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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND, INC.
2026 MARYLAND BOYS STATE**

Boys State is an objective citizenship training school in which the nation’s young leaders gain a valid concept of the operations, ideals, functions and goals of government.

Boys State developed from an idea that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operations of government; that the individual is an integral part of, and commensurately responsible for, the character and success of government. The phenomenal growth of the movement is attributable in large measure to the laboratory method of teaching practical political science.

The Boys State program is characterized by self-imposed duties, responsibilities, rules, regulations, practices and customs which are essential to the maintenance of an orderly society and government.

A few of the objectives of Boys State are:

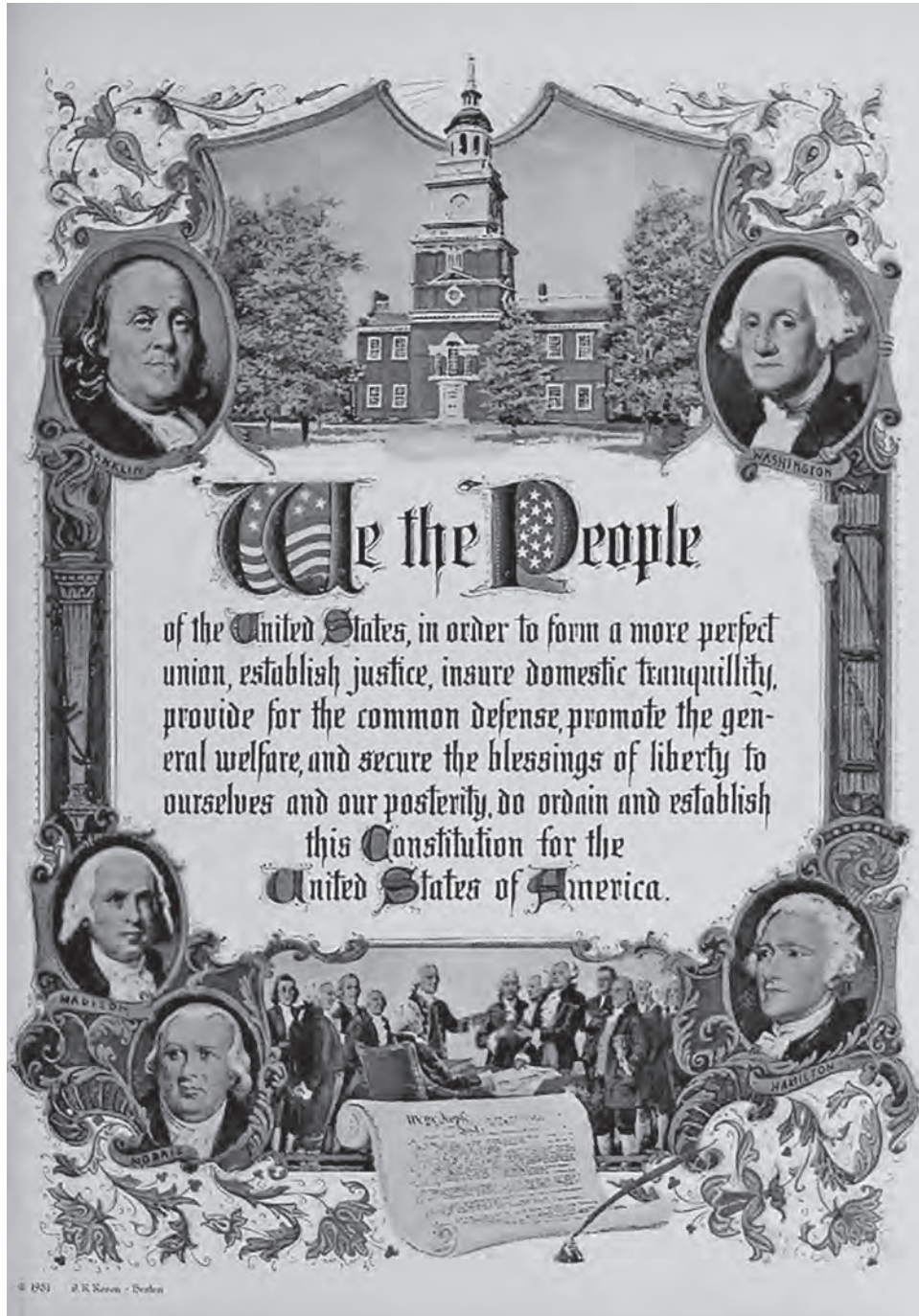
- To provide an opportunity to learn, understand and practice the basic principles underlying the representative form of government.
- To arouse in young citizens the desire to maintain our form of government with its guaranteed freedoms.
- To teach young leaders to make decisions in line with reason.
- To develop civic leadership and interest in governmental affairs.
- To instill in the youth, the knowledge that American citizenship is a priceless possession with responsibility to the same degree.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND BOYS STATE

You are here to learn about American citizenship, your priceless heritage. How much you learn and the value of the training to you depends largely upon your personal attitude and effort. The men and women who teach you here are holders of the office about which they lecture. All have volunteered to serve on our faculty because of their belief in the future of America and appreciation of the value of being an informed American citizen. Pay strict attention to their presentations.

The American Legion, Department of Maryland is happy to have the opportunity of working with all the individuals, organizations, and services who have so generously contributed of their time, effort and money toward Boys State. Organizing and producing Boys State calls for the closest cooperation. The Director acknowledges that this Boys State is the direct result of such work and spirit. We are especially grateful to the Legionnaires who served in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard for their help.

Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America



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BOYS STATE CREED

American citizenship is my most precious possession. I believe in the constitutional form of government of The United States of America which guarantees me the right to worship God as I choose and, as a citizen, equal opportunity and equal educational rights.

It is my obligation to participate in, and contribute to, the civic and political welfare of my community, state and nation.

I resolve to learn and understand the civic needs and government of my community. I hereby dedicate myself to the task of arousing and maintaining a like interest in my fellow citizens, young and old.

May the memory and experience of Boys State be ever with me as a reminder of my obligation to my country.

BOYS STATE PLEDGE

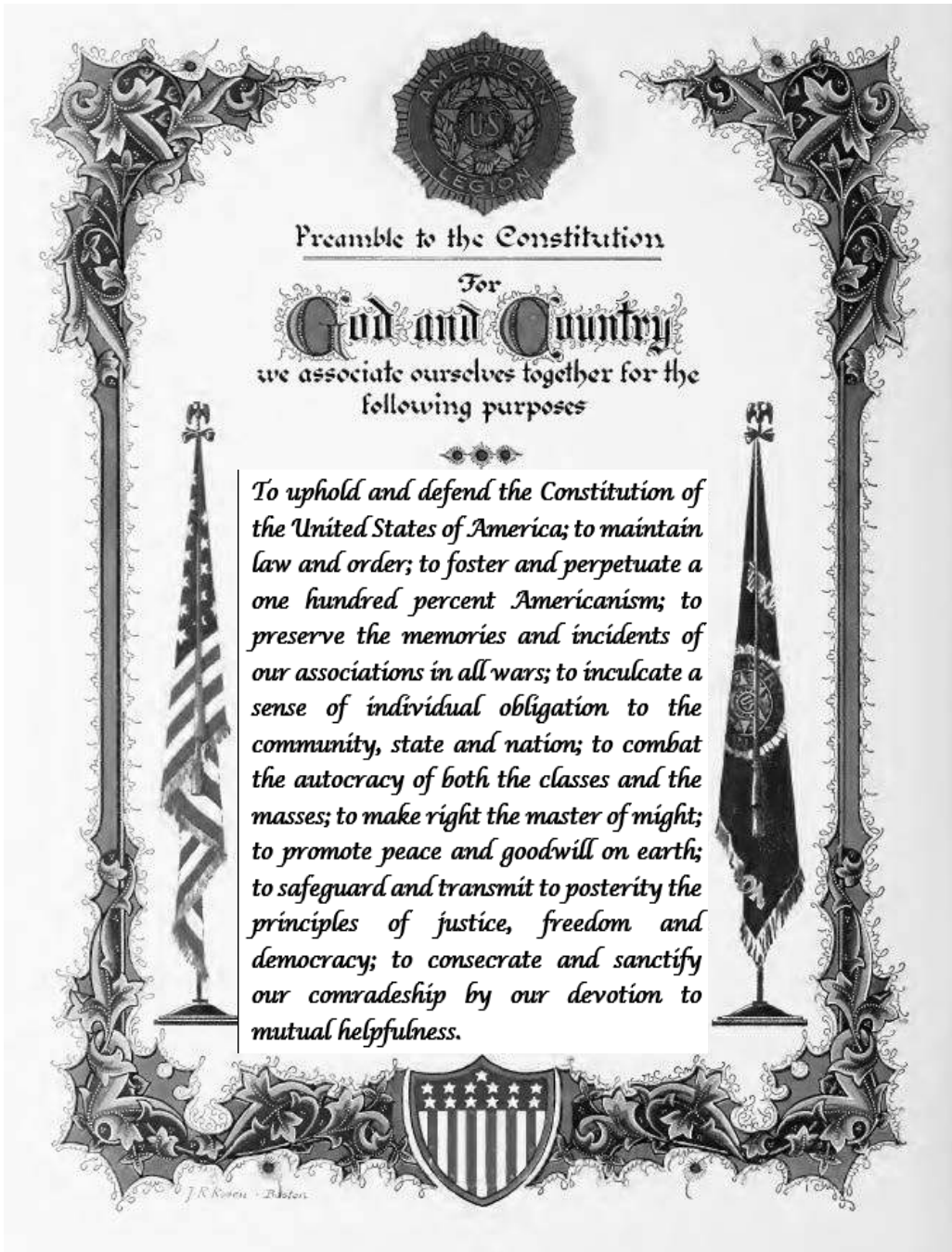
As a citizen of Boys State I voluntarily pledge the following:

- I shall secure permission from my Counselor before leaving the Boys State campus for any reason. I shall not visit other Boys State Cities without permission.
- I will obey the rules and regulations of Boys State and instructions given by the Director or any of the Staff.
- I will take a serious and conscientious interest in discharging my duties as a citizen of Boys State. I recognize that the schedule is a very busy one, requiring utmost cooperation, alertness and extreme punctuality at all times.
- I will adhere to the program of Boys State, participating in activities as scheduled, with the understanding that I am to attend all sessions, unless previously excused.
- I shall serve, if elected or appointed to office, to the best of my ability. I will serve wisely and well, not abusing my authority.
- I will not form injurious habits and will not use, nor tempt other citizens of Boys State to use alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco in any form while attending Boys State. I shall make a report to my sponsor, or sponsors, of my impressions of Boys State after my return home.
- I will protect and conserve all property of Boys State, also the property and grounds of McDaniel College. I will not trespass in any area marked or designated "Off Limits."
- I will keep my quarters, and the Boys State campus, tidy and clean at all times so that visitors will be impressed with the general appearance of Boys State at all times while I am a citizen therein.
- I shall remain quiet and orderly and will not participate in rowdy activities after "lights out."
- I shall respect the rights of my fellow citizens of Boys State.

Signed: _____

CITIZEN, BOYS STATE 2026

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

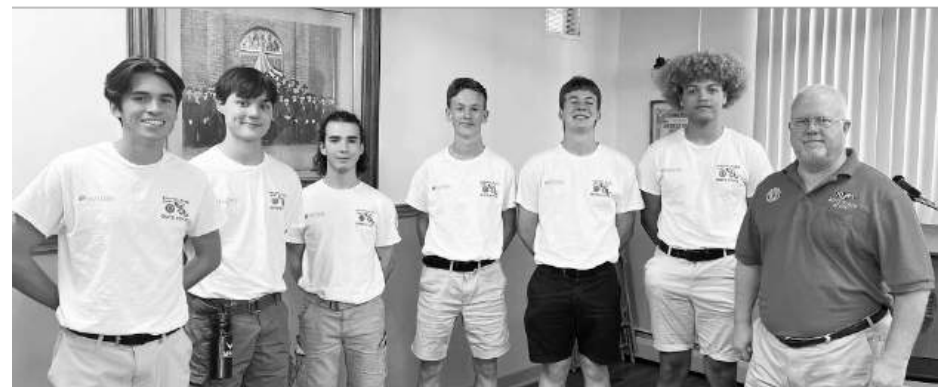


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SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

- 12:00 p.m.** Check-In – Gill Gym
- 1:00 p.m.** Parent and Student Briefing – Gill Gym
- 3:30 p.m.** Assembly for instructions, rules, regulations, introductions – Director Russell W. Myers, Jr. and Assistant Director Charles Gannon – **Alumni Hall**
- 4:50 p.m.** Evening Meal Formation – Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- 6:45 p.m.** Class Formation – Colors
- 7:00 p.m.** Opening General Assembly – Alumni Hall
Invocation – Rev. Dr. Otis Wilson, Chaplain Department of Maryland
Welcome to Boys State – Russell W. Myers, Jr., Director, The American Legion Maryland Boys State Program
MD Boys State 2025 Governor - Gordon Johnson - Goldstein City - Anne Arundel County - DeMatha Catholic High School
“Charter Form of Government” – Rick B. Weldon, Jr., President & CEO. The Frederick County Chamber of Commerce ; Member of Maryland House of Delegates (2003-2009)
- 10:00 p.m.** Bed Check
- 10:25 p.m.** Taps (*lights out by 10:30 p.m.*)





MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

- 5:15 a.m.** Reveille
- 5:30 a.m.** Shower, Dress, Clean Quarters (*Sick Call*)
- 6:45 a.m.** Colors & Morning Formation – Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 7:45 a.m.** City Primary Elections
- 9:00 a.m.** *Speak to Lead – Brig. Gen. Adam K. Ake, Deputy Director - Joint Task Force Audit; 1992 Boy’s Nation Senator (AK), 1992 AK Boy’s State Lt. Gov.*
- 10:00 a.m.** Robert Antoinin - Founder of Leadership Lessons; Toastmasters International Ambassador, online host, and leadership consultant;
Communication, Leadership, and the Art of Public Speaking
- 11:00 a.m.** Edward C. Rothstein, COL(R) - Secretary of MD Department of Veterans & Military Families, Commissioner of Carroll County 2018-2025
- 11:00 a.m.** Noon Meal Formation – Lunch 12:00 Noon
- 1:00 p.m.** The Appellate Court and Judicial System – Fred Hecker, Judge, Carroll County Circuit Court
- 2:00 p.m.** *5ag`fk 9ahM` Wfl ;_ bSuf aXESfW>Si e S` V 4gVWVa` 5ag`fk AbWf[a`e, Peter Smith| USMC XXX/DH 5auncilmember Vice Chair| Anne Arundel County (Dist 1), Candidate for County Executive*
- 3:00 p.m.** *City Charters and Challenges in a Municipal Government— Anthony Chiavacci, City of Westminster Council Member*

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026 (*Continued*)

- 4:00 p.m.** Director's Time
- 4:50 p.m.** Evening Meal Formation – Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m.** Colors – Recreation – Talent Show Practice at Alumni Hall
- 8:15 p.m.** Cities in House – Charter – Campaign – Caucus – Shower
- 10:00 p.m.** Bed Check
- 10:25 p.m.** Taps (*lights out by 10:30 p.m.*)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

- 5:15 a.m.** Reveille
- 5:30 a.m.** Shower, Dress, Clean Quarters (*Sick Call*)
- 6:45 a.m.** Colors & Morning Formation – Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 7:40 a.m.** City General Elections – Big Baker Chapel
- 8:00 a.m.** ROTC Scholarship Information; Rob Familetti, McDaniel ROTC
- 9:00 a.m.** Financial Literacy – Dr. Allen Cox, Managing Director, Maryland Coalition for financial Literacy
- 10:00 a.m.** The State Legislative Process – Director Russell Myers & Political Officer John Larrimore
- 11:00 a.m.** Director's Time - Runoff Elections - Election Results - Oath of Office
- 11:00 a.m.** Noon Meal Formation – Lunch 12 Noon
- 1:00 p.m.** City Photos - Alumni Hall
- 1:15 p.m.** Political Simulation – Political Officer John Larrimore
Organization – Elections
- 4:50 p.m.** Evening Meal Formation – Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m.** Colors – Recreation – Talent Show Practice at Alumni Hall
- 8:00 p.m.** State Primary Caucus – Nominations – Alumni Hall and Forum
- 10:00 p.m.** Bed Check
- 10:25 p.m.** Taps (*lights out by 10:30 p.m.*)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

- 5:15 a.m.** Reveille
- 5:30 a.m.** Shower, Dress, Clean Quarters (*Sick Call*)
- 6:45 a.m.** Colors & Morning Formation – Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m.** Political Simulation, Political Officer – John Larrimore
Break into Committees – Debate Assigned Bills – Hill Hall
- 11:00 a.m.** Appellate Court of MD Election – In Committee Rooms
Elect 3 Judges, 1 Bailiff, 1 Clerk (Remaining split into 2 groups of Attorneys to argue)
- 11:45 a.m.** Noon Meal Formation – Lunch 12:00 Noon
- 1:00 p.m.** *Political Simulation* – John Larrimore
Full General Assembly – Committee Reports – Votes – Alumni Hall
- 4:00 p.m.** State Candidate Speeches
- 4:50 p.m.** Evening Meal Formation – Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m.** Colors – Recreation – Talent Show Practice at Alumni Hall
- 7:45 p.m.** Governor Candidates Debate
- 8:45 p.m.** Cities in House – Charter – Campaign – Caucus – Shower
- 10:00 p.m.** Bed Check
- 10:25 p.m.** Taps (*lights out by 10:30 p.m.*)



THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2026

- 5:15 a.m.** Reveille
- 5:30 a.m.** Shower, Dress, Clean Quarters (*Sick Call*)
- 6:45 a.m.** Colors & Morning Formation – Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 7:40 a.m.** State General Elections - Big Baker Chapel
Colors – Announcements
8:00 a.m. – GROUP PHOTO – Bleachers Football Field
- 8:30 a.m.** Appellate Advocacy Training - Alumni Hall
- 10:00 a.m.** Admissions Counselor for McDaniel College
- 10:45 a.m.** National Primary Caucus – Nominations
- 11:45 a.m.** Noon Meal Formation – Lunch 12:00 Noon
- 1:00 p.m.** Drug Abuse – Major James Pyles, Maryland State Police
- 3:00 p.m.** National Candidate Debate – Moderated by Boys State Staff
- 4:10 p.m.** Appellate Court of MD Simulation - Hill Hall - Assigned Committees
- 4:50 p.m.** Evening Meal Formation – Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m.** Colors – Recreation – Talent Show Practice at Alumni Hall Cities in
- 8:15 p.m.** House – Campaign – Shower – Charter Due
- 10:00 p.m.** Bed Check
- 10:25 p.m.** Taps (*lights out by 10:30 p.m.*)

FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2026

- 5:15 a.m.** Reveille
- 5:30 a.m.** Shower, Dress, Clean Quarters (*Sick Call*)
- 6:45 a.m.** Colors & Morning Formation – Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
National General Election
- 8:15 a.m.** Test – City Staff – Hill Hall
- 9:45 a.m.** Director's Time
- 11:00 a.m.** Noon Meal Formation – Lunch 11:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m.** Supreme Court of MD Simulation - Alumni Hall
- 3:00 p.m.** Depart for Post 31

FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2026 (Continued)

- 3:30 p.m.** Arrive at Carroll Post 31
- 4:45 p.m.** Dinner at Carroll Post 31
- 6:00 p.m.** Formation for Parade back to McDaniel College
- 6:15 p.m.** Parade back to McDaniel College
- 6:45 p.m.** Colors – Announcements
- 7:00 p.m.** Talent Show at Alumni Hall
Coordinators – Douglas Lawrence, Charee Reckner, and Ruth Higgins
- 10:00 p.m.** Bed Check
- 10:25 p.m.** Taps (*lights out by 10:30 p.m.*)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

- 5:15 a.m.** Reveille
- 5:30 a.m.** Shower, Dress, Clean Quarters (*Sick Call*)
- 6:45 a.m.** Colors & Morning Formation – Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
Secure Barracks – Linen Return – Move Baggage – Dress for Graduation
- 8:45 a.m.** Graduation Formation
- 9:00 a.m.** Graduation Ceremony – **Big Baker Chapel**
Color Guard – 2026 Boys State Color Guard
Presentations and Awards
Pins given out by Cities
Benediction – Rev Dr Otis Wilson, Chaplain,
The American Legion Department of Maryland
**Recessional Formation to Quad for Retiring of Colors for
2026 Boys State**

NOTE: Families are welcome to proceed to College Quad in front of Hoover Library after Citizens file out to observe this ceremony.



RULES

1. No citizen shall obtain or retain firearms, fireworks or explosives in his possession. Any found shall be turned in to the Director.
2. No citizen shall use alcohol, tobacco, drugs or other contraband items at any time, anywhere, during Boys State.
3. No citizen shall operate an automobile while at Boys State.
4. No citizen shall participate in games of chance, or in any form of gambling while at Boys State.
5. No citizen shall be offensively boisterous or rowdy in his personal conduct while at Boys State, either on the campus or away.
6. No citizen shall trespass in any portion of any building not definitely assigned to Boys State; nor in any “Off Limits” area.
7. Any illness or injury, however slight, must be reported immediately to the Medical Officer.
8. Rules and/or Regulations may be changed, modified or promulgated without any notice other than their announcement at a Formation or Lecture Period. They shall take effect immediately in this event.

CITIZEN’S OBLIGATION

Self-government is not a luxury upon which men grow fat and indulgent. Rather it is an instrument by which men can, if they have the wisdom, safeguard their individual freedom and employ that freedom in pursuit of happiness and fair reward for the fruits of their efforts, the energies and the participation of those who would benefit by it, self-government is weighed as heavy with obligation as with privileges.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

FREEDOM

Discuss what you have learned here with your parents and friends. Above all urge your parents and relatives to vote in every Primary and General Election. One who does not use the franchise afforded to citizens may cause the loss of the franchise.

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When the bugler sounds “TAPS” we ask that you consider for the moment the millions of Americans who sacrificed their lives in all of the wars so that we might enjoy days such as these in freedom and dignity.

MD Boys State City Charter

Format should consider if the essential elements are condensed in a single instrument with a simple and logical arrangement, uniform terminology, consistency between the different parts, and the avoidance of ambiguities and unnecessary repetition.

Essential questions include what type of City Government will the City establish in its Charter?

MINIMUM ESSENTIALS

A. PREAMBLE

- * General statement of purpose

B. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- * Minimum requirements for eligibility
- * Election process for Mayor
- * Length of term of office
- * Authority (ie powers, responsibilities, veto powers, etc)

C. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- * Minimum requirements for eligibility
- * Election process for City Council
- * Length of term of office and number of members

D. JUDICIAL BRANCH

- * Minimum requirements for eligibility
- * Election and/or appointment process for Municipal Judge
- * Length of term of office
- * How will judicial proceedings take place in the city?

E. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- * Minimum requirements for eligibility
- * Length of term of office
- * Duties and responsibilities of each appointed position

F. GENERAL POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

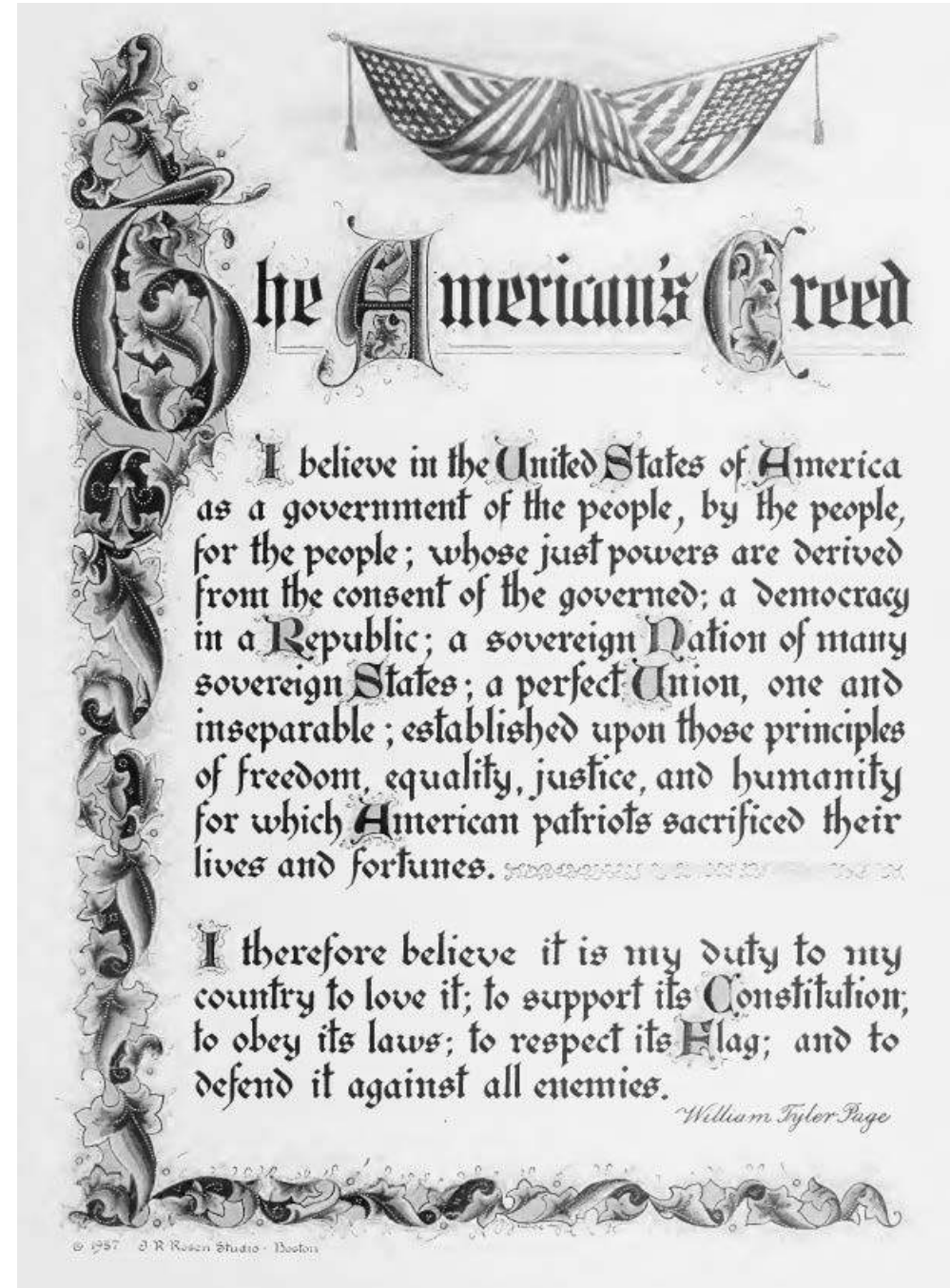
- * May include process to ratify charter
- * May include any rights or restrictions wanted by the citizens

G. AMENDMENT PROCESS

- * How can the charter be amended?



The American's Creed by William Tyler Page



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MARYLAND BOYS STATE

Nikki S. Randolph Department Commander
 Russell W. Myers, Jr. Department Adjutant
 Ronald L. Holcombe. National Executive Committeeman

BOYS STATE STAFF

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Russell W. Myers, Jr. Director
 Charles E. Gannon Assistant Director – Administrative, Political, Education
 Larry Crouch Assistant Director – Operations and Logistics
 David Heredia Chief Administrator

POLITICAL OFFICERS

John Larrimore Political Officer
 Charles E. Gannon Political Officer
 Charles J. Slimowicz Political/Education Officer
 Sawyer Cornelius Party Advisor – Federalist
 Doug Lawrence Party Advisor – Nationalist

FOOD SERVICE

Gary Blades Food Services Officer
 Earnest Hawkins. Food Services Officer

SUPPORT STAFF

Steve Tatro Liaison Officer
 Pete Kelly Medical Transport/Admin Spt
 Gary Blades. Supply Officer
 Ralph Cordrey. Medical Transport/Supply Officer
 Patrick Zito Security Officer
 Earnest Hawkins. Security Officer
 E. Glenn Butler Medical Services
 Ruth Higgins. Medical Services
 Charee Reckner. Medical Services
 Greg "Doc" Reisz. Medical Services
 Todd Chamberlain. Medical Services
 Patricia McCoy. Medical Admin

TALENT SHOW COORDINATION

Doug Lawrence
 Charee Reckner
 Ruth Higgins

BOYS STATE CITY STAFF MEMBERS

Michael Armijo	Frank Price	<u>Counselors in Training</u>
Sawyer Cornelius	Dennis J. Renehan	Tim Bauerline
Wayne Dunaway	Patrick Robbins Jack	Jonas Garland
Adrian Gamboa	Smith Alexander	Andrew Komm
Gary Gifford	Whitney, Sr	Todd Morris
Ronald Holcombe		Paul Turlington
David King	<u>City Mentors:</u>	
Douglas Lawrence	Charan Bala	
Bernard Liswell	Cordell Eddings	
Orlando Nesbit	Zachary McGrath	
	Alfred Segbe	
	Brett Sheranko	
	Matthew Svehla	

History of Directors of MD Boys State

Earle R. Poorbaugh	1947-1955
Woodrow W. Bousman	1956
E. Donald Darr & Williams Hastings	1957
Daniel Burkhardt	1958-1986
Raymond Callegary	1987-2009
Roger Butt	2013-2016
Russell W. Myers Jr.	2017-



STAFF MEMBERS EMERITUS

Roger W. Butt Thomas Davis John Mackall Dennis Rebok
 Donald Griffith Judith Moody Gary B. Vogt

**IN MEMORY OF
BOYS STATE STAFF
MEMBERS**

Richard Barr	James Jones	Robert N. Ford
Robert Bruchey	Eddie B. Mitchell	Ashby Jenkins
Charles Serabian	Robert M. Johnson	Charles Bender
James Tanabe	J. Cody Quinton	Theron T. Newsome
Michael Wilson	Charles Ireland	Thomas Adams
Daniel H. Burkhardt	R. Lee Fisher	Steve Redyk
William Stuart	Russell Barr	Robert McLain
William Sipple	Donald Messick	Michael Odum
Talmage Carawan	Charles St. Clair	Raymond E. Callegary
James Pritchett	Pat Walker	Philip J. Surprenant
Peter Randall	Gerald L. Duvall	Samiel M. Hofberg
Wilbur Newcomb, Jr.	Wilbur L. Vansant, Jr.	William Milligan
Alex Ilczuk	Alvin Wallace	Mark Main
Edward Larry Killen.	Jesse Chambers	

CITIES

GANNON CITY – Named for Charles "Chuck" Gannon, the only MD Boys State Staff member to serve on staff for 50 years and counting!

FLAG CITY – Named for the “Star Spangled Banner” that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812.

FORT CITY – Named for Fort McHenry, shelled by the British during the War of 1812.

GOLDSTEIN CITY – Named for the late Louis L. Goldstein, former Maryland Comptroller, who attended Boys State for fifty years, the only speaker/political figure to do so.

BURKHARDT CITY – Named for Daniel Burkhardt, longest serving Director of Maryland Boys State (1958-1986; 29 years)

LEGION CITY – Named for The American Legion and in honor of its sponsorship of Boys State for over 90 years.

FORMER GOVERNORS OF MARYLAND BOYS STATE

William E. Poorbaugh, Baltimore 1947-48	Michael J. Kidd, Arnold 1986-87
Charles Sitter, Cumberland 1948-49	Hoke Glover, Seabrook 1987-88
Carroll Campbell, East Riverdale 1949-50	Dilip Paliath, Baltimore 1988-89
Howard Griner, Catonsville. 1950-51	Eric Petty, Upper Marlboro 1989-90
Philip Walbert, Henderson 1951-52	Brian Lehman, Monrovia. 1990-91
Richard Duncan, Reisterstown 1952-53	Erich Muehleisen, Chesapeake Bch. 1991-92
Ralph F. Vincente, Parkville 1953-54	Harold W. Hickman, Lusby 1992-93
Phil Flynn, Baltimore 1954-55	John B. Esterhay, Olney. 1993-94
Daniel W. Donohue, Baltimore. 1955-56	Joshua L. Goldstein, Bethesda 1994-95
Roger Kisiel, Hagerstown. 1956-57	Dennis Mitchell, Barnesville 1995-96
Vaughn Callahan, Centreville. 1957-58	Jeff C. Mund, Glen Arm 1996-97
Thomas Smith, Fullerton 1958-59	Michael J. Lambert, Havre de Grace 1997-98
Gerald K. Gimmel, Chevy Chase 1959-60	Alan J. Hawk, Prince Frederick. 1998-99
Joseph P. Colly, Dundalk 1960-61	William E. Shoe, Glen Burnie 1999-00
Jerome Schnydmann, Baltimore 1961-62	Akil S. Patterson, Frederick 2000-01
Gino Crocetti, Baltimore 1962-63	Bryant Hall, Galesville 2001-02
Eric L. Oser, Takoma Park 1963-64	Timothy Kamas, Hagerstown 2002-03
Gregory A. Young, Catonsville 1964-65	Shawn P. Flaherty, Baltimore. 2003-04
Colm Gage, Baltimore. 1965-66	William G. Rueter, IV, Baltimore 2004-05
Bill Fluharty, Catonsville 1966-67	Nathan Hayes, Abingdon 2005-06
Mark D. Morris, Towson 1967-68	Joseph C. Buyer, Arnold 2006-07
Robert F.M. Klaus, Oxon Hill 1968-69	Jonathan Byrd, Salisbury 2007-08
Aubrey C. Knox, Baltimore 1969-70	James Peterson, Mt. Airy 2008-09
Garth Weldon, Gaithersburg. 1970-71	Damika Somasundaram, Highland 2009-10
Peter D. Allen, Joppa 1971-72	Steven Wang, Hagerstown 2010-11
William D. Dux, Towson 1972-73	Daniel Stonko, Manchester 2011-12
James R. Pickett, Baltimore. 1973-74	Shobhit Kumar, Finksburg. 2012-13
Michael Begley, Towson 1974-75	James Dobson, Bethesda 2013-14
Eamonn McGeady, Baltimore. 1975-76	Maurice Harris, Oxon Hill. 2014-15
James A. Fenner, Jr., Aberdeen 1976-77	Jacob M. Murdock, Baldwin 2015-16
Joseph S. Markwordt, Highandtown 1977-78	Garrett R. Lowe, Keymar 2016-17
Thurl Bailey, Seat Pleasant 1978-79	Young Sol Kim, Rockville. 2017-18
David C. Hill, Beltsville 1979-80	Ethan R. Jenkins, Bel Air 2018-19
Michael D. Miller, Rockville 1980-81	Alexander M. Rawlett, Bel Air. 2019-21
Richard L. Astle, Port Deposit. 1981-82	Samir T. Mitri, Potomac. 2021-22
Kevin Laurence, Europe 1982-83	Chase A. Pearson, Potomac. 2022-23
David Gregorio, Adelphi. 1983-84	Cooper I. Charkatz, Potomac. 2023-24
Andrew Shorr, Potomac 1984-85	Brett M. Sheranko, Lusby. 2024-25
Robert Clingan, Salisbury 1985-86	Gordon B. Johnson, Annapolis. 2025-26

FORMER U.S. SENATORS OF MARYLAND BOYS STATE

William E. Poorbaugh, Baltimore	1947-48	Thomas Basil Lewis, Rockville	1967-68
Ray Bellamy, Cheverly.	1947-48	Tom Blair, Owings.	1968-69
Charles Sitter, Cumberland	1948-49	Marc G. Issacs, Ft Meade	1968-69
Billy Hancock, Middle River	1948-49	Bob Weinzimer, Wheaton	1969-70
Robert James, Baltimore.	1949-50	Mike Basil, Annapolis.	1969-70
Frank Walker, Baltimore	1949-50	John R. Valliant, Royal Oak.	1970-71
James Babcock, Chevy Chase	1950-51	Daniel Crumpler, Rockville.	1970-71
Jerry Pessago, Baltimore.	1950-51	Robert Robinson, Cambridge	1971-72
W. Eugene Sanders, Frederick.	1951-52	Philemon Price, Aberdeen	1971-72
Dick Contee, Baltimore.	1951-52	Mark A. Goode, Edgewood	1972-73
Gary Angleberger, Frederick	1952-53	Ronald T. Skinner, Easton	1972-73
Ralph Manuel, Brunswick	1952-53	Tod Hildebrand, Laurel	1973-74
Cadman Owens, Baltimore	1953-54	John W. Short, Severn	1973-74
Leo M. Childs, Oxon Hill.	1953-54	Jonathan M. Shue, Linthicum	1974-75
Mati Tammaru, Baltimore.	1954-55	Blaine M. Tewell, Severn.	1974-75
Michael Pylypczik, Berlin	1954-55	Anthony Nesor, Baltimore	1975-76
Daniel W. Donohue, Baltimore.	1955-56	Henry Covington, Jr., Centreville.	1975-76
Norman W. Davis, Salisbury.	1955-56	Barry K. Young, Cambridge.	1976-77
Roger Kisiel, Hagerstown	1956-57	* Dwight DeGroff, III, Finksburg	1976-77
Len Ebersberger, Linthicum.	1956-57	* Matthew S. Rund, Temple Hills	1976-77
David Finley, Suitland.	1957-58	Gregory Holcombe, Annapolis	1977-78
Sam Schyndman, Baltimore.	1957-58	Marc A. Snyder, Rockville	1977-78
Ronald Yakaitis, Baltimore	1958-59	Mark R. Brown, Chestertown	1978-79
William R. Davis, Suitland.	1958-59	Tom Wolhlfarth, Potomac	1978-79
Joseph Bailer, Jr., Westminster	1959-60	Timothy F. Madey, Burkittsville	1979-80
Jerry Walls, Bel Air	1959-60	Barry P. Waterman, Queenstown	1979-80
William Hylton, Catonsville	1960-61	Matthew A. DeVore, Germany	1980-81
Robert Brugger, Hagerstown	1960-61	Jeffery C. Corbett, Ft Meade	1980-81
Ramon Parcells, Riverdale	1961-62	Lloyd A. Williams, Baltimore	1981-82
Jack Hall, Sudlersville	1961-62	Glenn J. Emory, Europe	1981-82
Benjamin Landrum, Cambridge.	1962-63	Ezra Vance, Europe	1982-83
Larry Melfa, Edgewood	1962-63	Kurt Eglseder, St Michaels	1982-83
Robert L. Harrison, Jr., Baltimore.	1963-64	Bradley Rogers, Mitchellville.	1983-84
Perry M. Ratliff, Dundalk.	1963-64	Brian Street, Crofton	1983-84
Dennis R. Hayden, Silver Spring.	1964-65	Stephen Hoffman, Crofton.	1984-85
Earl O. Kidwell, Jr., Silver Spring	1964-65	David Glick, Europe	1984-85
Randall A. Young, Hagerstown.	1965-66	Derek Roberts, St Michaels	1985-86
Philip F. Zalesak, Takoma Park.	1965-66	Paul Cruz, Europe	1985-86
Lionel Hunt, Annapolis	1966-67	David Bredenburg, Finksburg.	1986-87
Kenneth Jones, Dundalk.	1966-67	Andrew Stiles, Clarksburg	1986-87
Ralph W. Cornick, Baltimore	1967-68	Marshal Childers, Havre De Grace.	1987-88

* House of Representatives ** Represented Dept of Washington

FORMER U.S. SENATORS OF MARYLAND BOYS STATE

Barry Mackall, Prince Frederick.	1987-88	Andrew Nichols, Owings	2007-08
Andrew Kelly, Damascus	1987-88	Brett A. Pearson, Perryville	2008-09
Kevin Fahey, Rockville	1988-89	Collin M. Grier, Cambridge.	2008-09
Adam Silva, Hanover	1988-89	Sean Marshall, Port Deposit	2009-10
Martin Kelly, Hydes.	1989-90	Benjamin Thompson, Silver Spring	2009-10
Sean Fahey, Rockville.	1989-90	Nathan Chai, Bowie.	2010-11
William R. McMillion, Glen Burnie.	1990-91	Eric Kyle, LaPlata	2010-11
Shawn McDonald, Germantown	1990-91	Kenneth Bartlett, Middletown	2011-12
MuKund Krishnaswami, Glen Burnie.	1991-92	James Kazunas, Darnestown.	2011-12
Michael T. Thayer, Poolesville.	1991-92	Matthew Baughman, Manchester.	2012-13
Lee L. Bolen, Elkton.	1992-93	Solon Snider, Severna Park.	2012-13
Christopher A. Smith, Gaithersburg	1992-93	David Birkenthal, Lutherville	2013-14
Edward M. Uppole, Waldorf	1993-94	Alain Estrad, Lusby.	2013-14
John F. Schulz, Crofton	1993-94	Miles Walker, Columbia	2014-15
Kibwe Owens, Clinton	1994-95	Jeremy Price, Westminster.	2014-15
Alden Yetman, Kennedyville.	1994-95	Sami G. Mullah, Germantown	2015-16
Michael High, Frederick.	1995-96	Carter T. Outsa, Montgomery Village.	2015-16
Matthew Laczkowski, Westminster	1995-96	David A. Polefrone, Ellicott City.	2016-17
Christopher T. Sherbert, Germantown	1996-97	Robert K. Pekarek, Forest Hill.	2016-17
Shun Y. Yu, Gaithersburg.	1996-97	Jared Walker, Waldorf.	2017-18
Christopher Cole, Indian Head.	1997-98	Chann Cortes, Prince Frederick.	2017-18
Shawn Sutton, Clinton	1997-98	Matthew Geiger, Mt Airy	2018-19
Ishmael M. Sheriff, Gaithersburg	1998-99	Andrew Zirkle, Mt Airy	2018-19
Charles "Ryland" Drennan, Bowie.	1998-99	George N. Houzouris, Churchville	2019-20
Michael S. Lovett, Bel Air.	1999-00	Jacob W. Reintzel, Saint Leonard.	2019-20
Garth C. Troesch, Jr., Chesapeake Bch.	1999-00	Anbo Li, Boyds	2021-22
Chaz I. Sutton, Washington, DC.	2000-01	Samir T. Mitri, Potomac.	2021-22
Thaddeus S. Wright, Lusby.	2000-01	**Quinn E. McIver, Westminster	2021-22
Andrew P. Kettner, Lusby.	2001-02	**Hektor Y. Thompson, Annapolis.	2021-22
Shawn P. McGrath, Aberdeen	2001-02	Zachary M. McGrath, Severna Park.	2022-23
Jeffrey C. Currier, Annapolis.	2002-03	Matthew D. Lynard, Forest Hill	2022-23
Jordan T. Hadfield, Baltimore	2002-03	Jonah Woo, Marriotsville	2023-24
Jose Z. Canto, Baltimore.	2003-04	Sangwoo Park, Germantown.	2023-24
Daniel K. Bowling, Bel Alton.	2003-04	Charan S. Bala, Clarksville.	2024-25
Daniel W. Rogers Jr., Gaithersburg.	2004-05	Julien E. Halleman, Annapolis.	2024-25
Andrew R. Goad, Baltimore.	2004-05	Will B. Fermaglich, Chevy Chase.	2025-26
William Garrett, Edgewood	2005-06	Erin Alistar, Columbia.	2025-26
Johnathan Woods, Edgewood	2005-06		
Oluwale E. Ajagre, Gaithersburg	2006-07		
Michael K. Holt, Gaithersburg	2006-07		
Luke Roberts, Laurel	2007-08		

DO MIGHTY THINGS

“Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checked with failure, than take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat”

... from an address by Theodore “Rough Rider” Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States of American from 1901 through 1909.



THE U.S. MARINE CORPS TROPHY

Maryland City.....1961	Legion City.....1982	Legion City.....2003
Legion City.....1962	Taylor City.....1983	Darr City.....2004
Key City.....1963	Bay City.....1984	Key City.....2005
Key City.....1964	Legion City.....1985	Goldstein City.....2006
Maryland City.....1965	Darr City.....1986	Goldstein City.....2007
Flag City.....1966	Darr City.....1987	Legion City.....2008
Flag City.....1967	Darr City.....1988	Darr City.....2009
Flag City.....1968	Fort City.....1989	Legion City.....2010
Maryland City.....1969	Maryland City.....1990	Flag City.....2011
Maryland City.....1970	Guerinot City.....1991	Darr City.....2012
Fort City.....1971	Fort City.....1992	Fort City.....2013
Flag City.....1972	Legion City.....1993	Legion City.....2014
Legion City.....1973	Fort City.....1994	Darr City.....2015
Flag City.....1974	Guerinot City.....1995	Goldstein City.....2016
Key City.....1975	Guerinot City.....1996	Flag City.....2017
Legion City.....1976	Legion City.....1997	Darr City.....2018
Flag City.....1977	Taylor City.....1998	Flag City.....2019
Key City.....1978	Fort City.....1999	Flag City.....2021
Key City.....1979	Goldstein City.....2000	Legion City.....2022
Legion City.....1980	Darr City.....2001	Fort City.....2023
Taylor City.....1981	Goldstein City.....2002	Legion City.....2024
		Fort City.....2025

BOYS STATE HISTORY

In 1934 Illinois Department Adjutant Bill Mundt, Hayes Kennedy of Loyola University Law School, Grover Sexton, a Chicago attorney, and Legion Boy Scout Chairman Harold L. Card were talking together at the Illinois American Legion Convention. They decided to establish an Americanism-Citizenship training program to combat the inroads being started by the youth organizations of the Nazi and Soviet friendship groups here in the U.S.A.

The first Boys State was held at the Illinois Fair Grounds in June 1935. The boys were quartered in cattle barns; one enterprising student wrote home that he was Cow 34 in Stall 16 (you see, right from the beginning each student was required to write a letter home).

The 1935 National Convention, held in September, reported upon the success of the Illinois program and recommended that all American Legion Departments adopt the program.

In Maryland, plans were laid to start up, but the intervention of World War II, travel restrictions and lack of space put our program on hold until a complete study was made and visits to other Boys States conducted in 1946. June 1947 saw the first Maryland American Legion Boys State. It was held at Fort George G. Meade and had 36 boys enrolled. Earle R. Poorbaugh, a World War I soldier and holder of the Silver Star among other decorations, was the Director. Earle remained Director until June 1955 when Woodrow W. Bousman took over. Boys State was held at Saint John's College in Annapolis that year.

Upon Woody Bousman's illness, E. Donald Darr became Director, followed by William Hastings. In 1958 Daniel Burkhardt was named Director, holding the office until 1987. In 1987 Raymond Callegary, a Past Department Commander and renowned Maryland lawyer, became Director of Boys State. Through Mr. Callegary's efforts the program was modernized and updated. In 2009 Past Department Treasurer Roger W. Butt became Director, with his experience as a retired High School Administrator his main goal was to educate and increase the attendance at Maryland Boys State. In 2017 Russell W. Myers, Jr., the current Department Adjutant, and a 27-year Army and Afghanistan War Veteran became Director.

Maryland Boys State graduates have become Doctors, Lawyers, Educators, Political Office Holders, Armed Forces members and officials of government and industry. Diversification is as wide as one Boys State Governor (Tom Smith, 58) being head of a university department and another (Thurl Bailey, 78) being a professional basketball star. Several graduates have heeded the call to the ministry; some are Priests, some are Protestant Ministers and one is a Rabbi.

If you listen while at Boys State, you should learn enough to help you make up your mind as to what you are going to do with your own future. Behind all the stress and discipline, the matters you may not understand at the time, is a genuine effort on our part to assist you to become better citizens, to make you better informed and to expose you to great variety of knowledge.

What you do with it is up to you . . .



The Legionnaires that staff Maryland Boys State take pride in their military service to our great Nation. Their service to Maryland Boys State is a labor of love and sacrifice for the future generations of our Communities, State and Nation. With immense pride they serve this week in hopes of educating, inculcating, and mentoring within each Boys State citizen a better understanding of why we served, and why so many of our brothers and sisters in arms have given the ultimate sacrifice. Through the words of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, written to his son, the staff hopes the experience was rewarding to all. We wish for you to think of us fondly as you read one Father's wish for his son, and our wish for your future. —RUSSELL W. MYERS JR, MD BOYS STATE DIRECTOR

By Gen. Douglas MacArthur



Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee — and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail...

Build me a son whose heart will be clear; whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously.

Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."
