

A group of young men in white t-shirts are participating in a flag ceremony. They are holding a large American flag, with some holding the top and others the bottom. They are standing in a line on a grassy area in front of a brick building. The text "The American Legion Boys State of Virginia" is overlaid at the top. The text "2016 74th Session Radford University Radford, Virginia" is overlaid at the bottom right.

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

**2016**  
74th Session  
Radford University  
Radford, Virginia



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Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations and welcome to The American Legion Boys State family! As a 1969 alumnus of Hoosier American Legion Boys State, 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. Since 1935 The American Legion Boys State program 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.

Finally, I again extend best wishes for an interest-provoking, exciting and personally rewarding 2016 American Legion Boys State.

DALE BARNETT  
National Commander



**The American Legion  
Boys State of Virginia  
74th Session  
2016**



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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



By the bus load



Timothy Brown and his father with food contributions.



Henry Wu and Conrad Lakso learn the Flag Book.



First steps for Isaiah Brooks.



Citizens add to the food drive.



Stuart citizens head to their city.



# Opening Sessions

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Dan Dellinger, Master of Ceremonies



David Braun, Chief Inst. Counselor



George Blume, Boys Nation



Jarad Phelps, Co-Chief City Counselor



A.D. Carter, Co-Chief City Counselor



Ken Knight, Operations - Best City



Steve Cox, Flag Courtesy



Taking the Boys State Pledge.

# Opening Sessions

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Jacob Dean Leads the Pledge of  
Alligence to the Flag



Keynote speaker, RADM Cobb



Penelope Kyle, President, Radford University



Alex Osinkosky delivers the Opening  
Prayer.



Leading the band



Radford City Councilman and President Kyle Receive "Blue Shirt".



# City Meetings and Elections

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Filling out the ballot



Casting the ballot



Escorting the ballot box



Tallying the votes



Taking the results to the state board of elections.



# General Assembly Members Visit

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Jeff Finch, Deputy Clerk Va. House of Delegates



Del. Nick Rush



Del. Chris Collins



Del. Mark Keam



Del. Sam Rasoul



Del. Joseph Yost



Del. Thomas Greason



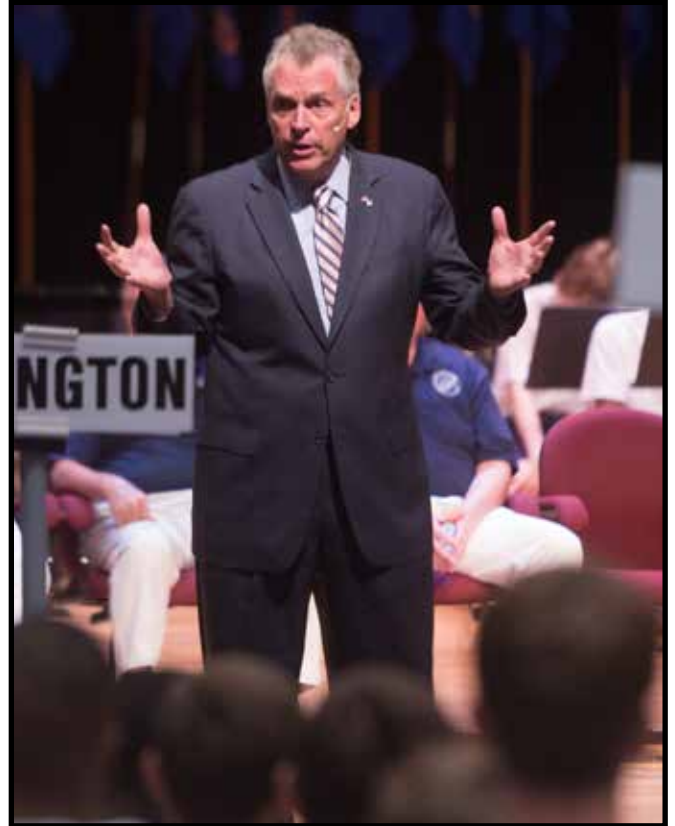
Del. Benjamin Cline and  
Kenneth Hudson

# The Governor Visits

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The Governor and the executive branch of Boys State



Governor of Virginia, Hon. Terry McAuliffe



Sharing letters from Girls State



The Governor with the sons of elected officials



The Governor meets the citizens



The Governor meets a mayor.



# The Lieutenant Governor Visits

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Lt Governor, Hon. Ralph Northam



Greeting the citizens



Meeting MacArthur Sheriff Wesley Duggar



State Troopers



The year of the political selfie



# Attorney General

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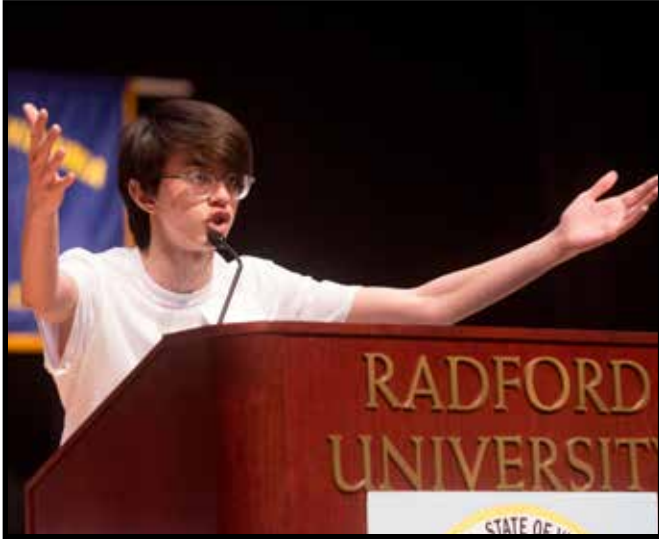
Hon. Mark Herring holds an interactive tele-conference



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



# State Elections



Federalist candidate for LT. Governor, CJ Cruz



John Salm IV, Nationalist Party Chairman



Time to vote



It's not easy to be a third party



A favorable reaction to a speech

# Nationalist Party Convention

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Chuck Cunningham instructing party chairman Ian Greene



Jacob McClaskey reports city votes



Dylan Flippen makes a bid for Lt. Governor



Gathering votes and making strategy



Matthew Schaefer keeps track of the totals



# Federalist Party Convention

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Conducting the election for Party Chairman.



Candidates for Party Chairman



Deal making in action



Entering the city party votes



More deals to be made



# The Senate in Session

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Members of the Boys State Senate



Defending a position



Making a point



President Pro-Tempore consults Scott Maddrea



Cities discuss bills they wish to introduce



# The House in Session



Members of the Boys State House



A City drafts potential legislation



The Clerk of the House and Speaker of the House



Defending a bill.



Debating a bill on the floor.

# Speakers & Presentations

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Chris Skinner



Shelton Brown and Marcus Elam  
Department of Corrections



Nancy Rodrigues  
Secretary of Administration



David Braun, Hon. R. Edwin Burnette and Hon. Chuck Slemp



Tracy Howard  
General Registrar of Voters



Officer Mark Brewer  
Game and Inland Fisheries



David Ridpath  
Radford City Manager



Dr. Steven Farnsworth - Professor  
University of Mary Washington



John Copeland & David Kalb  
Game and Inland Fisheries



Hon. Ron Rordam  
Mayor of Blacksburg



# Flag



Boys State Flag Detail

Top Row: Ian Ruzich, Zachery Young, Russell Gates, Benjamin Pickle, Brady Underwood, Manfred Call, Christopher McHenry, Eric Miller

Front Row: Christian Markwart, Alex Naumov, Xavian Henson, Orlando McCullers, Jr., Ryan Huck, Yuki Murata, Shawn Smith, Zechariah Phipps



Alto Sax Morning Team



Full Band in the Evening



The Choir



Showing Respect for the Flag



# Sports

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Billiards



9 holes of Frisbee Golf



Flag Football



Getting Certified in CPR



Citizens discover new styles of bowling



# Activities



Soccer, going for the goal



Driving for the Basket



Beach Volleyball in the Mountains



# Band and Chorus

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Boys State Band



Boys State Gentlemen of Note



# Special Groups

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Boys State Chaplains



Boys State Newspaper Staff

# Talent Show

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Noah Smith - Flip master



Grayden Brock, Daniel Kurzenknabe, John Lesko,  
Russell Gates -Hallelujah



Violin Solo – National Anthem by Joseph Letteri



The MC's: Raymond A. Arroyo, Jacob Dean



Benjamin Napier, Piano – Sea Chanty



Michael Baldinger and Trevor LeMaster, juggling



# Talent Show



Gregory CoNneen the Yo-Yo Machine



Josh Beasley - The Queen of Hearts, It's magic



Kiarash Azadbakht on Sax



Homer Thomas Eliades



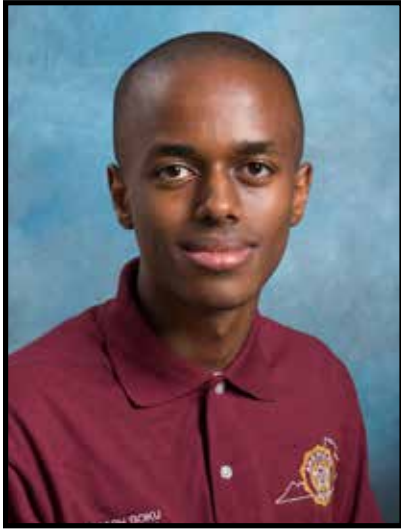
A Reading from Shakespeare - "HARK"



All demonstrated great talent

# Elected Boys State Officials

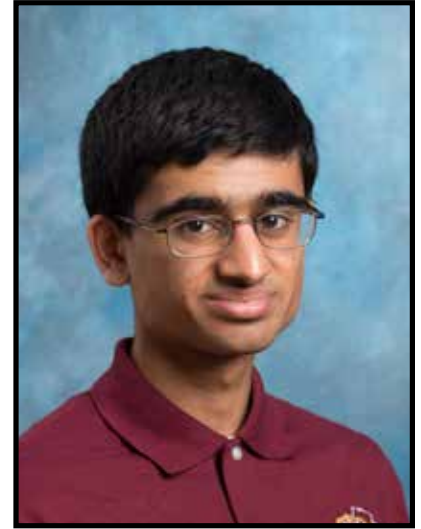
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**Governor  
Yosaph Boku**



**Lieutenant Governor  
CJ Cruz**



**Attorney General  
Thomas Mecherikunnel**



**Speaker of the House  
Henry Quach**



**President Pro-Tem of the Senate  
Andrew Perry**



**Chief Justice  
Oskar Skreszewski**



**Supreme Court**



**Boys State Cabinet**



# Inauguration



**Speaker of the House presides**



**Posting the colors**



**Sergeant-at-Arms**



**Governor takes the oath**



**Lt. Governor takes the oath**



**Attorney General takes the oath**

# Awards & Honors

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**Boys Nation**  
Daniel Eisert



**Boys Nation**  
Aaron Hodges



**Samsung Scholarship**  
Benjamin Gustafson



**Boys Nation Alternate**  
Zachery Whear



**Boys Nation Alternate**  
Alexander Naumov



**Moot Court Winners from Nimitz**  
Benjamin Gustafson



# Boys State Parade



Boys State Honor Guard



The Supreme Court marches



The Executive Branch marches by



The Band leads then follows



Marshall marches past the review stand



# American Legion Night

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Department Commander Jim Chapman



Better speaking award winner, Alexander Devito



Delivering the Senate report



Dr. George Blume is honored for his many years



Boys Nation winners



# American Legion Night

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Robert O'Keefe presents Benjamin Gustafson with the Samsung Scholarship Award



Report from the House



Boys State Hall of Fame Selectee Steve Cox



A powerful ceremony in honor of our POWs and MIA

# American Legion Boys State Officials

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**Jim Chapman**  
**American Legion**  
**Department**  
**Commander**



**Linden Dixon**  
**President Boys State**  
**Board of Directors**



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



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

Front Row L-R: Robert Borkovich, AD Carter, Fargo Wells, Bob Shumar, Linden Dixon  
Second Row: Matt Hartman, Staeve Cox, Larry Greene

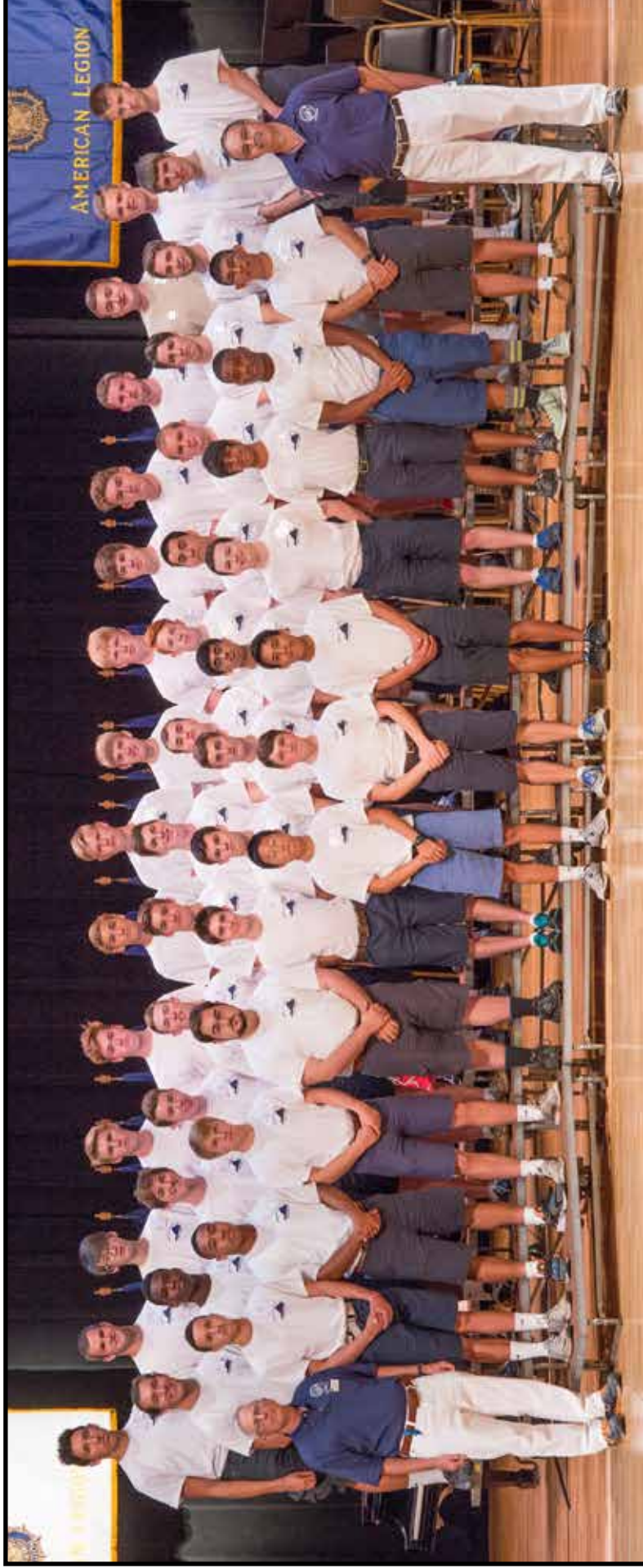




**Best City • Marshall**



# Bradley City



**Sheriff**  
**Noah McBride**

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Second Row: Micah Davis, Devon Morris, Zachary Noffsinger, Alexander Zummo, James Spear, Robert Phillips, Brian Holloway, Thomas Mecherikunnel, Joseph Fisher, Nicholas Barr, Marquise Cook, Juan Giron-Blanco

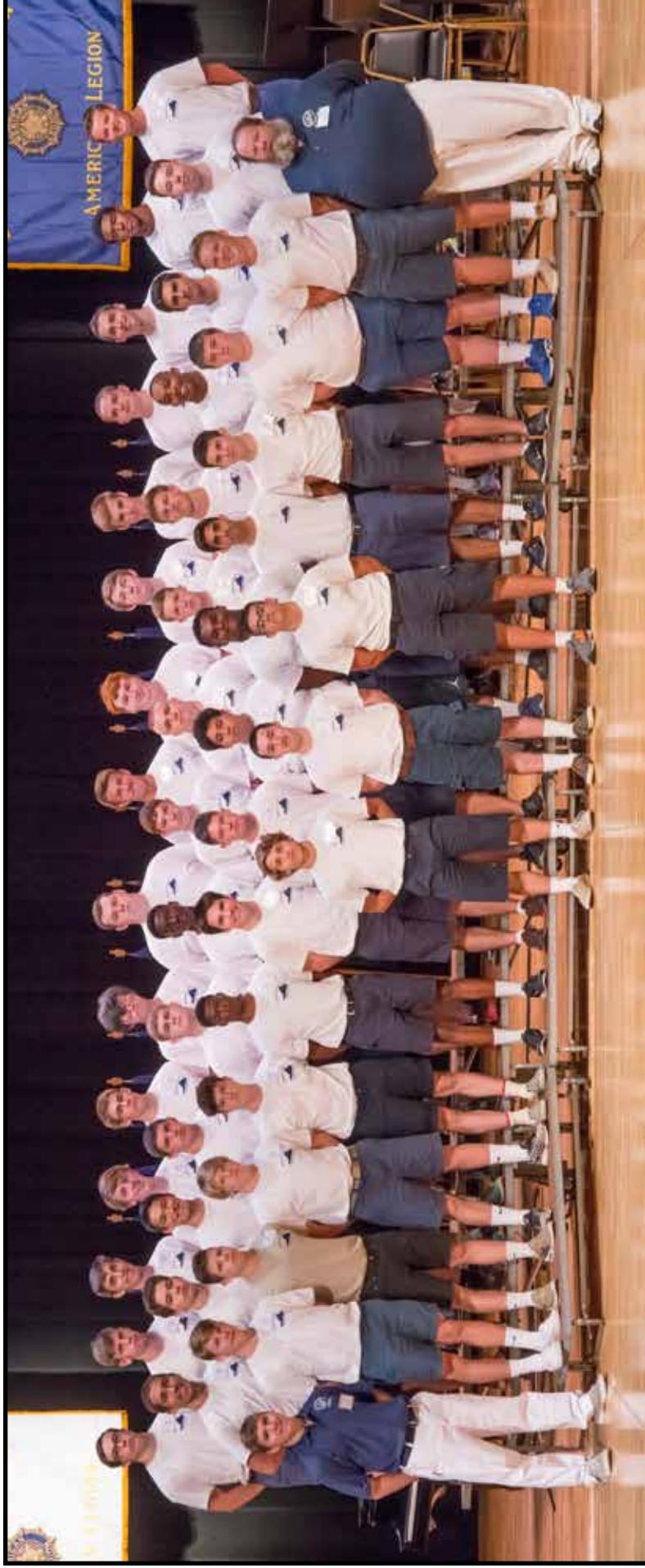
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**Mayor**  
**Parker Davis**



# Burke City



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Third Row: Collin Perry, Sidi Bizhyti, Joshua Melnyk, Jeb Edward, Bridgeforth Buchanan, Cody Hardwick, Joshua Shearin, Caleb Straley, Nicholas Clark, Davis Ring, Luke Skyes, Zion Harris, Luca Giusti, Hunter Wagenaar

Second Row: William Stevens, Nathaniel Weber, Crew Smith, Kyle Stuart, William Thornton, Ethan Baird, Austin Hudson, Ali Rahoui, Devin Charles, Faheem Farooq, Adam Wilkie, David Tankard III, Dakota Koenig

Front Row: David Mundy (Counselor) Joshua Peck, Liam Daly, Elie Karmouch, Fargo Wells (Counselor)



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**Nathaniel Webber**



**Mayor**  
**Joshua Toohey**



# Eisenhower City



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**Joseph Sulik**



**Mayor**  
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# Henry City



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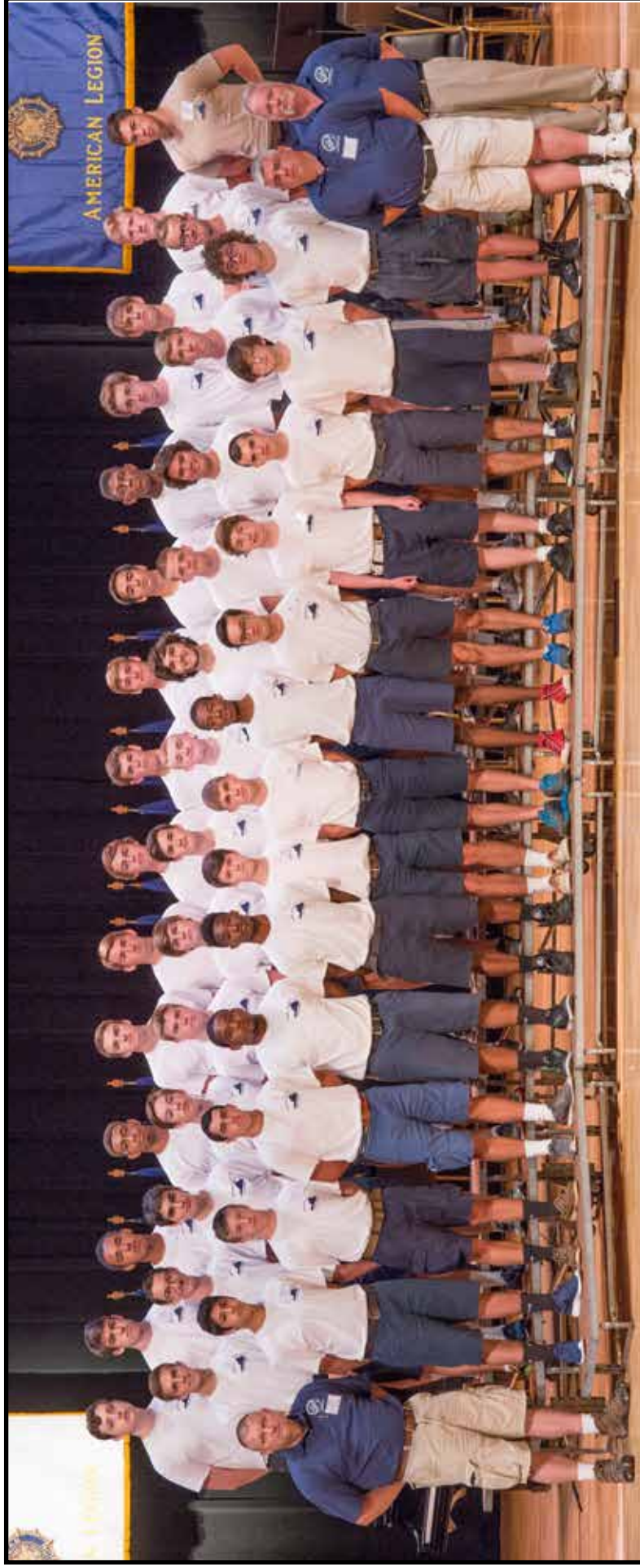
**Sheriff**  
Caleb Brown



**Mayor**  
William Miller



# Jackson City



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Front Row: Trooper Steve Flowers (Counselor), Shaakir Janmohammad, Jesse Chernaault, Carter Brittle, Albert Rice, Kluvin Mornot, Kincaid Robinson, William Homsby, Kibiriti Majuto, Michael Brown, Joshua Sutton, Mitchell Banner, Zach Ingram, Stephen Merrick, Brian Davis (Counselor), Linwood Moore (Counselor)



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**William Neil**



**Mayor**  
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# James City



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**Peter Miller**



**Mayor**  
**Douglas Stokes**



# Lee City



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**Wesley Duggar**



**Mayor**  
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# Marshall City



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**Erik Tyson**



**Mayor**  
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**Sheriff**  
Nathan Oh



**Mayor**  
Ben Chiovaro



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**Joshua Bass**



**Mayor**  
**Cameron Shideler**



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**Sheriff**  
**William Kodama**



**Mayor**  
**Kiarash Azadbakht**



# Pershing City



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**Sheriff**  
**Seth Green**



**Mayor**  
**Sean Deibel**



# Puller City



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**Sheriff  
Spencer Parrish**



**Mayor  
Randall Riffle**



# Stuart City



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**Sheriff**  
**Ron Newsome**



**Mayor**  
**Christopher Kostzewa**



# Washington City



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**Mayor**  
**Eric Winder**

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GOVERNOR: Yosaph Boku  
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Jack Burns (I)

## CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR

William Lowe (N)

## CANDIDATES FOR ATTY. GEN.

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NIMITZ - Gavin Alberghini  
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PERSHING - Raymond Arroyo  
PULLER - Dylan Flippin  
STUART - Micah Washington  
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JACKSON - Harrison Cox  
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NIMITZ - Cameron Shideler  
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JACKSON - Samuel Longo  
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LEE - Jack Spall  
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CLERK: Ben Wagner

MINORITY LEADER: Joseph Owiti  
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Nikola Bajcs  
CHAPLAIN: Zion Harris

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## BURKE CITY

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## HENRY CITY

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## HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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## CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Federalist - Kevin Babu

Nationalist - John Salm IV

# Past Govenors 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	
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

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

# Guest Speakers

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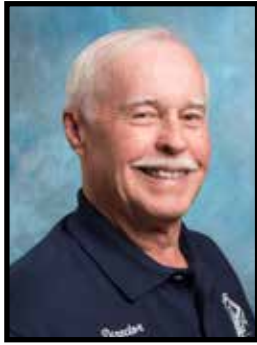
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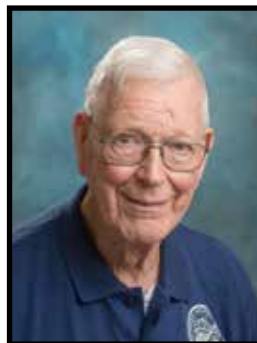
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Director of Logistics



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logistics Assistant



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Photographer



**Alexander Dixon**  
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**Austin Baird**  
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# Past Boys State Hall of Fame

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## 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

## 1994

None Given

## 1995

Glen Conrad

## 1996

Joseph Hollerman

## 1997

Edwin Burnett  
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

## 2006

None Given

## 2007

Robert Steele

## 2008

Elaine Kramer  
Vera Bright  
Roger Messier

## 2009

Curt Dickinson

## 2010

Larry Greene  
Ken Knight  
Jarad Phelps

## 2011

Garland Ray Rhyne  
Marty Rhyne

## 2014

Robert "Bob" Brady  
Gordy Smith  
Kathleen Lyons

## 2015

Fargo Wells

# Hall of Fame

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## Steve Cox

Steve Cox is being honored by American Legion Boys State of Virginia for his outstanding service and dedication to the Boys State program. Steve coordinates the planning and implementation of numerous tasks; resulting in the efficient, effective flow and storage of goods and services. Steve maintains an open line of communication with Radford University, between sessions of Boys State; to assure that all is in place when the next session begins. Steve is held in the highest esteem by his peers and honored by his associates for his contributions and achievements; and who, for God and Country, has unselfishly placed himself below others and service above personal gain in his defense of democracy, freedom, equality and justice. Therefore, American Legion Boys State of Virginia recognizes the dedication and accomplishments of Steve Cox; forever enshrined in the American Legion Hall of Fame, June 24, 2016.

# In Memory

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Vera Bright, a member of The Virginia Boys State Hall of Fame, was a versatile, hardworking, service oriented, loyal, loved, and respected individual. She was a member of the Suffolk American Legion Auxiliary Unit 57 from 1953 till the Units closing in 1983. She held most elected offices of the Unit, was a Past President, and became District President in 1960. Later she moved her membership to Stafford Unit 290. She served the Virginia American Legion Boys State for 25 years in positions from office staff to Boys State Yearbook Editor.

Vera graduated from Old Dominion University with a teaching degree and retired from teaching at Lakeland High School in Suffolk after teaching Senior English and Public Speaking. Serving children and youth she volunteered with the Old Dominion Area Council, Boys Scouts of America for 25 years, serving as a Den Leader, District Cub Chairman, Council Cub Chairman, Council Executive Board member the first chairman of the Cub Scout Day Camp, and she taught many courses about Day Camping at Boy Scout Training events. She was honored, as a volunteer, with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given. As a volunteer with the American Red Cross, she served on the Disaster Action Team and trained others to serve on the team.

Vera was active in her church, Magnolia United Methodist, where she served as a Certified Lay Speaker, Sunday School Teacher, and Outreach Chairman. She was a member and President of the United Methodist Women.



After a life full of service, honor and commitment, Vera Jakeman Bright, 79, left her earthly home to be with her Savior on December 20, 2015 at Sentara Meadowview Terrace Healthcare in Clarksville, Virginia where she had made her home for almost two years. She was predeceased by her husband John Robert Bright in March of 2014; her father Wilson Arthur and mother Ruth Keesee Jackman along with her sister, Mary Jakeman Hobbs who also predeceased her. Left to cherish her memory are her sons and their wives: Arthur and Faye of Suffolk, VA, John and Lynn of Clarksville, VA and Steven and Deborah of Mooresville, NC. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren, Samantha, Joshua, Seth, Cabell, Art, Henry, Thomas and his wife Jena and one great grandson, Benjamin.



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