

A group of young men in white t-shirts and dark blue shorts are holding a large American flag. They are standing on a grassy area in front of a brick building with several windows. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a formal event.

The American Legion
Boys State of Virginia

2021

78th Session
Radford University
Radford, Virginia



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Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations and welcome to American Legion Boys State! American Legion Boys State is among the most highly 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 influence life decisions in ways that you may not fully realize until years later.

As one of thousands of young men from throughout the nation selected to participate in American Legion Boys State each year, you will experience government in a practical sense. 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 Boys State to be challenging and sometimes demanding, however, I'm certain you will undoubtedly also find it 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 American Legion Boys State has been prominent in producing young men who, just like you, stepped up to become ready for accepting that responsibility. It is possible that a future mayor, governor, congressman, or even president, may be among those in your class of American Legion Boys State citizens. I make this statement because this program has historically been the springboard for many careers in local, state and federal public service. Regardless of the future career path you follow – politics, education, business, medicine, information technology or so forth - you will develop lasting bonds of friendship with fellow Boys State citizens that will extend well after the formal program has ended.

I wish to again extend my best wishes for an interest-provoking, exciting and personally rewarding 2021 American Legion Boys State experience.

JAMES W. OXFORD
National Commander

The American Legion Boys State of Virginia 78th Session 2021



Linden Dixon
Director

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A Proud History

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 civic programs to teach youth the American way of life. They wanted to develop some type of educational program to give youth a better understanding of America's form of government and to instill in them ways to preserve the freedoms we have under the 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 delegates were asked to suggest a name for the new program. The name Boys State was suggested and unanimously adopted. After a thorough evaluation of a course curriculum The American Legion National Executive Committee approved and named the program The American Legion 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 and in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Commonwealth 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 offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General. Winning candidates create a replica government, which crafts and passes laws. 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 various offices of the Commonwealth of Virginia work.

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

Unfortunately, there are still other forms of governments, alien to the democratic ideals, opposed to the American way of life. The American Legion continues to sponsor Boys State programs to help young citizens better understand the operations of the American democratic form of government and to safeguard those fundamental principles.

Citizens Arrive



Citizens, representing American Legion Posts, arrive from all over the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Emmanuel Sampson makes his bed to Boys State's standards.



Counselor Netherland explains to a Washington City citizen the importance of studying the Flag Book thoroughly.



Dora Butler accepts food donations for the Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread organization.



Phil Leonard gives out VA Boys State tee shirts to newly arriving citizens like Jacob Campbell.

Opening Sessions



Dan Dellinger, Master of Ceremonies, begins the program.



Linden Dixon, Director of Boys State, welcomes the citizens.



Steve Cox discusses Flag courtesies.



Frenchie Burnette, Deputy Director administers the VA Boys State Pledge.



Citizens recite the VA Boys State Pledge - their first official act..



Chris Fens leads the singing of the VA Boys State Song.



Citizens sing the VA Boys State Song with gusto!



The keynote speaker and Boys State Alumn, RADM William Cobb, US Navy (ret), responded to many questions.



Radford University's Provost, Dr. Carolyn Ringer Lepre, welcomes VA Boys State citizens back to the campus.



The Honorable David Horton, Mayor of Radford City, welcomes the citizens.



Marshall City's Arnav Pandits leads audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to Old Glory.

Opening Sessions

City Meetings and Elections



Cities organize on Day 1.



A citizen casts his vote.



City Chaplins are chosen



Questions for the candidates



Picking up the ballot box.



Tie vote goes to a coin toss.

General Assembly Members' Visit



VA Senator Suetterlein emphasized the importance of "door knocking" during political campaigns.



VA Delegate Hurst explained the many differences between the legislative bodies in the General Assembly.



VA Delegate Mark Keam was able to join virtually and take questions from VA Boys State citizens.



VA Delegate John Avoli shared views on his duties and responsibilities to constituents.



VA Senator Ghazala Hashmi responded to a number of questions raised by MacArthur City's citizens.



VA Delegate and Majority Leader Charniele Herring discussed the importance of bipartisanship.

Federalist Convention



Citizens listen carefully to the job at hand.



Making sure all of the paperwork is in order.



Taking notes of comments made by fellow citizens.



Mayor Bradshaw discusses with constituents exactly what issues are most important to Puller.



Reading and understanding the Rules is a vital component of the Convention process.

Nationalist Convention



Candidates learned the importance of an "elevator speech" in order to appeal to potential voters.



Counselor Mark Seavy served as the Nationalists Coordinator.



Asking candidates tough questions is the best way to become an informed citizen.



Campaigning for your favorite candidate can be both exciting and fun!



Crafting the absolutely best party platform is a critical element of the Party's Convention.

Afternoon Activities

Mayors' Visit



Counselor Spencer explains aspects of the "Moot Court" competition.



Counselor Osborn discusses "Parliamentary Procedures."



Counselor Jenkins addressed the importance of "Better Speaking."



"Cooling down" after a vigorous workout with the Athletic Director.



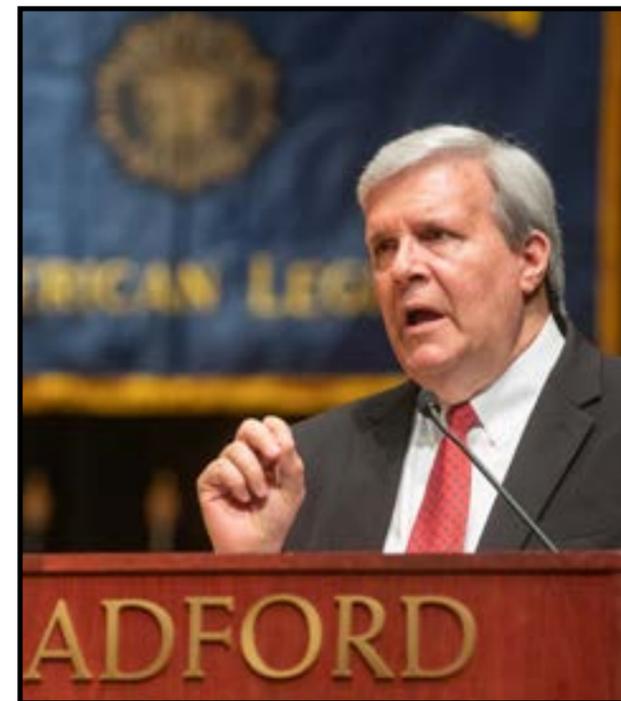
Behind the scenes at The State Journal!



Athletic Director Muzakkir introduces many citizens to "Zumba." Hooahh!



Mayor Horton provides insight to his duties with the city of Radford.



Gordonsville Mayor, the Honorable Robert Coiner.



Due to COVID restrictions, Mayor Stoney's meeting was virtual.



Honorable Renee Turk is the Mayor of Salem.

Band and Chorus



VA Boys State Band

Special Groups



VA Boys State Newspaper Staff



VA Boys State Gentlemen of Note



VA Boys State Chaplains

The Senate



Members of the VA Boys State Senate.



Counselor Scott Maddrea assists the Senate leadership.



Senators draft bill.



Senators discuss the best legislative strategy.



Senators address key message points concerning the bill.

The House of Delegates



Members of the VA Boys State House of Delegates.



Speaker of the House Ringvelski evaluates the nominations of Supreme Court Justices.



Speaker Ringvelski presides over the robust debate of legislation under consideration.



Delegates vote on final passage of a bill.



House Clerk Murphy records votes on legislation.

Structure of the Virginia Legal System

The Flag



The Honorable Eric Olsen came from Stafford County to speak with us.



Wise County Commonwealth's Attorney Charles Slemp visits Eisenhower City.



The Honorable Donald Caldwell spoke to MacArthur City citizens.



Marshall City heard from the Honorable Shannon Taylor.



24th Judicial Circuit Court Judge, the Honorable Mike Doucette shared his amazing journey from the USAF basic training, to law school, to practicing law, to the bench.



The Honorable Steve Descano answered questions from Patton.



Former Marine John Mahoney serves as a Commonwealth Attorney.



The Honorable Robert Lilly met with the Puller City citizens.



Roll Call of VA Boys State Cities.



VA Boys State Color Guard
Back Row L to R: Colin McQuarrie, John Payne, Gavin Senger, Tariq Abdullah. Front Row L to R: Napoleon Christian Salayon, Nathaniel Lee, Wilson Reyes, Gavin McCraw



Rendering honors to the Flag.



Flag Retirement Ceremony

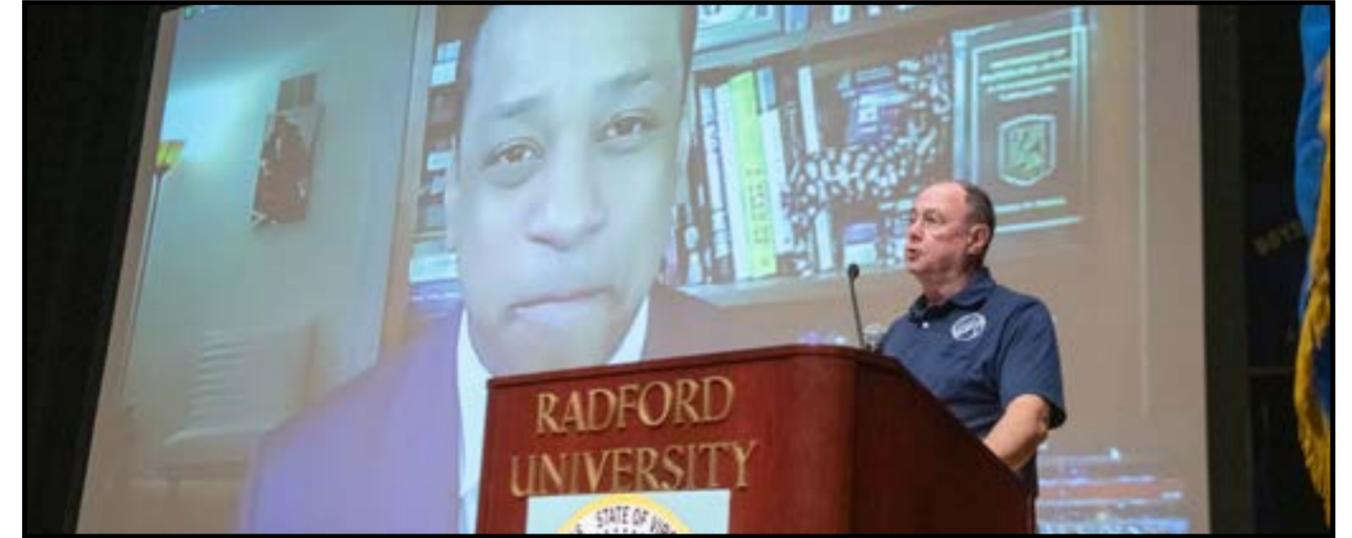


VA Boys State Honor Guard
Back Row L to R: Dimios Owen, Anthony Maratos, Ryan Stader, James (Thaddeus) Martin, Ian Dooley.
Front Row L to R: Howard Link, Nathaniel Perry, Robert Causey.

The Governor's Visit



The Lieutenant Governor's Visit



Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, The Honorable Justin Fairfax addresses Boys State citizens. His remarks raised thought-provoking questions from many of the concerned citizens.



Attorney General's Visit



The Attorney General, the Honorable Mark Herring, is introduced by Dan Dillenger.



An Interactive session via "Zoom."



Citizen asks a question.



The Attorney General remembers his "Blue Shirt."



Up close with the Attorney General. from miles away.



A challenging interaction.

Virginia State Police



Virginia State Troopers respond to questions posed by VA Boys State citizens.



Senior Trooper (STP) Scaletta brought his motorcycle to VA Boys State and served as a Counselor.



Trooper (TRP) Crewe got a volunteer to "walk a straight line" in a demonstration.



STP Flight and Flex, a bomb dog, demonstrated how both law enforcement and the military use "specialty" K-9s.



From L to R: STP Kenley, SGT Stitt, TRP Fairburn, STP Scaletta, TPR Crewe, STP Flowers, STP Flight, and K-9 Flex.



STP Kenley emphasized how deadly "texting while driving" can be.

Talent Show



Debarshi Roy, MC



Chris Pellissier, MC



Cohen Steele sings "Fulsom Prison Blues."



Jackson Evanow, Original "That Wicked Smile."



Arnav Pandit performs an amazing card magic.



Emmanuel Sampson recites selected poetry.



John Payne sings "Heartache Medication."



Christopher Kato solves the Rubik's Cube in 48 seconds.



The AcaPullers sing "Beautiful Girls" by Sean Kingston.

Talent Show



Chirayu Nimonkar played a saxophone solo of "My Way" by Paul Anka.



Ethan Bowman played Chopin Waltz #2 Opus 66 in C# minor



Howard Link played the 1899 hit "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin.



Joey Midkiff did impersonations of Trump, Biden, and Clinton in a debate setting.



Ryan Chmielenski did "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out" by Eric Clapton.



VA Boys State performers proved "There's No Business Like Show Business!"

Elections and Appointments

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: Jamison Ringvelski

CLERK: Andrew Murphy

MAJORITY LEADER: Oliver Stufft

MINORITY LEADER: Simon Romano

EISENHOWER CITY

Cam Holcomb
Jamison Ringvelski
Ian Bland

MARSHALL CITY

Andrew Murphy
Aidan Nguyen
Simon Romano

PULLER CITY

Jacob Neff
Alexander Dachos
Jameson Smith

HENRY CITY

Howard Link
Xander Fry
Garrett Hall

NIMITZ CITY

Nick Cavicchio
Ryan Stader
Chase Magrisi

WASHINGTON CITY

Samuel Bush
Mark Outland
Tyler Wade

MACARTHUR CITY

Caleb Franklin
Oliver Stufft
Aiden Boone

PATTON CITY

Hudson Bystryk
Seth Spickard
Jacob Wolfe

OFFICERS OF ELECTION

EISENHOWER CITY

Ture Gustafson
Jacob Averill
Brayden Wence

MARSHALL CITY

Ethan Phelps
Gabriel Baska
William Brooks

PULLER CITY

Oluwatayo Orisasona
Justin Cerullo
Napoleon Salayon

HENRY CITY

James Lively
Daniel Litwin
Kenyon Minott

NIMITZ CITY

Calvin Schilling
Robert Kinne
Elijah Trombo

WASHINGTON CITY

Riley Araojo
Adam Hanna
Thomas Hollar

MACARTHUR CITY

Collin Seamster
Isalah Lucero
Eric Framstad

PATTON CITY

Charlie Glade
Jack Moore
Cole MacMillan

PARTY CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

EISENHOWER CITY

Ian Miles (F)
Thomas Dillon(N)

MARSHALL CITY

Walter Van Kirk (F)
Grant Biddlecomb (N)

PULLER CITY

Jacob Pedigo (F)
Corey Brandon (N)

HENRY CITY

Jacob Kirkland (F)
Jay Doran (N)

NIMITZ CITY

Jeffrey Off (F)
Roger Bogner (N)

WASHINGTON CITY

Nathaniel Perry (F)
Ethan Henry (N)

MACARTHUR CITY

Jake Fales (F)
Maxililian Moloko (N)

PATTON CITY

Nathaniel Perry (F)
Sean Meese (N)

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Federalist - Nathaniel Perry

Nationalist - Ethan Henry

Elections and Appointments

GOVERNOR: Aryan Hamdard
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Gavin Senger
ATTORNEY GENERAL: Robert Meyers

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

Nimitz - Aryan Hamdard (N)
Puller - Matthew Preston (F)
Washington - Samuel Mostow (I)

CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Eisenhower - Rami Ghaleb (N)
Nimitz - Gavin Senger (F)

CANDIDATES FOR ATT. GEN.

Eisenhower - Christopher Brown (F)
Nimitz - Robert Meyers (N)

BEST CITIZEN

EISENHOWER - Christopher Pellissier
HENRY - Jack Martinez
MACARTHUR - Edward Joo
MARSHALL - Aaron Johnson
NIMITZ - Troy Spillman
PATTON - Daniel Lee
PULLER - Connor Bingham
WASHINGTON - Jackson Amos

MAYORS

EISENHOWER - Connor Glister
HENRY - Ethan Lyons
MACARTHUR - Tariq Abdullah
MARSHALL - Gavin McCraw
NIMITZ - Troy Spillman
PATTON - Zachary Souther
PULLER - Connor Bradshaw
WASHINGTON - Andrew Pavlak

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

EISENHOWER - Jacob Averill
HENRY - Zane Beckett
MACARTHUR - Carter Peery
MARSHALL - Kellen Meymarian
NIMITZ - Riley McDonough
PATTON - Aaron Litterini
PULLER - Devin Burnat
WASHINGTON - Frank Wright

BOYS NATION

Dimitrios Owen - Senator
Caleb Kuo - Senator
Liam Reaser - Senator
Ethan Williamson - Senator

SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Caleb Kuo - Chief Justice
Tarun Nandamudi
Sean Roos
Kieran Wall
Joseph Chambers

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Chairman - Jackson Evanow
Vice Chairman - Davis Kegley
Secretary - Collin George

SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE: Theodore Liu
CLERK: Jack Schumacher

MAJORITY LEADER: Grady Pereira
MINORITY LEADER: William Gregory

EISENHOWER CITY

James Martin
Grady Pereira

MARSHALL CITY

Arnav Pandit
Samuel Purviance

PULLER CITY

Evan Alger
Sean Herndon

HENRY CITY

Ian Dooley
Jason Melendez

NIMITZ CITY

William Gregory
Theodore Liu

WASHINGTON CITY

Jack Schumacher
Daniel Routhier

MACARTHUR CITY

Lawrence Maclin
Edward Joo

PATTON CITY

Thomas Brady
Liam McGinity

GOVERNOR'S CABINET

Chief of Staff: Jack Martinez

Secretary of Administration: Zachary Alderson
Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry: Grant Biddlecomb
Secretary of Health & Human Resources: Shane Wall
Secretary of Commerce & Trade: Dimitrios Owen
Secretary of the Commonwealth: Jason Zheng

Secretary of Education: Colin McQuarrie
Secretary of Finance: Sean Meese
Secretary of Natural Resources: Jake Fales
Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs: John Townsend
Secretary of Transportation: Smith Martin V
Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security: Nolaki Campbell

Elected VA Boys State Officials



Governor
Aryan Hamdard (N)



Lieutenant Governor
Gavin Senger (F)



Attorney General
Robert Meyers (N)



Speaker of the House
Jamison Ringvelski (N)



Senate President Pro Tempore
Theodore Liu (N)



Chief Justice
Caleb Kuo



VA Boys State Cabinet

(Top row: L to R) Robert Meyers, John Townsend, Dimitrios Owen, Jack Martinez, Aryan Hamdard, Smith Martin V, Jake Fales, Grant Biddlecomb, Gavin Senger.
(Bottom row: L to R) ; Zachary Alderson, Nolan Campbell, Shane Wall, Jason Zheng, Sean Meese, Colin McQuarrie.

Awards and Honors



Boys Nation
Dimitrios Owen



Boys Nation
Caleb Kuo



Boys Nation
Liam Reaser



Boys Nation
Ethan Williamson



2021 VA Boys State Supreme Court

Tarun Nandamudi, Kiernan Wall, Sean Roos, Caleb Kuo (Chief Justice), Joseph Chamber.



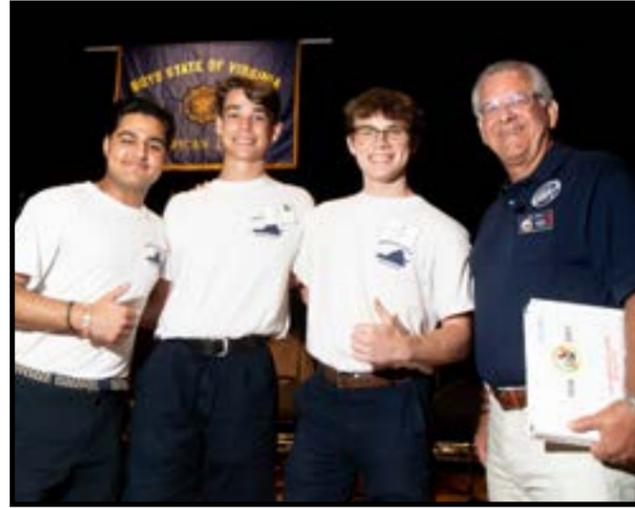
Samsung Scholarship
Dimitrios Owen



Moot Court Winner MacArthur City

Michael Foley, Bradon Fobes, Liam McKenna

Inauguration



Newly-elected Gov. Hamdard, Lt. Gov. Senger, Att. Gen. Meyers pose with one of their mentors, Counselor Finch.



Justice Kiernan Wall congratulates Attorney General Robert Meyers.



Lt. Governor Gavin Senger accepts his shirt from Justice Chambers.



Color Guard prepares to "Post the Colors."



Chief Justice Kuo congratulates Governor Hamdard.

Boys State Parade



Virginia Boys State City passes in review in front of the American Legion Department Commander and Boys State Director



Virginia State Police provides motorcycle escort



Virginia Boys State Executive Branch



Parents assemble at the viewing stand



The Virginia Boys State Band

The American Legion Night



Department Commander Bill Feasemyer



Better Speaking Seminar Outstanding Speaker Tariq Abdullah -



Senator Grady Pereira delivers the Senate Report.



Delegate Howard Link delivers the House Report



The Band and Gentlemen of Note performed a medley of military service hymns.

The American Legion Night



Frenchie Burnette awards the Samsung Scholarship to Dimitrios Owen



Boys State Honor Guard Representative



Jeff Finch is inducted into the Hall of Fame by Director Linden Dixon.



Andrew Pavlak leads the Pledge of Allegiance



Howard Link played the 1899 hit "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin.



Singing of the Boys State Song.

American Legion VA Boys State Officials



William S. Feasenmyer Jr.
Dept. Commander
The American Legion
Dept. of Virginia



A.B. Brown
President of Virginia
Boys State Board



Linden Dixon
Director of Virginia
Boys State



American Legion Boys State of Virginia Board of Directors:
(Back Row) Jerry Netherland, Dan Combs, Scott Maddrea (Secretary), Bill Stramm, Matt Hartman (Vice President), Lindwood Moore, Rusty Dash.
(Front Row) Denis Confer (Registrar), Larry Greene (Treasurer), A.B. Brown (President), Gerald Rhoads, Les Clevinger. Not in photo: Ken Knight, Jared Phelps.

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Best City



Nimitz

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Eisenhower City



Mayor
Connor Gilster



Sheriff
Connor Doran

ROW 4: Ture Gustafson, James Martin, Michael SanPietro, Jamison Ringvelski, Thomas Belesimo, Smith Martin V, Alexander Hogge, Andrew Gallagher.

ROW 3: Thomas Dillon, Cam Holcomb, Tahir Ismailwala, Jacob Walters, Ryan Gordon, Alexander Romero, Ian Bland, Thomas Kirsch.

ROW 2: Jackson Evanow, Brayden Wence, Grady Pereira, Liam Whalen, Karol Fuller, Luke Winningham, Christopher Brown, Connor Gilster.

ROW 1: Michael Stramm (Counselor), Mark Seavy (Counselor in Charge), Christopher Pellissier, Alex Mayorga-Cordon, Ian Miles, Esteban Cifuentes Coyoy, Rami Ghaleb, Connor Doran, Jacob Averill, Robert Maldonado (Counselor), Joe Hood (Counselor).

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Henry City



Mayor
Ethan Lyons



Sheriff
Joel McCurdy

ROW 4: Tarun Nandamudi, Ian Dooley, Zane Beckett, Jacob Kirkland, Conlan Staunton, Jonathan Murphy, Garrett Hall, Quinton Dagner.

ROW 3: James Lively, Michael Dunlap, Markus Luckinbill, Brody Carr, Jack Martinez, Xander Fry, Kalen Wojtkun, Nate Blackwell.

ROW 2: Joel McCurdy, Howard Link, Colin George, Ethan Lyons, Sebastian Wiktorowicz, Daniel Terry, Keyon Minott, Daniel Litwin.

ROW 1: Michael Gogan (Counselor), Sam McPherson (Counselor in Charge), Kahlil Goode, Jason Melendez, Wilson Reyes, Paul Henry Jr., Jason Zheng, Cody Snow, Jay Doran, John Sears, Chirayu Nimonkar, Trp Rodney Kenley (Counselor), Michael Kimlick (Counselor).

Virginia Boys State 2021 - MacArthur City



Mayor
Tariq Abdullah



Sheriff
Husan Abughoush

ROW 4: Robert Williams, Danilo Camacho, Luke Olsen, Dimitrios Owen, Liam McKenna, Ethan Hamill, Oliver Stufft, Aidan McClanahan.
 ROW 3: Owen Lasell, Jerri Ratliff Jr., Tariq Abdullah, Isaiah Lucero, Lawrence Maclin, Maximilian Moloko, Quentin Swann, Aiden Boone.
 ROW 2: Daniel Lee, Edward Joo, Eric Framstad, Adam Bryant, Brandon Fobes, Caleb Franklin, Jake Fales, Michael Foley.
 ROW 1: Bill Stramm (Counselor in Charge), Henry Bergstol (Counselor), Joseph Midkiff, Devin Lowney, Husam Abughoush, Muteeb Khan, Collin Seamster, Joseph Jackson, Carter Peery, Trp Stephen Flowers (Counselor), Willie McCrory (Counselor).

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Marshall City



Mayor
Gavin McCraw



Sheriff
Nate Dietrich

ROW 4: William Brooks, Ethan Phelps, Anthony Maratos, Nate Dietrich, Ryan Cone, Timothy Holt, Grant Biddlecomb, Walker Van Kirk.
 ROW 3: Samuel Purviance, Gabriel Baska, Gabriel Lowe, Arnav Pandit, Cohen Steele, Luke Cockerham, Sean Roos, Yaw Acheampong.
 ROW 2: Daniel Musselman, Andrew Murphy, Ryan Manning, Ryan Perry, Aaron Johnson, Kellen Meymarian, Aaron Witzel, Aidan Nguyen.
 ROW 1: Alden Ouztis (Counselor), Jim Walsh (Counselor), Shane Wall, Lex Beyer, Elijah Hernandez, Clark Driscoll, Gavin McCraw, Simon Romano, Liam Reaser, Daniel Western, Trp Jason Stitt (Counselor), Matt Hartman (Counselor in Charge).

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Nimitz City



Mayor
Troy Spillman

ROW 4: Elijah Trumbo, Alex Salley, Gavin Senger, James Minix, Thomas Wheeler, Keaton Sanders, Ethan Bowman, Ryan Stader.

ROW 3: Chase Magrisi, William Hospodar, Struan Baker, Riley McDonough, Calvin Schilling, Nick Cavicchio, Nathaniel Lee, Noah Larbalestier.

ROW 2: Jeffrey Off, Roger Bogner, Troy Spillman, John Payne, Nolan Campbell, Benjamin Moloko, William Gregory, Tanner Davis.

ROW 1: Andrew Ross (Counselor), Charles Breiner (Counselor), Theodore Liu, Sorin Whalen, Robert Kinne, Caleb Kuo, Aryan Hamdard, Robert Meyers, Joshua Houston (Counselor), Fargo Wells (Counselor in Charge), Doug Osborn (Counselor).



Sheriff
William Hospodar

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Patton City



Mayor
Zachary Souther

ROW 4: Ramsey Hoover, Daniel Lee, Caleb Gotthardt, John Young, Bradley Klinck, Cole MacMillan, Zander Bare, Jacob Campbell.

ROW 3: Liam McGinity, Zachary Souther, Elijah Dunn, Colin McQuarrie, Hudson Bystryk, Charlie Glade, Joshua Ward, Seth Spickard.

ROW 2: Landon Epperson, John Laser, Nathaniel Perry, Davis Kegley, Jacob Wolfe, Jack Moore, Grayson Camp, Aaron Litterini.

ROW 1: Ron Spencer (Counselor), Dwight Myers (Counselor), Nathan Morlu, Solomon Ralston, Samuel Banks, Henry Kazaks, Thomas Brady, Sean Meese, Debarshi Roy, Russell Dash (Counselor in Charge), Connor Ringvelski.



Sheriff
Jacob Campbell

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Puller City



Mayor
Connor Bradshaw



Sheriff
Ethan Williamson

ROW 4: Alexander Dachos, Connor Bradshaw, Jacob Pedigo, Jacob Neff, Oluwatayo Orisasona, Justin Cerullo, Evan Granahan, Evan Alger.
 ROW 3: Matthew Preston, Devin Burnat, Connor Bingham, Jayden Applewhite, Ryan Chmielenski, Kieran Wall, Christopher Kato, Corey Brandon.
 ROW 2: Emmanuel Sampson, Zachary Pacak, Benjamin Hovatter, Tyler Carl, Ethan Williamson, Samuel Johnson, James Remington, Joshua Aaron.
 ROW 1: Linwood Moore (Counselor in Charge), Ethan Morlu, Robert Causey, Juan Medina-Ortiz, Napoleon Christian Salayon, Jameson Smith, Sean Herndon, Clayton Fannin, Vincent Litwinowicz, Trip Daniel Scaletta (Counselor), James Woodfin (Counselor).

Virginia Boys State 2021 - Washington City



Mayor
Andrew Pavlak



Sheriff
Tristan Carney

ROW 4: Owen Saunders, Tristan Carney, Anson Stanfield, Frank Pyott, James Hoadley, Connor Mahek, Andrew Pavlak, Jack Schumacher.
 ROW 3: Zachary Alderson, Thomas Hollar, Ethan Henry, Erik Price, Jackson Amos, Andrew Bullis, John Krynitisky, John Townsend.
 ROW 2: Mark Outland, Tyler Wade, Joseph Chambers, Samuel Bush, Collin Slagle, Christopher McGrath, Adam Hanna, Frank Wright.
 ROW 1: Paul Moosman (Counselor), Alan Drinkwater (Counselor in Charge), Landon Bonneville, Riley Araojo, Samuel Mostow, David Sager, Daniel Routhier, Jerry Netherland (Counselor), Trip Tyler Crewe (Counselor).

2021 Boys State Citizens

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Isaac “Ike” Stephen Kelley 1948 – 2021



For almost two decades, Ike spent his Father's Day with his Boys State delegates. He was a well versed volunteer in every aspect of the Boys State program having served as a counselor and as Virginia Boys State Director. Ike was passionate in his love of America and the Virginia Boys State program.

Ike enlisted in the Army in 1968 and served in Vietnam as a member of the 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized). Ike was honorably discharged from the Army and returned home to Tennessee, where he attended Middle Tennessee State University while getting his first taste of the National Park Service at Stones River National Battlefield. Ike had a long career in federal law enforcement, acting as the Chief Ranger at Petersburg National Battlefield for 28 years, retiring in June 2005.

Ever-proud of his military service and once-again volunteering his time, Ike became active in The American Legion later in life. An active member of Post No. 2 in Petersburg, Virginia he worked tirelessly; serving in numerous positions as an advocate for active members of the military, and veterans, eventually rising to the high office of Department Commander for the Commonwealth of Virginia from 2012 to 2013.

Isaac “Ike” Stephen Kelley of Dinwiddie, Virginia, a loving husband and father passed from this world on the morning of April 23, 2021 at the age of 72.

Garland “Ray” Rhyne 1938 – 2020



Legionnaire Ray Rhyne graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Political Science. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel Infantry Officer from the US Army in 1992 with over 29 years of military service. He worked for the Federal government in various positions, culminating with his retirement from the Department of Homeland Security in 2007.

Ray served The American Legion at all levels - Post, District, State, and National. Ray contributed to the success of The American Legion Boys State of Virginia program by serving as counselor, Newspaper Editor, Chief of Logistics, and Yearbook Editor. In 2011 Garland “Ray” Rhyne was inducted into the Virginia Boys State Hall of Fame.

Garland “Ray” Rhyne, a loving husband and father passed from this world on October 7, 2020.

James R. Chapman 1938 – 2020



Past Department Commander James Russell Chapman passed away on December 15, 2020. Jim earned his eligibility in The American Legion through his distinguished service in the United States Air Force, retiring after 20 years as Master Sergeant. Past Department Commander Chapman was committed to servicing our Veterans, their families and the community in which he lived. Jim was a 28-year member of The American Legion and held many positions within the organization to include Post, District, Department Vice Commander and Department Commander. Jim also served as Membership Chairman and Department Judge Advocate. In service to his community on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Jim was instrumental in the construction of his home Post 56 in Cheriton, VA, he also served as a K-9 Officer, Deputy Sheriff for Northampton County, Code Enforcement Officer and Clerk of the Works, where he was responsible for the construction of the Northampton County Courthouse and Jail in Eastville, VA.

Two programs of The American Legion were very important to Jim; the Junior Law Cadet and Virginia Boys State. Jim served for a number of years as a Boys State Counselor and one year as co-Master of Ceremonies for the Boys State program.

Past Department Commander Jim Chapman is a true example of service above self and how The American Legion continues to serve. James R. Chapman, a loving husband and father passed from this world on December 15, 2020.

Curtis "Curt" Dickinson 1934 – 2020



Curt Dickinson spent seventeen years with his Boys State delegates. He was a well versed volunteer in every aspect of the VA Boys State program having served as a counselor, Scholarship coordinator and Deputy Director.

Curt Dickinson served in the United States Army including two tours in Vietnam; retiring as a Colonel.

Curt served The American Legion as Post Commander of Post 86 in Kilmarnock, 12th District Commander, and Department Vice Commander.

In recognition of his career accomplishments and his service to Virginia Boys State, Curt Dickinson was inducted into the Virginia Boys State Hall of Fame in 1999.

Curtis "Curt" Dickinson, formally of Mollusk, Virginia passed away June 22, 2020.

The Honorable Glen E. Conrad 1949 – 2021



The Honorable Glen E. Conrad served the Western District of Virginia in both magistrate and district courts for 45 years.

Glen E. Conrad, a Radford resident, began his Boys State activities as a 1966 delegate, and was elected to the office of Senator from his city. He went on to the College of William and Mary for his law degree, and later was appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge, the youngest magistrate in the nation at that time. He served as Chief Judge from 2010 to 2017.

Over his twenty-three years of service to Virginia Boys State, Glen served as College Coordinator, Senator Coordinator, Program Director, and Chief Instructional Counselor. He also served as a member of the Boys State Board of Directors. In 1995, Judge Glen E Conrad was inducted into the Virginia Boys State Hall of Fame.

Judge Glen E. Conrad, 71, of Roanoke, VA passed away May 20, 2021 surrounded by family and friends.

James Albert "Buck" Owen 1946 – 2020



Buck was a 27 year retired US Navy Veteran serving in the Vietnam War. Buck had a passion for Hot Rods and Harley's; he worked at Jacks Body Shop as a body man while living in Norfolk.

Buck was a member of The American Legion Post #104 and the V.F.W. #9855, both in Appomattox. Buck was the founding member and commander of the Appomattox American Legion Honor Guard. He was the Commander of Post #104, 10th District Commander, Department of Virginia Vice Commander, Department Chairman of Media Communications, Sargent Major reenactor with the 18th Virginia Company H Longstreet Corps, and served offices at the State and National levels of The American Legion. Buck served as a counselor at Virginia Boys State.

James Albert "Buck" Owen, of Appomattox, VA passed away January 21, 2020 surrounded by family and friends.

Past Governors of VA Boys State

1939 - George Spencer Narrows	1969 - Wyatt G. Andrews Norfolk	1995 - Dan Grattan Vienna
1940 - Allen Webb Portsmouth	1970 - Bert Tussing Chesapeake	1996 - Christopher Molino Springfield
1941 - Lewis Tyree Newport News	1971 - Douglas Carlton Alexandria	1997 - Josh Johnson Bluefield
1942- 1945 - Boys State Not Held	1972 - David Urban Lynchburg	1998 - Jeeho Park Fairfax
1946 - J. B. Johnson Osaka (Wise Co.)	1973 - Grady Hedgespeth Virginia Beach	1999 - Matthew Wells Mechanicsville
1947 - Arnold Stallman Vienna	1974 - James C. Pittman Richmond	2000 - Hunter Hanger Chesterfield
1948 - Alton Thomas Charlottesville	1975 - Patrick Warfle Alexandria	2001 - Milton Miller Norfolk
1949 - James Stokes Kenbridge	1976 - Gary Malone Richmond	2002 - Justin Roberts Virginia Beach
1950 - Melvin L. Minnick, Jr. Salem	1977 - Stephen Cooley Fredericksburg	2003 - Robert E. Cole Hampton
1951 - Rudolph Woods Chase City	1978 - Gregory Brainerd Virginia Beach	2004 - Erik Carter Heathsville
1952 - Eugene Rawls Bayside	1979 - Ronald Adler Reston	2005 - James Watson, Jr. Suffolk
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1960 - James K. Walters Alexandria	1987 - Jack Lake Chesapeake	2013 - William Smith Kilarnock
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1962 - "Teddy" O'Toole Baskerville	1989 - Rodney Pressley Yorktown	2015 - Javon Calloway Lynchburg
1963 - Harvey Bryant Portsmouth	1990 - Eddie Hatrick Leesburg	2016 - Yosaph Boku Alexandria
1964 - Donald Nelson Fort Lee	1991 - Brian Baker Burke	2017 - Denzel Mitchell Heathsville
1965 - Lester N. Ellis, Jr. Annandale	1992 - Thomas Redd Hampton	2018 - Xavier Williams Hampton
1966 - Stuart Lindsay Rixeyville	1993 - Christopher Yates Falls Church	2019 - Lenroy Dasilva Newport News
1967 - T. Mitchell Willey Springfield	1994 - Milton Welch Newport News	2020 - Boys State Not Held-COVID-19
1968 - M. Anderson Bradshaw Norge		

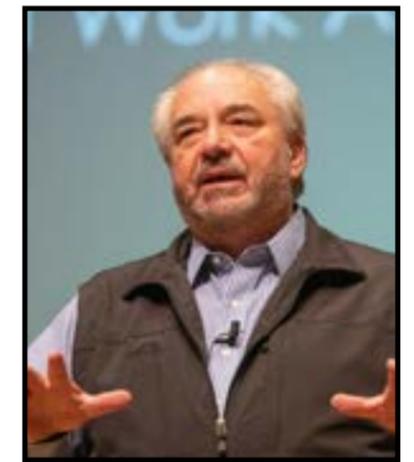
Speakers and Presentations



Flag Tribute by Jim Flint is always a highlight of VA Boys State.



Special Guest Speaker Jason Wright inspired and motivated citizens.



The Honorable Bill Bolling elaborated on "Making Government Work."



Christopher Piper, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Elections,



Dr. Noelle Bisell, MD, Virginia Department of Health.



Col. (P) Doyle Gillis talked about the mission of the Virginia National Guard.



Counselor Maddrea identified the five aspects of "Running for Office" that are either controllable or not by the candidate.



Virtually from the University of Mary Washington, Dr. Stephen Farnworth discussed the Virginia State Political Party Election System.



Greg Mueller talked about The American Legion National Oratorical Contest.

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Hall of Fame



Jeffrey A. Finch

Jeffrey A. Finch is being honored by American Legion Boys State of Virginia for his outstanding service to the Virginia Boys State Program. Jeff attended Virginia Boys State in 1986 and served as a Legislative counselor for all but two sessions since 1986. Jeff worked for 38 years with the Virginia House of Delegates, of which he served 23 years as Deputy Clerk for Legislative Operations.

Further, Jeff serves as Adjunct Faculty in the Political Science Department for Christopher Newport University, and the Government Department for J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College. He previously taught in the MPA Program at Virginia Commonwealth University and has guest lectured at James Madison University and the University of Richmond.

Jeff is a dedicated member of the staff at American Legion Boys State and has faithfully served Virginia Boys State for 33 years. Therefore, American Legion Boys State of Virginia recognizes the dedication and accomplishments of Jeffrey A. Finch; forever enshrined in The American Legion Boys State of Virginia Hall of Fame, June 25, 2021.

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Glen Rardin
Andy Renick
Charles Crush
Arthur James
John Wicker

1983

Guy Pobst
Les Lam
Gates Richardson
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1984

Tom Dobyns
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1985

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Richard Poff
Sam Snow

1986

George Blume
George Whitley

1987

Carlyle Tiller
Henry Roughton

1988

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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

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Marty Rhyne

2014

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Gordy Smith
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2015

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2016

Steve Cox

2017

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2018

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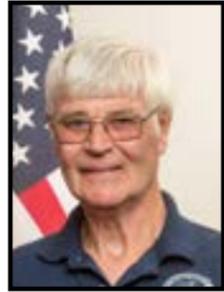
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