's facility he co-founded in 2012. Starting from the scenic Coos Bay, Oregon, Jamie ran tirelessly across the nation, covering a staggering distance of 3,452 miles. Over the course of 100 days, enduring 10 pairs of running shoes, his resolute spirit impacted countless lives along the way. Ultimately, he triumphantly concluded his expedition in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, etching his name as the 48th person in history to complete a genuine Ocean to Ocean run across America.

Deadline for filing for office is Monday, June 10, 2024, at 12:15pm!!! File for state offices at Headquarters.



US Flag Code

Adopted June 14, 1923

On June 14, 1923, Representatives from over 68 organizations, led by the American Legion's Americanism Commission, met to draft an authentic code of flag etiquette. The code drafted by this conference was given nationwide distribution. This was done so that we all do things the same way when it comes to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Flag of the United States is considered to be a living symbol representing our country. Your flag represents the many freedoms, rights, and responsibilities entrusted to the citizens of this country. The proper display and use of the flag is the responsibility of every citizen. The code is simply a guideline for proper display of, and honor to, our flag. There are no penalties for violation of the provisions of the code.

Should there be?

2024 ALMBS Newspaper Staff:

Editor: Jack Kyle, Brock Tanner

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MONDAY'S SPEAKERS:

**West Virginia Attorney
General Patrick Morrissey-
Lunchtime**

**WVU President Gordon
Gee-Evening Assembly**

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Flag

Although provided for and described in the Constitution, ratified in 1937 by the Citizens of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, the actual purchase of the official flag was not made until National American Legion Headquarters approved the design in March of 1957.

The flag has the profile of Stonewall Jackson surrounded by the 14 counties of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State represented by stars (nine gold for the original counties and five navy for the additional counties) upon a white background. The lettering includes the American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Mountaineer Boys State and its motto: "Build for Citizenship".

The flag was reproduced in 2012, for the 75th American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

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*Official newspaper of
ALMBS*

The Mountaineer is the daily newspaper which is published by the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Journalism Staff. The broadcast staff will be presenting multiple broadcasts each night at the assembly.

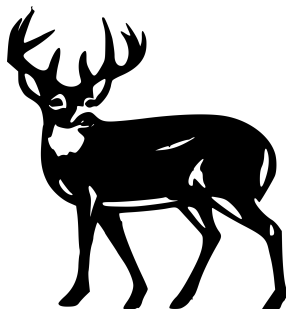
Citizens report on guest speakers, elections, classes, legislative news, cottage happenings, athletics, and what is taking place at the city, county and state levels of government.

"Got news?" Stop by the Journalism office located in the Southeastern Learning Center and let us know.

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ATTENTION

Throughout the week props will be placed in the camp (deer decoys, turkey decoys, etc.).
DO NOT BOTHER THEM!!!



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THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Sponsorships are solicited year-round for the program.

Who foots the bill for Boys State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill? Who pays for the transportation, insurance, and administrative costs?" The American Legion Family, civic clubs, lodges, school booster clubs, and service organizations, as well as business firms, sponsor students to attend The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. The American Legion Department of West Virginia pays for the administrative cost of the program.

Citizens of American Legion Mountaineer Boys State are selected by their high school staff and/or local American Legion Post.

Please be sure to write and thank your sponsor for enabling you to attend The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State by supplementing the cost of the program. If you don't know who that is, see Marie Burliegh in headquarters. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State stationary and envelopes are available in Dorsey Center. There is also a box for outgoing mail in the Dorsey Center.

The American Legion Posts and ALMBS staff work throughout the year to recruit sponsorships to ensure a full program. It is request that when you return to your hometown and school you help spread the word to continue increasing enrollment. The best gift you can provide to the program is the gift of referring your friends and classmates to attend in the future.

Our goal is to have every high school and county in the State of West Virginia represented each year. Your help will make this possible.

Jim's General Store 2024

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- Soda (Can).....\$1.00
- Gatorade.....\$2.00
- Lemonade in bottles...\$2.00
- Water.....\$1.00
- Candy.....\$1.00-\$1.50
- Snow Cone.....\$1.00
- Pepperoni Rolls....\$2.00 small, \$3.00 large- limit two per person
- Popcorn.....\$1.00 per bag
- Ice Cream.....\$1.25
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- MBS Beanie caps...\$10
- MBS Belt buckles...\$25
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 Full Page: \$999.00

Medical News



"If it's a tick, don't pick!"



*It is Hot! -----
"Drink a lot!"*

Don't Pass It Up, Pick It Up!



The campus of West Virginia University Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and recycling pop cans. Let's leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we arrived.



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