

*The American Legion*  
**Boys State of Virginia**



**2017**  
**75th Session**  
**Radford University**  
**Radford, Virginia**



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*For God and Country*

Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations and welcome to The American Legion Boys State family! American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. I am confident that you will not be disappointed with your decision to participate in this outstanding citizenship education experience. It will likely influence your life decisions in ways that you cannot fully appreciate until years later.

As one of the 20,000 young men who participate nationwide in this activity, you will experience government in a practical sense by actually participating in it. American Legion Boys State is a leadership action program; one that teaches government and its structure. It proves that government is just what you make it. You will find it to be challenging and sometimes tiring, and I'm certain you will always find it to be enjoyable and educational.

If this government "...of the people, by the people, and for the people" is to remain strong, it requires the involvement of its citizens. The onus of preparing for that responsibility now rests squarely upon your shoulders, and those of future generations. In the seventy-five plus years, American Legion Boys State has been prominent in producing young men, just like you, ready to accept that responsibility.

It is possible that a future governor, congressman or even president will be in your class of American Legion Boys State citizens. I make this statement because this program has historically been the springboard for many to careers in public service. Others benefit from their participation by developing friendships with their fellow citizens while joining a common fraternity that extends long after the on-site program ends. I encourage you to make the most of this experience. What you put into the program is what you will be able take back home to your local communities and schools

Again I extend best wishes for an interest-provoking, exciting and personally rewarding 2017 American Legion Boys State experience.

CHARLES E. SCHMIDT  
National Commander



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*Director*

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*Chief City Counselors*

**Steve Cox**

*Director of Logistics*

**Ken Knight**

*Director of Operations*

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# A Proud History

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The youth movement known as Boys State was originally sponsored by the American Legion to counteract Pioneer Camps which were being conducted in the United States by the Nazi Freedom Foundation. Pioneer Camps taught that, although the democratic form of government has served its purpose well, it was outdated and should be replaced by a fascist form of government. Legionnaires in Illinois decided to organize schools to teach youth the American way of life. They wanted to develop some type of educational program giving youth a better understanding of our system of government and to instill in them ways to preserve the freedoms we have under our democratic way of life.

The Americanism Committee of the American Legion of Illinois obtained use of the State Fairgrounds for a week in June 1935. The Legion contacted the high school principals in their state and asked them to select junior class leaders to attend a new program to study the Constitution and government of the State of Illinois. During that week the delegates were asked to suggest a name for the new program. The name Boys State was suggested and unanimously adopted. On completing a course of study based on American values and an in depth study of local and state government structure the program was approved by the American Legion National organization and given the name Boys State.

Other States followed Illinois and developed Boys State programs based on their respective constitutions and governmental structures. In 1939 the American Legion Department of Virginia, with the cooperation of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, organized the Old Dominion Boys State. In 1956, the name was changed to The American Legion Boys State of Virginia. It has been held during the month of June every year since 1939, with the exception of the war years of 1942-1945.

The Boys State program has been developed and refined on the assumption that youth can best learn by doing. The curriculum is patterned after actual mechanics of the state and local governments in Virginia. Divided into 16 separate cities, the citizens elect mayors, delegates, senators, judges, and city officials to carry out the duties of each. They are divided into two political parties and each party selects nominees for the state offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. The winning candidates form a micro functioning state government which crafts and passes laws. The laws passed by the assembly and signed by the governor are presented to the assembled citizens during the last assembly before graduation. All graduates take with them an understanding of the democratic process and the way Virginia government works.

Boys State is not just concerned with the government process, but is also concerned with the well-rounded citizen. With that in mind a complete activities program is included. There are organized sports, a band, a choir, a daily newspaper and educational programs other than government. There is also a talent show which gives the boys a chance to show off their skills and talents.

The Boys State program is staffed entirely by volunteers who devote at least one full week of their time (vacation or otherwise) to the program. Some give more time during the year to develop and plan for a successful Boys State experience.



# Citizens Arrive



Citizens from District 17 arrive by bus.



Jarrett Lash Registers



Austin Gies makes a food donation to Daily Bread of Radford



Turner Leigh and Joshua get there Flag Books



Daniel Brickhill studies his Flag book



# Opening Sessions



George Blume, Boys Nation



Gerald Rhoads, Director of Boys State



Dan Dellinger, Master of Ceremonies



Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag



Jarad Phelps, Chief City Counselor



Robert O'Keefe Delivers Oath



Taking the Boys State Oath



# Opening Sessions



Dr. Brian Hemphill, President of Radford University



Keynote speaker, Richard L. Anderson Colonel USAF(Ret)



Hon. Bruce Brown, Mayor of Radford City



Boys State Reporter interviews President Hemphill



A Chance to conduct the Boys State band



# City Meetings and Elections



Cities organize on day 1



Discussing the candidates for Sheriff



Running for Sherriff



Casting a vote for Mayor, Delagates and the Senate



Turning in Results to the Board of Elections



State Board of Elections



# General Assembly Members Visit



Senators and Delegates attending the 2017 Boys State program. Lto R Sen. Peake, Del. Rasoul, Del. Rush, Del. Anderson, Sen. Edwards, Del Yost, Del. RP Bell, Del. Greasum, Del. Hugo, Del. Cline



Delegate Anderson presenting ALBS Director Gerald Rhodes with HJR 806 on ALBS's 75th Anniversary



ALBS 1980 Alumnus, Jeff Finch, Deputy Clerk, explains the



Del. Cline receives his Blue shirt



# Former Governor Visits



The Governor and the executive branch of Boys State



Former Governor of Virginia, Hon. Robert McDonnell



Governor of Virginia, Hon. Terry McAuliffe video message



Leading the Band



Governor's proclamation



The Governor meets a citizen.



# The Lieutenant Governor Visits



Lt Governor, Hon. Ralph Northam



Greeting the citizens



Question and answer time



State Troopers



Lt. Governor Northam with David Braun



# Attorney General



Hon. Mark Herring holds an interactive tele-conference



Citizens ask questions of the Attorney General via a live feed.



# State Elections



Nationalist Party candidates



Favorable reaction to a candidate



Looking for votes



Delivering campaign speech



A favorable reaction to a speech



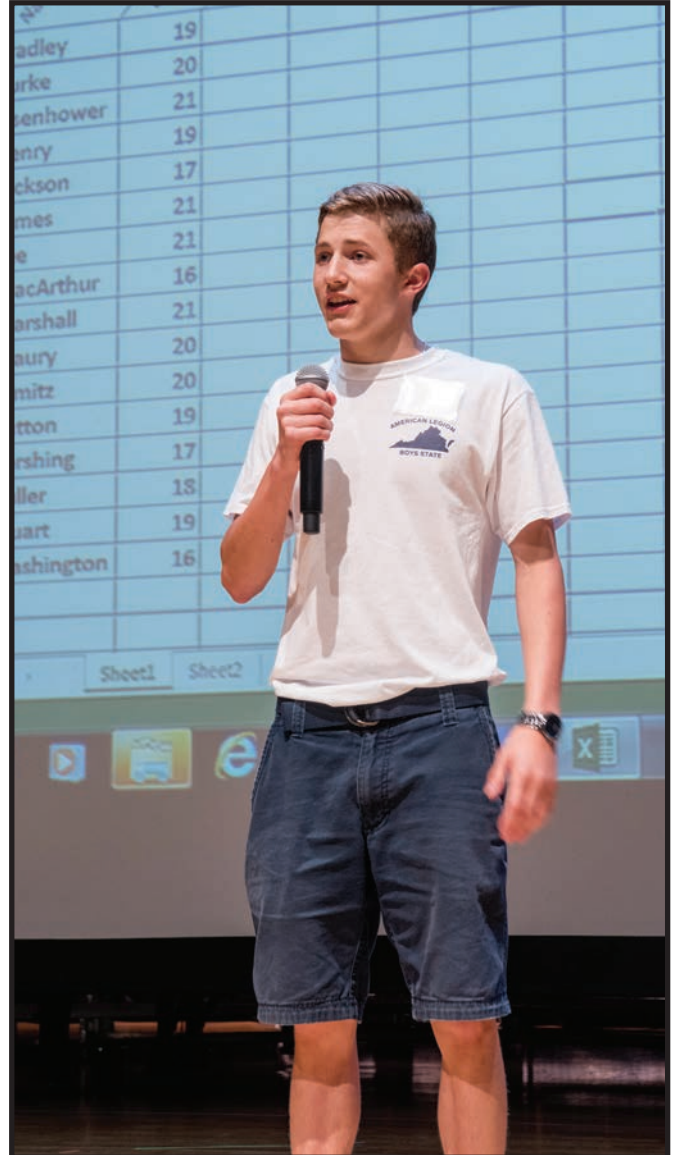
# Nationalist Party Convention



City party chair consults his city



City party chair reads out votes



Finalist for Lt. Governor



Dan Combs works Party Clerk



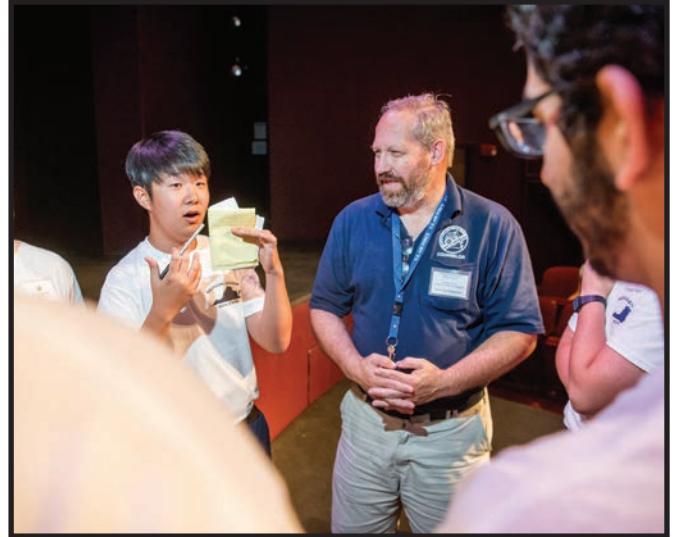
Parliamentarian confers with Party Chairman



# Federalist Party Convention



Conducting the election for Party Chairman.



Rules committee meets make a ruling



Clerk enters votes into spread sheet



The suspense of the convention



City chair poles for the votes



# The Senate in Session



Members of the Boys State Senate



President Pro-Tempore



Senators discuss legislation



Speaking in Support of a Bill



The Senate Clerk reviews the status of legislation



# The House in Session



Members of the Boys State House



House voting on legislation



Debating a bill



Speaker of the House



# Sports & Activities



Soccer



Moot Court



Frisbee Golf



Basketball



Getting Certified in CPR



# Sports & Activities



Beach Volleyball



Parliamentary Procedure



Bowling



8-Ball



Flag Football



# Band and Chorus



Boys State Band



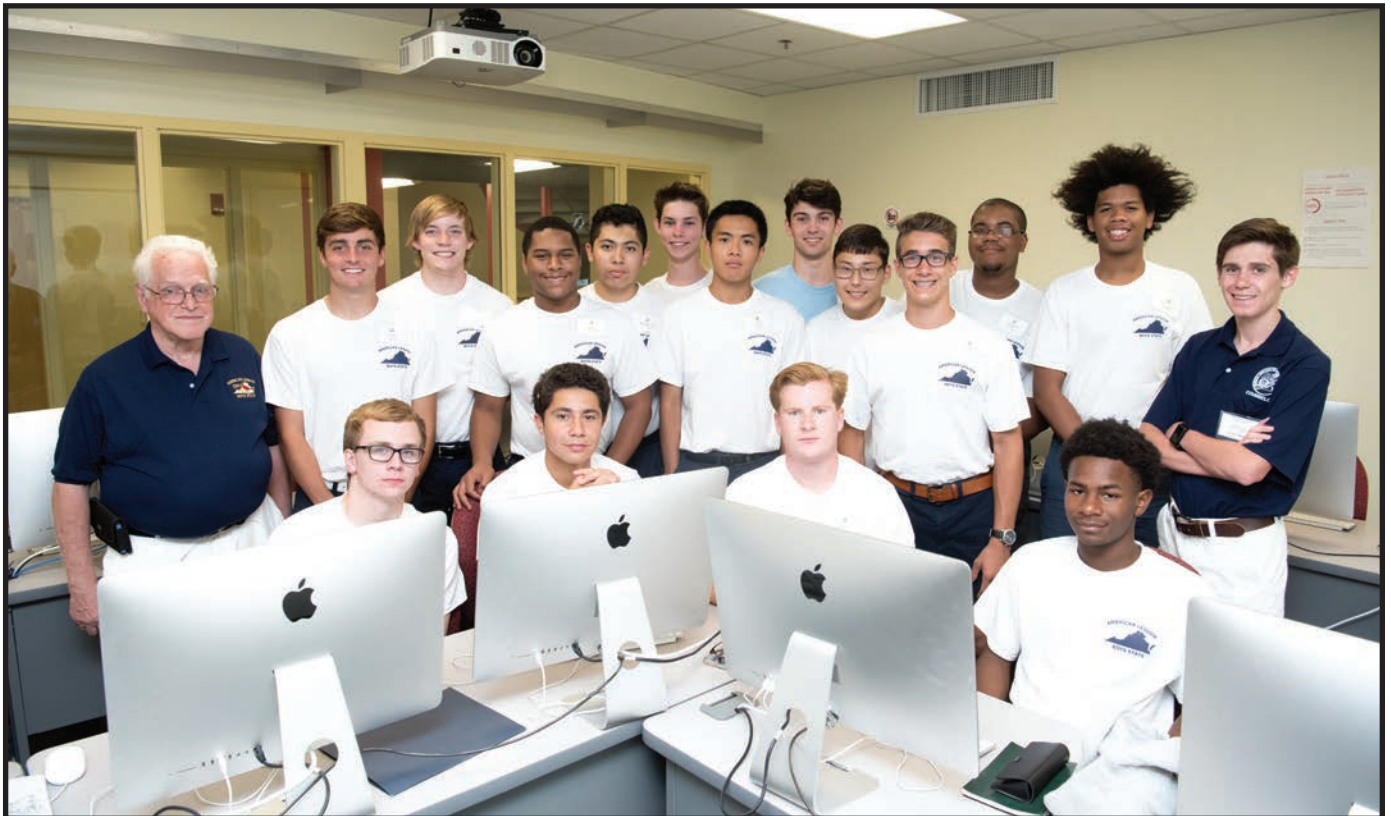
Boys State Gentlemen of Note



# Special Groups



Boys State Chaplains



Boys State Newspaper Staff



# Talent Show

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MC Turner Leigh



Rap w/ beatboxing - Darian Johnson-Cook



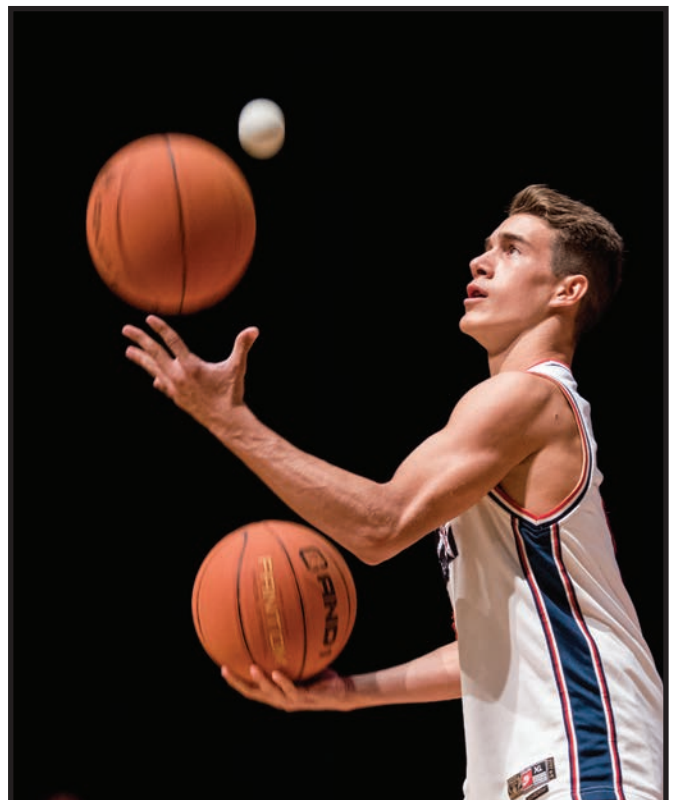
Chopin "Scherzo No. 2" - Philip Lambert



Expert Breather, Joseph Black



Original Song w/ guitar "Hallow" - Forest Veerhoff



Basketball dribbling Demo - Chris Oglesby



# Talent Show



Guitar Solo "Fly Me To The Moon" - Jinwoo Kim



Blow Hard, Finger Fast & Smash -  
Edwin Stephenson, Chandler Carlson, Austin Young & Bryce Dash



Justin Ephriam & Matthew Hua



National Anthem - Jimmy Nichols



A Reading from Shakespeare - "HARK"



All demonstrated great talent



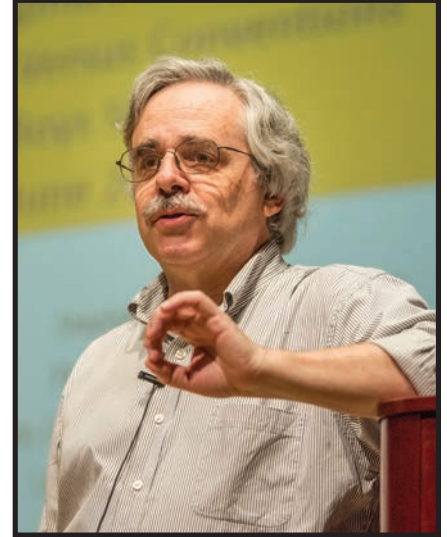
# Speakers & Presentations



Chris Skinner



Hon. Levar Stoney  
Mayor of Richmond



Dr. Steven Farnsworth - Professor  
University of Mary Washington



Virginia State Police



Ed Gillespie  
Candidate for Governor



Oratorical Winner- Timothy Park



Hon. Nancy Rodrigues  
Secretary of Administration



Officer Mark Brewer  
Va. Game & Inland Fisheries



Hon. Ron Rordam  
Mayor of Blacksburg



Brig. Gen. Paul Griffin  
Virginia National Guard



# Flag



Boys State Flag Detail

Jackson Lockhart, Landon Moore, Daniel Wade, Brandon Karns, Ryan Connolly, Erick Clark, Andrew Boaz, Joseph Godin, Thomas Ryerse, Jack Sherman, Grayson Harmon, Graham Warren, Christopher Johnson, Benjamin Blitt, Joshua Leach



Full Band in the Evening



Post 16 & Flag Disposal Team



The Choir



# Elected Boys State Officials

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**Governor  
Denzel Mitchell**



**Lieutenant Governor  
Jordan Teaford**



**Attorney General  
Matthew Hue**



**Speaker of the House  
Daniel Brickhill**



**President Pro-Tem of the Senate  
Joshua Chapman**



**Chief Justice  
Aditya Kannoth**



**Supreme Court**



**Boys State Cabinet**



# Inauguration



Speaker of the House presides



Posting the colors



The Elected Official enter



Governor takes the oath



Lt. Governor takes the oath



Attorney General takes the oath



# Awards & Honors

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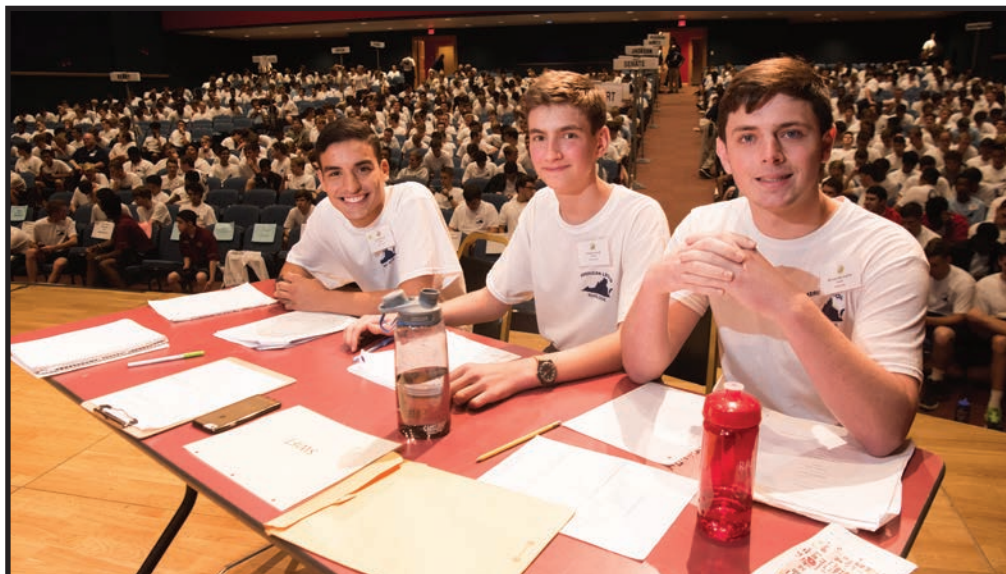
**Boys Nation**  
Colin Lee



**Boys Nation**  
Ian Waite



**Samsung Scholarship**  
Patrick Kelley



**Moot Court Winners from Patton**



# Boys State Parade



The Boys State Band



The Supreme Court marches



The Executive Branch marches by



A State Police Motorcycle Escort



Paying respect to a city



# American Legion Night

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Department Commander Dave Stein



Better speaking award winner - Christopher Boose



Delivering the Senate report



Delivering the Senate report



Members of the ALBS Supreme court render there decision



# American Legion Night



Boys State Hall of Fame Selectee Robert O'Keefe



Boys State Hall of Fame Selectee Frenchie Burnett



Report from the House



Robert O'Keefe presents Patrick Kelley with the Samsung Scholarship Award



A powerful ceremony in honor of our POWs and MIA



# American Legion Boys State Officials

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**David M. Stein**  
**American Legion**  
**Department**  
**Commander**



**Gerald Rhoades**  
**Director of Boys State**



**American Legion Boys State of Virginia Board of Directors**





# Best City • James



# Bradley City



ROW 3: Stephen DeCoster, Tyler Harris, Daniel O'Connor, Brett Flanders, John Wolfe, Neil Sanghavi, Grayson Heflin, Austin Askew, Joshua Brickhouse, Kyle Moore, Richard Lee, Erick Clark, Nicholas Abbott, Jonathan Czerniawski, Joseph (Sam) Curtin, Kevin O'Meara Jr., James Morton

ROW 2: Wesley Clements, John Turbeville, Heney Waddill, William Olson, Maximilian Gebauer, Kevin Jurewicz, Seth Alderson, Joshua Baker, Sam Rose, Long Luu, Siddarth Shankar, Dalton Powers, Josiah Bartolomei, Craig Hagigh, Nathan Guilfoyle, Forest Veerhoff

ROW B1: Richard Eaton (Counselor), Joseph Jones, Josias Christian Gella, Edwin Stephenson III, Garret Rothgeb, Caleb Bloodworth, Elijah Greer, Leon Thomas, Sheridan Ford, Kyle Eberhart, Rafael Lopez, James Woodfin (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Joshua Brickhouse**



**Mayor**  
**Maximilian Gebauer**



# Burke City



ROW 3: Remy Butts, Joshua Avery, Shane Celli, Chris Clancy, Terrian Brown, Derek Stoughton, Zachary Dickerson, Jayson Gill, Olguy Pierre-Louis Jr., Nicholas Ryan, Patrick Ritchie, Jack Sherman, Owen Lindey, Joshua Gilliard, Michael Bruzzini, Trevor Phelps

ROW 2: Will Langan, Marcus Twyman, Herman Robinson III, Christopher Magume, Thomas Sam, Ricardo Pino, Owen Ferguson, Evan Vickers, Matthew Thompson, Philip, Lambert, Lucas Daugherty, Jonathan Ramey, Daniel Gosney, Timothy Ashby, Benjamin Weisel

ROW B1: James Spear (Counselor), Trooper Jason Hypes, Riley Amirez, Justin Adkins, Christian Ryan, Dylon Leonard, Rand Perry, Rory Fedorochko, Mark Pellissier, Jeano Huggins, Kirkland Vanover, Daniel Ludwig, Johnny Danh, Wilson Haller, Ibrahim Yasin, James Brittingham, Xavier Storey, Sam McPherson (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Chris Clancy**



**Mayor**  
**Ibrahim Yasin**



# Eisenhower City



ROW 3: Justin Laughinghouse, Joseph Mann, Max Sun, George Giles, John Riordan, Samuel Coulson, Caleb Barnes, Bevan Charles, Rushawn Sangster, Canandez Long, Cody Taylor, Walter Spurlock, Zachary Mumma, Jakeim Robertson, Noah Goldsmith, Ryan Aud

ROW 2: Jalen Long, Matthew Pettitt, Jackson Bryant, Grayson Covey, Andrew Hendrix, Reid Piercy, Sawyer Coulbourne, Sean Collins, Brandon Ziniti, Sebastian Delgadillo, Kyle Cheney, Patrick Satterfield, Abraham Han, Noel Lora-Martinez, Finn Rouu, James Barker

ROW B1: Leonard Kaneshiro (Counselor), James Nichols, Ian Peverall, Joshua Ralston, Zephaniah Frankart, Michael Cunningham, Joshua Cruz, Akin Varner, Angel Flores, Charles Perry, William Davis, William Parker, Luke Denoncourt, Jason Tyree, Gerald Netherland (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
Joshua Cruz



**Mayor**  
Zachary Mumma



# Henry City



ROW 3: Christopher Cranston, Makari Coleman, Carter Martin, Shamore Adams, Demetri Thomas, Gregory Breza, David Cohen, Pablo Gomez Garcia, Gabriel Gallant, Chet Kleppin, Nathaniel Barrington, Elias Tyson. Jack Schoeb, Ryan White, John Miles

ROW 2: Benjamin Miles, David Deaderick, Joshua Chapman, Natnal Endalkachew, Nolan Hall, Ian Waite, Joseph Black, Joshua Leach, Kevin Schell Jr., Nathan Spiers, Gaylon Holmes, Ethan Stickler, Niel Yocom, Randy Story, Hunter Gilliam, Daniel Gnieski

ROW B1: Dennis Confer (Counselor), Robert Parker, Austin Gies, Hunter Cowden, Benjamin Hiter, Christopher Kim, William Robertson, Colby Johnson, Samuel Muras, Blake Waters, Jonathan Stanley, Carter Miller, John Christopher Turner, William Tremaglio, Spencer Alston, William Stramm (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
Elias Tyson



**Mayor**  
Ben Miles



# Jackson City



ROW 3: Andrew Bauer, Sean Jones, Noah Mertes, Re' Jaun Forrest, Andrew Dotson, Riley Brown, Stephon Bonner, Justin Ephriam, John Kish, Joseph Godin, Alejandro Szymczak, Zachary Clary, Grayson Hurst, Sidney McCoy, Kagan Hall, Maxwell Harvey

ROW 2: Thomas Kyte, Nicholas Escobar, Caelan Nzamba, Nathan Kim, John Agnew, William Peters, Connor Looney, Alexander Appel, Luis Tetatzin Jr., Bryce Brooks, Nathan Dowdy, Garrett Valentia, Thomas Driscoll, Zachary Wright

ROW B1: Mike Gogan (Counselor), Trooper Michael Atkins, Jarod Stickleby, Carl Moquillaza, Brendan O'Keefe, Carlitos Watley-Villanueva, Andres Warren, Aditya Kannooh, Caedmon Sixbey, Jackson Garber, Alex Miller, Austin Teets, Daniel Kane, Daniel Rohde IV, William McPherson, Ryan Cunningham, Robert Borkovich (Counselor)



**Sheriff  
Jackson Garber**



**Mayor  
Alejandro Szymczak**



# James City



ROW 3: William Leimberger, Andrew Baldacci, Walter Delapena, Zachary Alvarez, John Spencer, Donovan Reynolds, Brandon Vaughan, Caden Baily, Deon Ababio, Lehman Montgomery III, Derek Leiffer, William Hayes, Bryce Dash, John Wharton, Graham Warren, Christian Schwien, Brock Lucas

ROW 2: John Graham IV, William Reynolds, Andrew Lee, Quinn Archer, McCray Fidler, Charles Posey, Seth Williamson, Matthew Teasley, Matthew Malito, Andrew Craven, Austin Hanley, Nolan Harris, Stuart Kimball, Gunner Leming, Thomas Liuzzo, Bryant Schutz, Hunter Martin

ROW B1: Bob Shumar (Counselor), James Ferrell, Chance St. Clair, Hunter Ryno, Bryce Cook, Ryan Zolovick, Josiah Sims Jr., Anthony Moody IV, Khanh (Kent) Nguyen, Samuel Wondwossen, Akshay Akula, Joshua Anderson, Gary Lowe (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Hunter Martin**



**Mayor**  
**William Leimberger**



# Lee City



ROW 3: Joshua Edwards, Casey Welch, Spencer Traster, Keysean Merritt, Hayden Sarpong, James Laux, Joseph Colon, Mitchell Davis, Trevor Buck, Jonathan Hubbard, Michael Boyle, Michael Davis, Noah Campbell, Campbell Hogg, Andrew Boaz, Samuel Pawlik, William Brzezinski

ROW 2: Jinwoo Kim, Garrett Knox, Jacob French, McKinley Sprinkle, Neehar Chadeva, Elijah Gilliam, Colin Morris, Jaxson Hooper, Tyler St. Clair, Aiden Fulham, Taliesin Trzell, David Christle, Nicholas Mills, Logan Sands, Timothy Roque, Jarrett Lash

ROW B1: Kelly Nierenberger (Counselor), Rawley Gardner, Coleman Driscoll, Bradley Dotson, Kitron Williams, John Hancock, Tyler Campbell, Jeffrey Shi, Al-Jamil Funderburk, Charles Hatter, Wade Sparks, Patrick Thompson, Michael 'MJ' Audet, James Edwards (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Kitron Williams**



**Mayor**  
**William Brzezinski**



# MacArthur City



ROW 3: Hugh Bothwell, Jacob Saunders, Auburn Forbes, Carson Morell, Avesh Kachroo, Cooper Keating, Denzel Mitchell, Nolan Zunk, Cody Howard, Kyle Kabza, Thomas Ryerse, Jack Easter, Arthur Velishka, Charles Groscup, Tristan Baird, Daniel Dorsey, Robert Beran,

ROW 2: Nathan Fussell, Henry Franklin, Coleman Meadows, Phillip Griffin, Jack Pawlik, Ross Wumbald, Alec Guyer, Vincent Olivera, Bryant Ricks, Charles McVeigh, Colton Heard, Nolan Johnson, Turner Leigh, Juhyoung Lee, Joel Tabapssi Fokwa, Nasheim Pettus

ROW B1: James Walsh (Counselor), Stuart Kent, Jordan Houston, William Duryea, Sai Poluri, Jeffrey Cho, Joshua Lee, Miles Gomes, Tyler Snyder, Peter Cortapasso, Dan Combs (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
Cooper Keating



**Mayor**  
Nolan Johnson



# Marshall City



ROW 3: Calin Robb, Zachary Hartman, Ja Von Reed, Charles Maurer, William Horton, Andrew Misdary, Andrew Painter, Seth Hoisington, Joyner Miller, Adam Board, Jonathan McCloud, Dakota Blodgett, Jonah Horan, Michael Harris, Nicholas Johnson, Colin Dickens, Matthew Stocks

ROW 2: Nathan Lippincott, Andrew Monsour, Thomas Lam, Joseph Lim, Carter Light, Sullivan Higgins, Marcus Leonard, Joshua Farley, Matthew Bianca, Finlay Raphael, Parker Bunting, Caleb Turner, Kyle Hartmann, Nathaniel Raffier, Bobby Caldwell, George Lorenze

ROW B1: Joseph Shine (Counselor), William Engleman, Gerard Tenorio, Gerardo Munoz-Arevalos, Julian Leidy, Brandon Trombley, Stephen Skoglund, Noah Perry, Navindra Seoparsan, John Donohue, Kieran Koch, Dylan Chamberlain, Ryan D'onofrio, Rodney Johnson (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Justin P. Ford**



**Mayor**  
**Dakota Blodgett**



# Maury City



ROW 3: Davis Forster, Andrew Liu, Rohan Chandra, Bryce Johnson, Nathnael Alazar, Ryan Snyder, John Vithoukias, Austin Young, Michael Zmuda, Jackson Lockhart, Nathan Ray, William Allen, Benjamin Sultzer, Evan Phaup, Nickolas Childs

ROW 2: Charles Wiecking, Tywan Haskins, Eli Wright, James Milam, William Johnson, Landon Epperson, Charles Legard, Ralph Tamakloe, Tanner Duncan, Marshall Wood, Emmanuel Murphy, Nicolas Cook, Justin Ford, Benjamin Ceol, Michael McCord

ROW B1: Matthew Anderson (Counselor), Trooper Rodney Kenley, Justin Harrington, Joshua Jimenez, Christopher Boose, Kyle Bentley, Nathaniel Gardner, Zackary Long, John Grant, Tony Williams Jr., Joel Meckley, William Peterson, Curtis Brown Jr., Colin Brooker, Alberic Karina-Plun, Gray Swope, Lawrence Meyers (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
Joshua Farley



**Mayor**  
Evan Phaup



# Nimitz City



**ROW 3:** Ronald Prowant, Eamon Sweeney, Mason Tarkenton, Nicholas Aaron, Reegal Patel, Emanuel Landa Lee, Michael-James Habgood, Brandon Karns, Kevin Geiran, Cole Biggs, Henry Rasmussen, Thomas Wetherell, Nicholas Burzumato, Hunter Kendrick, Charles Bowman, Patrick Rice, Matthew Sykes, Landon Moore, Joshua Harris

**ROW 2:** Connor Moriarty, Maben Hite, Joseph McLaughlin, Mack Blackwell, Jonathan Laredo, Caleb Harris, Darrell Simms, Troy Brummell Jr., Thomas Gordon, Sean Gibbons, Zachary Kirkpatrick, John Henderson, Gene Kim, Rasheed Christian, Marcus Roussey, Carl Maahs, Jakob Kennedy

**ROW B1:** (Deputy Sheriff) Brian Davis, Matthew Tiufekchiev, Noah Lee, Dalton Lucas, Christopher Boley, Armaan Sachdev, Wesley Whitehurst, Jordan Newton, Andre Jones, Linwood Moore (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Henry Rasmussen**



**Mayor**  
**Wesley Whitehurst**



# Patton City



ROW 3: Braden Hoagland, Aron Weldai, Tommie Pope III, Samuel DiNovi, Carson Basham, William Mosberg, Noah Troyer, Spencer Miller, Michael McCaughey III, Brian Hufnagle, Corin Vogel, Connor MacDonnell, Tristin Duffy, Christopher Johnson, Jordan Dunn, Gabe Gilleland

ROW 2: John Bollinger, Magin Sanchez, Shinbe Choi, Marvin Lee, Jamison Stevens, Jacob Pettyjohn, Brody Receveur, Seth Miller, Scott Williams, Christopher Hugo, Gabriel Rakoski, Robert Knick, Vaughn Briggs, Ryan Spencer, Christian Leavitt, Anthony Ferris

ROW B1: Russell Dash (Counselor), Lee Ross, Tyler Danzig, Manan Shah, Cameron Strange-Boston, Yousof Omeish, Douglas Narrow, Garrett Baffuto, Kevin Truong, Anthony Anderson, John Paone, Jacob Chambers, Caleb Williams, Matthew Hartman (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
Douglas (DJ) Narrow



**Mayor**  
Christopher Johnson



# Pershing City



ROW 3: William Comberg, Cooper Layne, Graham Smith, Wesley Brewer, Ian Smith, Daniel Beverly, Bennett Diggs, Zachary Steele, Isaac Morrison, James White, Carrington Anderson, Benjamin Wheeler, Alexander Sidhu, Andrew Parkhurst, Triston McDaniel, Kaleb Smith, Benjamin Blitt

ROW 2: David Pecht, Lane Carroll, Oliver Bishop, David Dimmett, Trevor Brown, Jack Hughes, Jackson Bosiger, Tyler Johnson, Corwin Willms, Jacob Riddle, Patrick Kelley, Cole Lawson, Clayton Boling, Eugene Lee, Joshua Blaha

ROW B1: Trooper Stephen Flowers, Alan Drinkwater (Counselor), Hayes Baker, Bruce Bui, Seamus Koehr, Christian Whitmarsh, Blake Lewis, Jackson Shover, Joseph Gannon, Nicholas Mitchell, Stanislav Kuzmenko, Thomas Gover, Daniel Meakem, Chamberlain Zulauf, Robert Tillman IV, Doug Morgan (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Nicholas Mitchell**



**Mayor**  
**Zachary Steele**



# Puller City



**ROW 3:** Dylan Chhay, Aniko Jemigan, Ryan Murn, Jonathan Daniel, Annad Khraisat, Kyle Hebert, Matthew Headley, Kyle Shea, Ashby Mannon, Jacob Riddle, John Rasnick, Nicolas Hauser, Austin Hammond, Erik Rasmussen, Robbie Moore, Ryan Connolly

**ROW 2:** Cameron Darden, Alexander Daughtrey, Nicholas Richter, Connor Jorgensen, Devin Majeau, Joshua Foye, Robert Gross, Adam Broshkevitch, Sahn Abdulrazzaq, Thomas Remington, Joseph Grieco, Daniel Brickhill, Grant Nichols, D'Angello Cooper, Corwin Matthews

**ROW B1:** Josh Humphries (Counselor), Trooper Michael Heath, Isaac Liu, Charles Johnson, Luke Aminuddin, Anthony Comuzzi, Barry Tudor, Daniel Choi, Alexander Iasso, Brian Hobbs, Marcus Lewis, Brian Biggs, Lucas Johnson, John Krause-Steinrauf, Samuel Carmine, JC Carstens (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Robbie Moore**



**Mayor**  
**Anthony Comuzzi**



# Stuart City



ROW 3: Jared Harrison, Cody Brugos, Joseph Fox, Dante Oliver, Hunter Turley, Jordan Teaford, Andrew Nolan, Ethan Hoadley, Adam Sanders, William Fincher, Ty'Leik Chambers, Truman Chancy, Andrew Shelton, Michael Chesterman, William Kiefer, Daniel Wade

ROW 2: Steven Simonson (Counselor), Jacob Adams, Joseph Edmonds, Cullen Waller, Kavanaugh Redman, John Burroughs, Joseph Havens Jr., Mark Hansen, Richard Stacpoole, Brandon Kim, Zachary Schwartz, Matthew Bolinger, Aaron Harkabus, Riley McHale, Fargo Wells (Counselor)

ROW B1: Brendan Santschi, Preston Bourne, Kaleb Hackley, Jesse Vogg, Patrick Simmons, Chris Oglesby, Chandler Carlson, Stephen Pelzel, David Finkenstaedt, Jeffrey Dodson, Austin Cooper, Christopher Conger, Zachery Cummings, Noah Borromeo, Dane Craddock, Khalil Fonder



**Sheriff**  
Jesse Vogg



**Mayor**  
Adam Sanders



# Washington City



ROW 3: Sherwood Baskerville, Dominic Seoane, Trent Noelke, Alexander Lewis, Nicholas Markland, Benjamin Fly, William Hoffman, Matthew Hyland, Rashad Harris, Justin Ratcliffe, Grayson Harmon, Harry Kelso Jr., Amir Siders, Luke Martin, James Ball, Collin Carpenter, Sawyer Hutson

ROW 2: Tyler Jenkins, Brett Burcher, Haydon Davenport, Marshall Pratt, Trenton Ellis, Everett Butler, Peter Murphy, Christian Autor, Kennedel Thompson, Andre Reid, David Clifford, Ethan French, Joshua Rakoski, Gregory Shelton, Collin Lee, Gabriel Romito

ROW B1: Tom Guthrie (Counselor), Matthew Hua, Paul Spiggle, Darian Johnson-Cook, Paavan Bonagiri, Jackson Hoit, Zachary Frye, James Englander, Cameron Keeley-Parker, Simon Antaya, Stephen Wright, Wayne Parent (Counselor)



**Sheriff**  
**Marshall Pratt**



**Mayor**  
**Collin Lee**



# 2017 Boy State Citizens

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# Elections and Appointments

GOVERNOR: Denzel Mitchell  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Jordan Teaford  
ATTORNEY GENERAL: Matthew Hue

## CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

Joseph Jones (N)  
Jason Tyree (I)

## BEST CITIZEN

BRADLEY - Joseph Jones  
BURKE - Christopher Clancy  
EISENHOWER - Zachary Mumma  
HENRY - Elias Tyson  
JACKSON - Joseph Godin  
JAMES - Brock Lucas  
LEE - John Hancock  
MACARTHUR - Nolan Zunk  
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MAURY - Kyle Bentley  
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PATTON - Spencer Miller  
PERSHING - Robert Tillman IV  
PULLER - Isaac Liu  
STUART - Chris Henderson  
WASHINGTON - Collin Lee

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Ian White - Senator  
Collin Lee - Senator  
Braden Hoagland - 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
Thomas Liuzzo III - 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

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Max Sun (I)

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HENRY - Ben Miles  
JACKSON - Alejandro Szymczak  
JAMES - William Leimberger  
LEE - William Brzezinski  
MACARTHUR - Nolan Johnson  
MARSHALL - Dakota Blodgett  
MAURY - Evan Phaup  
NIMITZ - Wesley Whitehurst  
PATTON - Christopher Johnson  
PERSHING - Zachary Steele  
PULLER - Robbie Moore  
STUART - Adam Sanders  
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Peter Murphy  
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Lucas Johnson  
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JAMES - Austin Hanley  
LEE - Casey Welch  
MACARTHUR - Vincent Olivera  
MARSHALL - Julian Leidy  
MAURY - Bryce Johnson  
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PATTON - Jacob Chambers  
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PULLER - Robert Gross  
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Chairman - Kyle Bentley  
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CLERK: McKinley Sprinkle

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**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE:** Daniel Brickhill  
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# Past Governors of Boys State

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1939 - George Spencer Narrows	1968 - M. Anderson Bradshaw Norge	1994 - Milton Welch Newport News
1940 - Allen Webb Portsmouth	1969 - Wyatt G. Andrews Norfolk	1995 - Dan Grattan Vienna
1941 - Lewis Tyree Newport News	1970 - Bert Tussing Chesapeake	1996 - Christopher Molino Springfield
<b>1942- 1945 - Boys State Not Held</b>	1971 - Douglas Carlton Alexandria	1997 - Josh Johnson Bluefield
1946 - J. B. Johnson Osaka (Wise Co.)	1972 - David Urban Lynchburg	1998 - Jeeho Park Fairfax
1947 - Arnold Stallman Vienna	1973 - Grady Hedgespeth Virginia Beach	1999 - Matthew Wells Mechanicsville
1948 - Alton Thomas Charlottesville	1974 - James C. Pittman Richmond	2000 - Hunter Hanger Chesterfield
1949 - James Stokes Kenbridge	1975 - Patrick Warfle Alexandria	2001 - Milton Miller Norfolk
1950 - Melvin L. Minnick, Jr. Salem	1976 - Gary Malone Richmond	2002 - Justin Roberts Virginia Beach
1951 - Rudolph Woods Chase City	1977 - Stephen Cooley Fredericksburg	2003 - Robert E. Cole Hampton
1952 - Eugene Rawls Bayside	1978 - Gregory Brainerd Virginia Beach	2004 - Erik Carter Heathsville
1953 - Ross Fletcher Arlington	1979 - Ronald Adler Reston	2005 - James Watson, Jr. Suffolk
1954 - Michael Durfee Arlington	1980 - Lester D. Dunman, III Pulaski	2006 - Samuel Bates Richmond
1955 - Robert Johnson Richmond	1981 - Andrew Lewis Leesburg	2007 - Eric Hunter Montclair
1956 - Earl C. Dudley Vienna	1982 - Neal Naff Boones Mill	2008 - Clarence Bell Pikesville, MD
1957 - Reese Smith Norfolk	1983 - Randall Reed Hampton	2009 - John Asare Richmond
1958 - Charles F. Porter Portsmouth	1984 - Michael Crenshaw South Hill	2010- Devontae Green Hampton
1959 - David Vaughn Oceana (Princess Ann Co.)	1985 - Russell Herkovich Blacksburg	2011- Eugene Coleman Alexandria
1960 - James K. Walters Alexandria	1986 - Lee Barnes Suffolk	2012- James Payne II Hampton
1961 - Angus King Alexandria	1987 - Jack Lake Chesapeake	2013- William Smith Kilarnock
1962 - "Teddy" O'Toole Baskerville	1988 - Joel Weiss Lorton	2014- Harrison Walker Buffalo Junction
1963 - Harvey Bryant Portsmouth	1989 - Rodney Pressley Yorktown	2015- Javon Calloway Lynchburg
1964 - Donald Nelson Fort Lee	1990 - Eddie Hatrick Leesburg	2016- Yosaph Boku Alexandria
1965 - Lester N. Ellis, Jr. Annandale	1991 - Brian Baker Burke	
1966 - Stuart Lindsay Rixeyville	1992 - Thomas Redd Hampton	
1967 - T. Mitchell Willey Springfield	1993 - Christopher Yates Falls Church	



# Schedule of Events

<b>Sunday</b>		7:30	Flag Tribute and Talent Show Rehearsal
11:00	Registration of Citizens	7:45	Instructional Session – Highway Safety in Virginia
4:00	First City Meeting Introductions	8:00	Candidate Instructional Session
4:15	Opening Assembly	9:00	Special Address
4:55	Flag Courtesy	10:15	City Meetings
5:00	Dinner (staggered by cities)	11:30	Lights Out
7:30	Flag Lowering		
7:45	Athletic Directors Meeting	<b>Thursday</b>	
8:00	Official Opening of the 74 <sup>th</sup> Session of the American Legion Boys State of Virginia	7:00	Breakfast
8:30	Keynote Address	7:30	Inauguration Review
8:30	Staff Meeting	8:30	Sick Call
9:30	City Meetings	8:45	Flag Raising
10:30	City Reporters First Meeting	9:00	Religious Services
11:30	Lights Out	9:30	Announcement of Supreme Court Justices
		9:35	Swearing-In of Justices
<b>Monday</b>		9:40	Report of State Board of Elections & Campaign Rally
7:00	Breakfast	10:30	Instructional Session - The Office of Governor
7:30	Chaplains' Breakfast	11:45	Statewide Elections
8:30	Sick Call	12:00	Lunch
8:30	Instructional Session "Training for City Sheriffs"	1:30	Election Results
8:30	Flag Raising	1:45	Inauguration Review - Supreme Court and Legislative Leaders
9:00	Instructional Session "The Office of Lt. Governor"	1:45	Instructional Session - The Governor's Cabinet
9:30	Members of the Virginia General Assembly Photos	3:00	74th American Legion Boys State of Virginia Inauguration
10:15	Instructional Session "Virginia General Assembly"	3:30	Governor's Cabinet Meeting to Write Legislation
11:30	Wrap-up – "Hon Members of General Assembly"	3:30	Afternoon Activities
11:45	Pictures	5:00	Moot Court Meeting
12:00	Lunch	5:00	Dinner
1:15	Instructional Session "Primaries vs. Conventions"	6:30	Boys Nation Interviews
2:30	Swearing-In Ceremony for Sheriffs	7:00	Flag Lowering
2:35	Description of Afternoon Activities	7:30	Oratorical Winner
3:30	Afternoon Activities	8:00	Talent Show
5:00	Dinner	10:00	City Meetings
7:00	Flag Lowering	11:30	Lights Out
7:00	Officers of Election Meeting		
8:30	Instructional Session - Local Government in Virginia	<b>Friday</b>	
8:45	City Meetings	7:00	Breakfast
11:30	Lights Out	8:30	Sick Call
		8:45	Flag Raising
<b>Tuesday</b>		9:00	Religious Services
7:00	Breakfast	9:30	Instructional Session - The Virginia Prison System
8:30	Sick Call	9:30	Legislature in Session
8:45	Flag Raising	10:30	Instructional Session - Virginia's Game & Inland Fisheries Part I
9:00	Religious Services	11:30	Instructional Session - Virginia's Game & Inland Fisheries Part II
9:30	City Elections - Mayors, Senators and Delegates	12:30	Lunch
10:00	Instructional Session - Virginia Legal System	1:45	Final Moot Court Arguments
11:15	Election Results – Mayors and Swearing-in Ceremony	3:00	College Day
11:30	Election Results – Senators & Delegates and Swearing-in	3:30	Afternoon Activities
11:45	Instructional Session - Training for Senators and Delegates		
11:45	Instructional Session - Training for Party Chairman	5:00	<b>The American Legion Night</b>
12:00	Lunch	Dinner	
12:00	Instructional Session - Training for Mayors	7:00	Flag Lowering
2:00	Instructional Session - The Office of Attorney General	7:30	Boys State Parade
3:00	Afternoon Activities	8:05	Ruling in Moot Court Competition
5:00	Dinner	8:15	Report from Boys State Legislators
7:00	Flag Lowering / Retirement	8:30	Special Address – Outstanding Participant in Better Speaking
7:30	Party Conventions and Legislature in Session	8:45	Presentation of Samsung Award & Scholarships
10:15	City Meetings - City Elections and Convention Tactics	8:45	Announcement of Boys Nation Selections
11:30	Lights Out	8:45	Special Musical – Boys State Band and Chorus
		9:00	<b>Legion Program:</b> Advancement of Colors, Recognition of Special Guests, Boys State Hall of Fame Announcement
<b>Wednesday</b>		10:00	City Receptions
7:00	Breakfast	12:00	Lights Out
8:30	Sick Call		
8:45	Flag Raising	<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00	Religious Services	7:00	Breakfast
9:30	Party Conventions and Legislature in Session	8:30	Sick Call
12:00	Lunch	8:45	Flag Raising
1:00	Supreme Court Elections and Legislature in Session	9:00	Religious Services
1:00	Party Conventions	9:30	Report to Boys State on Legislation Signed into Law
3:45	Afternoon Activities	10:00	Graduation Program: Awards & Recognitions: Farewell
5:00	Dinner	11:00	Grand Finale
7:00	Flag Lowering	11:30	Session Closed: Citizens prepare to depart
		2:00	ALL AREAS CLOSED



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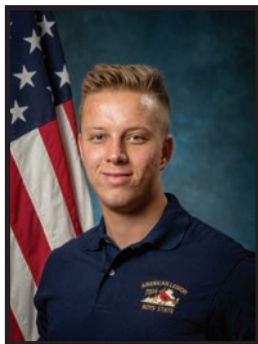


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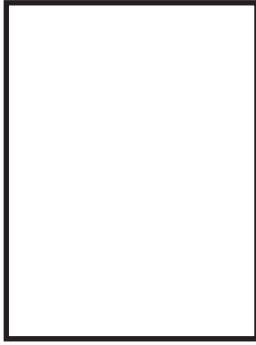


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# Hall of Fame



Robert O'Keefe is being honored by American Legion Boys State of Virginia for his outstanding service to the Virginia Boys State program. Robert has sacrificed spending "Father's Day" with his family for the past 18 years in order to be a valued volunteer for the Boys State program. Robert is well versed in the Boys State program and is always willing to assist other counselors. Over the course of his

many years at Virginia Boys State, Robert has served as a counselor, Counselor-In-Charge, Parliamentary Procedure Instructor, chairman of the Virginia selection committee for the Samsung Scholarship. Therefore, American Legion Boys State of Virginia recognizes the dedication and accomplishments of Robert O'Keefe, forever enshrined in The American Legion Hall of Fame June 25, 2017.



Michael "Frenchie" Burnett is being honored for his 18 years of service in support of American Legion Boys State of Virginia. Frenchie is a vital part of the logistics team. Although Frenchie has served as the MC of the Talent show; the majority of his work is "behind the scenes". Frenchie is an important part of the logistics/supply team. The work he accomplishes is

vital to the success of the Virginia Boys State program. Frenchie maintains the inventory of supplies and equipment. As a member of the logistics/supply team, he is "on site" several days prior to the opening session; to insure all is in place for the upcoming session of American Legion Boys State of Virginia. Therefore, American Legion Boys State of Virginia recognizes the dedication and accomplishments of Michael "Frenchie" Burnett, forever enshrined in The American Legion Hall of Fame June 25, 2017.

## 1982

Glen Rardin  
Andy Renick  
Charles Crush  
Arthur James  
John Wicker

## 1983

Guy Pobst  
Les Lam  
Gates Richardson  
Fritz Heller

## 1984

Tom Dobyns  
Alvin Lyle

## 1985

Rodney Lester  
Richard Poff  
Sam Snow

## 1986

George Blume  
George Whitley

## 1987

Carlyle Tiller  
Henry Roughton

## 1988

Jim Pilley  
Rex Tillotson  
John Bright  
Sidney Weil

## 1989

Dom Scaffido  
Joe Crouch

## 1990

Harold Purnell  
John Blackwell  
William Vest

## 1991

Stanley Ryan  
Terry Plunk

## 1992

Phil Budahn  
Lee Peters  
Wilbur Walker  
Emmett Burley

## 1993

Andy Bradshaw  
Fred Schauss

## 1995

Glen Conrad

## 1996

Joseph Holleman

## 1997

Edwin Burnette  
James Draper

## 1998

David Braun  
L. F. Payne

## 1999

Thomas Starling

## 2000

Edwin Dentz  
Lloyd Stacy

## 2001

Bruce Jamerson  
Jack Rainey

## 2002

Harriet Williams

## 2003

Mike Harris

## 2004

Rev. Dr. Jerry Falwell

## 2005

Rick Foster

## 2007

Robert Steele

## 2008

Elaine Kramer  
Vera Bright  
Roger Messier

## 2009

Curt Dickinson

## 2010

Larry Greene  
Ken Knight  
Jarad Phelps

## 2011

Garland Ray Rhyne  
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## 2014

Robert "Bob" Brady  
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# In Memory

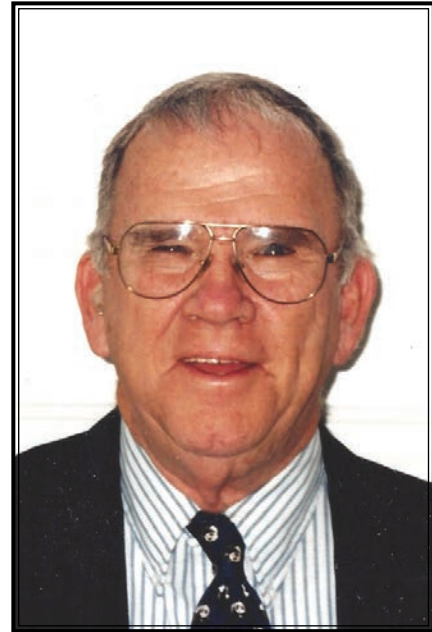
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## Gordon L. “Gordy” Smith

Gordon L. “Gordy” Smith, a Boys State Hall of Fame member went to the Lord on November 16, 2016. Gordy Smith worked as the newspaper consultant/publisher at more than one Boys state and was a Past Commander of American Legion Post 186 in Midlothian, VA.

After seeing the impact that Boys State had on his own son, he assumed the duties of Boys State chair for Post 186 for 22 years and sent over 770 boys to Boys State.

Approaching his job like a journeyman sales representative, Gordy developed contacts with counselors at 4 high school in the area and started working on sending more boys to Boys State. More boys needed meant sponsors, so Gordy developed a network of sponsors in local clubs and organizations to add to his network of school counselors. Requiring his boys to send a summary report of their experience at Boys State, he then used those positive reports to inspire other students and sponsors. Never hearing no -- Gordy expanded his efforts until the post had their own large bus of boys going to Boys State. One of his Gordy's last acts was to document his process and gave it to the Legion world, he will not be forgotten.



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## Helen Marie Reynolds Dobyns

Helen Marie Reynolds Dobyns went home to be with her Lord Thursday, October 20, 2016. Born Helen Marie Reynolds on June 06, 1929, she attended Maywood School and then Radford Women's College, graduating in 1950. She began teaching in Radford High School and then moved on to Time Warner/Silver Burdette. She taught many teachers across the United States and lead choirs, bands, and orchestras, including her Bethelites at the Bethel United Methodist Church in New Castle, VA. Her career found her teaching in several school systems where she started bands such as the Craig County High School Band.

She was a chorus director for American Legion Girls State and Boys State, directing the Boys State Chorus from 1986 thru 2006 where she influenced many a young person to be the best they could be! Along with her gift of time, she raised thousands of dollars to send students from Craig County to Boys and Girls State. Many were very thankful for the change this brought to their lives.

In addition to her musical contributions to her community, state and nation, Marie Dobyns will be remembered and revered for her many contributions, her animated style of work, and devotion to her community.





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