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Americanism Committee Activities

Submitted by Ron Noakes, Americanism Chairman

Oratorical:
We have 22 students competing this year. This year the contest is returning to the pre-pandemic format. We will have 4 semi-final rounds where students will give two speeches each on some aspect of the Constitution. Four contestants will then move onto the final round. This year's competition will be held at Golden View Classical Academy, 601 Corporate Circle, Golden Colorado Saturday March 5, 2022. 1st place scholarship will be \$3,000.

Shooting Sports:



Post 209 has started a new Shooting Sports Safety Class with 12 new shooters. They are continuing with their Marksmanship practice as well. Post 2 is in the middle of their Basic Safety

Course and is working on shooting positions. They have a total of 21 participants. The hall is packed each week with shooters and their parents. They recently completed the Sweet-



heart Tournament with over 50 participants attending. Hotdogs, chips, punch, and cookies were served to all



at no cost. However, donations were accepted.

We presently have 5 new instructors in the process of being NRA Certified. They will completed their training at the end of February.



Host Squadron for 2022 Awards Banquet Needed

The Detachment of Colorado holds its' annual awards banquet on the third Saturday in November. The 2022 awards banquet will be on November 19th, 2022. Typically the host Squadron is selected at the Mid-winter DEC meeting which occurs annual in January, held in conjunction with the Department Mid-Winter Conference. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this years' DEC meeting was conducted as a conference call. Many items were dis-

cussed, including the 2022 Awards Banquet. None of the Squadrons participating in the conference call volunteered to host the banquet. The banquet is preceded by an afternoon DEC meeting. The Awards banquet is big deal. It's the time for the Detachment to recognize Squadrons and individuals for their many outstanding activities and accomplishments we do to support the mission of The American Legion. Since no Squadron

asked to host the banquet at the Mid-winter conference call DEC meeting, it will be discussed at the DEC Meeting on April 2nd 2022. The Dec meeting will convene at 2:00 pm, on April 2nd at Ovie **Vernon** Post 2, 701 W. 9th St in Pueblo, CO. The meeting will be followed by the Annual CWF Banquet. If you plan to attend and need a hotel for an overnight stay, check your favorite on-line booking site for hotel locations and rates.

Chaplains Corner

Submitted by Detachment Chaplain Brad Henderson.

What's a "Chaplain"?

The term *chaplain* originates from the fourth century legend of Martin of Tours. Martin was born to a pagan family about 316 A.D. in Pannonia, a Roman Province that included modern Hungary. When he grew up, he became a Roman soldier. At approximately age 21, on a very cold, winter day, Martin passed by the gates of Amiens in Gaul (what is today France). He saw a man who was freezing by the side of the road. Martin was moved with compassion after seeing and hearing the pleas of the beggar being ignored by several others who had ridden by on their horses. He decided to help, though he had little himself. He took the one valuable possession he owned – his cape – and cut it in half with his sword. He kept half for himself and gave the other half to the beggar. That night, as the story goes, Martin had a vision in which he came to understand that the beggar was Christ Himself. The vision shook Martin to his core. After that experience, he decided to follow the Christian faith and was baptized by Bishop St. Hillary. Ultimately, Martin left the army to devote himself to the church.

During the Middle Ages, St. Martin's cloak was carried into battle by the

kings as a banner signifying the presence of God. Since it was a relic of the church, a priest went along as custodian. This guardian of the cape, or *capellanus* (which became *chapelein* in Old French), tended to the king's religious needs. This is where the word *chaplain* comes from.

"Chaplain, be honest – you're no better than any of us." RIGHT ON! I'm nobody special. Chaplains have the same challenges we all face. We put our pants on like everybody else – one leg at a time.

I like to say, "I'm a shepherd. It's what I do." As an American Legion Chaplain, my mission is twofold: to help Legionnaires and others grow in their relationships with God and one another, and to minister to people wherever there is a need. Because the Legion embraces all religious faiths and denominations, I am asked to care for those who have a spiritual affiliation, and those who do not. In some cases, I may be the only minister a veteran will ever know. American Legion Chaplains may or may not be clergy. Their main requirements are to have a servant heart, spiritual maturity, and a commitment to the office.

We are in good company. Patrick Brady, MG, USA (Ret.) writes, "Some of our greatest generals, including George Washington and George Pat-

ton, believed prayer was a combat multiplier. General Washington founded the Chaplain Corps immediately after he set up his army. More than 400 military chaplains have died in the line of duty. Nine have been awarded the Medal of Honor."

(*The American Legion Magazine, December 2021*) Military chaplains today represent more than 200 separate denominations. The past chaplains of Post 209 probably have a variety of backgrounds as well.

"Four Chaplains Sunday" (the first Sunday in February) recognizes the noble sacrifice of four chaplains in World War II. More than 79 years later, the story of these heroic chaplains – Methodist, Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Dutch Reformed – is still being told. This service is a tribute to those chaplains and to all who have served, whose courage and faith have sustained this great nation.

Chaplains are volunteers. The story goes in Isaiah 6:8 that through a vision from the Lord, Isaiah learns that the Lord is seeking a messenger to Judah. Isaiah had felt unworthy in the presence of God, but God sent an angel to touch Isaiah's lips with burning coal, thus purifying him. When God asked, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" Isaiah replied, "Here am I – send me."

Serving God and Country,
Chaplain Brad



American Legion Legislative Agenda

Submitted by Richard Humphrey, Legislative Committee Chairman.

The American Legion National Legislative Agenda for the 117th Congress has been published and can be found on the website. There are 11 major points The American Legion are looking to Congress this session to assist our veterans and their families. Here is a short break out of what they are:

Citizenship for Honorable Service – Veteran immigrants have been deported after discharge because they failed to acquire U.S. citizenship while serving in the Armed Forces. *H.R. 1182/S. 3212*

Pay the Coast Guard – Coast Guard Personnel carry out missions vital to national security, but they serve in the only military branch working without pay during government shutdowns, Homeland Security. *S.1845*

Protect the American Flag – Amend the US Constitution that would allow Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of US flag. *H.J. Res 51/S.J. Res 20/H.R 4212*

VA Health-Care Modernization – The

future of VA health care is to provide inpatient, outpatient, telehealth, and community care by modernizing electronic health records health records, veteran-centric access standards and transparent online scheduling system for both VHA-provided care and community care essential to ensuring our veterans receive the care they deserve.

Suicide Prevention & Peer Support – The American Legion calls this "Buddy Check" and has been doing this for many years. We urge Congress to pass the "Buddy Check Week" act to encourage veterans to reach out to those with whom they served and establish a peer-support program. *H.R. 3405/S.544*

Address Toxic Exposure & Burn Pits – Veterans exposed to airborne toxic contaminants during their military service. *H.R. 3967/S. 3003*

Improve Health Care for Women Veterans – VA is obligated to develop and expand health-care services for female veterans who are not enrolled in the VA system because they say they lack gender-specific services and unaware about VA benefits. Additionally, we encourage expansion of child and

newborn care services. *H.R. 344/H.R.4794/S. 2533*

Concurrent Receipt – Allows for those retired veterans with less than 50% disability to receive their full retire pay and their disability compensation. *S.344*

Guard & Reserve GI Bill Parity – Allows for National Guard and Reserve personnel when on active duty whether on federal or state orders to accrue eligibility for Post 9/11 GIL Bill benefits like their active-duty counterparts. *H.R. 1836*

GI Bill for Honorable Service – To change the educations benefits of the GI Bill to match the character of discharge with the rest of the benefits – "general under honorable conditions".

These are the Resolutions and Bills that The American Legion National Legislative Commission has deemed important. There are hundreds in the system dealing with veterans and families, all important to the wellbeing of our current service members, our retirees and our future veterans.



Legislative Happenings at of the National and State Level Interest to The Legion

Press releases from US Congressman Doug Lamborn @ CO 5th Congressional District For Immediate Release: February 7, 2022
Contact: Cassandra Sebastian (719) 520-0055
Washington, D.C.- Congressman Lamborn joined Senator Rick Scott, Congressman Daniel Webster, and 40 of his colleagues in a bicameral letter to the Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) after the District of Columbia's Pretrial Services Agency (PSA) published a notice of its intent to create a database known as the "Employee Religious Exception Request Information System." The letter requests GAO to determine whether the notice constitutes a rule for purposes of the Congressional Review Act, which Congress can invoke to overturn an agency's action. This records system is a central database, maintained by the Office of Management and Budget, that tracks the names, religious beliefs, and other personally identifying information of federal employees who have requested religious exemptions to the Biden Administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate on federal employees. More than 20 federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Transportation, have issued similar notices to maintain databases tracking employees' religious beliefs, and these lists will be shared between federal agencies.

For Immediate Release: February 8, 2022
Contact: Cassandra Sebastian (719) 520-0055
Washington, D.C.- Congressman Doug Lamborn joined Congressman Michael Cloud and 34 additional Members of Congress in [sending a follow-up letter](#) to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) regarding their investigation which uncovered that the ATF maintains a database of nearly a billion-gun records, including 54 million from last year alone. This practice is explicitly banned by federal law. Their original letter, sent in November 2021, addressed concerns regarding the ATF's proposed rule requiring federal firearms licensees (FFLs) to preserve records older than 20 years. Current regulations authorize FFLs to discard records after 20 years. This federal law was enacted in 1985 to ensure that the federal government complied with strict prohibition on creating a national gun registry. The response provided by Acting Director Richardson prompted further concerns. Congressman Lamborn and his colleagues urged the Biden Administration to withdraw the proposed rule immediately, as it is outside the authority of bureaucrats to enact new criminal laws or amend statutes passed by Congress to regulate items that previously have been unregulated.

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Doug Lamborn joined Congressman Ben Cline and 79 of their House colleagues in sending a [letter](#) to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) demanding answers related to President Biden's failed Catch and Release program. This letter is in response to reports that 47,705

illegal aliens who were conditionally released from ICE custody with a Notice to Report failed to check in with authorities between March and August of 2021.

From State Senator Dennis Hisey Colorado Senate District 2 Press Release

On February 3rd the Colorado Senate Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee voted not to advance [SB22-031](#), a bill that would have prohibited hunting, trapping or otherwise taking of a bobcat, lynx, or mountain lion except under very specific circumstances.

Also, the State Legislature is taking under consideration HB22-1033, **Constitutional Carry of a Handgun. BILL SUMMARY:**

The bill grants a person who is at least 21 years old and permitted to possess a handgun pursuant to federal and state law the same authority to carry a concealed handgun as a person who holds a permit to carry a concealed handgun (permit). A person who carries a concealed handgun without a permit has the same rights, limitations, and authority to carry as a person who holds a permit. A person may obtain a permit for the purpose of using the permit to carry a concealed handgun in another state that recognizes a Colorado permit. Under existing law, a permit is valid for 5 years. The bill makes a permit valid for the life of the permit holder. Existing permits, other than temporary emergency permits, are converted to lifetime permits. Because permits are valid for the life of the holder, the bill repeals provisions relating to the renewal of permits. The bill repeals the temporary emergency permit to carry a concealed handgun.

The bill repeals local government authority to regulate open or concealed carry of a handgun, including repealing the authority of special districts and the governing boards of institutions of higher education, as applicable.

American Legion Legislative Update January 14, 2021

On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Committee's Defense Subcommittee held a hearing to highlight the negative impacts upon the military of operating under continuing resolutions (CRs), especially if it were to stretch to cover the entire year. No one doubts this is a bad thing. As subcommittee ranking member Rep. Calvert (R-CA) said, "no responsible person" wants to see a year-long CR. Rep. Rogers (R-KY) also noted that "everyone knows" this would be bad for the military and for national security. By the end of the day, an announcement was made that Sen. Leahy (D-VT), Sen. Shelby (R-AL), Rep. DeLauro (D-CT), and Rep.

Granger (D-TX), the chairs and ranking members of both Appropriations Committees, would meet on Thursday to start negotiating. This week, the House overwhelmingly passed the Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act, with a 287 to 133 vote. This legislation broadens the kinds of service for which members of the reserve components can earn GI Bill educational benefits. The increased use of these service members in the pandemic response over the past two years has highlighted the disparities and complexities in current law. Although many GOP Members expressed concern over the long-term costs of the measure (some of which will be offset by increases in some VA home loan fees), 68 of them joined all of the Democrats to pass the bill. The Senate has not given any indication when this will come to the floor, and the White House has expressed support for it. National Guard and reserve troops would see all federal missions and some training days count towards their eligibility for GI Bill benefits under legislation advanced by the House on Wednesday.

American Legion Legislative Update 02-11-2022

TOXIC EXPOSURE LEGISLATION Last week, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee chair Sen. Tester (D-MT) and ranking member Sen. Moran (R-KS) introduced legislation to expand veterans' access to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) care and services related to toxic exposures. That legislation was given mixed reviews, as it does not go as far as legislation previously introduced by House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC) chair Rep. Takano (D-CA). Tester's bill, the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act (S. 3541) does expand the eligibility period during which veterans may apply for benefits, and calls for more federal research on the issues. American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard says the bill will "bridge the gap" until Congress can pass more comprehensive legislation. This week, HVAC ranking member Rep. Bost (R-IL) introduced the same legislation in the House. Bost touted the bill as bipartisan. However, of the 24 initial cosponsors, only one, Rep. Houlahan (D-PA), is a Democrat.

HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORT-AGE

In a speech Wednesday, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary McDonough repeated his calls for Congress to pass legislation allowing higher pay rates for nurses and physician assistants (the RAISE Act). Speaking at the Charleston, SC, VA Medical Center, McDonough pointed out that nurses can earn thousands of dollars more in the private sector in their own communities. Between nurses leaving to get more money and aging nurses retiring, McDonough estimates that the Veterans Health Administration will need to hire 15,000 nurses a year for the next five years to handle the turnover. The VHA has already received authorization from the White House to raise retention bonuses



Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation

Submitted by Nick Arceo, VA&R Chairman

I represent the Midwest Region as the VA&R Chairman for our region. I attend the monthly National VA&R monthly zoom meetings and the VE&E monthly National conference calls and communicate information to the Midwest region. I have established a VE&E sub committee and I am on the VE&E national commission. VE&E standing for Veterans Em-

ployment and Education. I forward pertinent information to the Midwest region for both VE&E& VA&R. I am very active at the Aurora VA Hospital, volunteering at least two days a week in the Emergency room. I attend the monthly VAVS meeting at the hospital. I am also chairman for the group, "Volunteers for Hospitalized Veterans".

We take care of the 30 Veterans in the lock down psychiatric unit at the hospital.

Veterans Employment and Education deals with programs involving veterans education, small business, employment, veterans preference, VA home loans, homeless veterans, training, licensing and certification, transition, USERRA, and other issues related to economics.





A Squadron 2 Production

An American Legion Family Affair

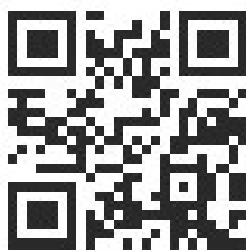
The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Colorado is predicting an all-time high in donations at our annual Child Welfare Foundation banquet, but we need your help to do it. Please join us for the fun and excitement.



April 2nd, 2022 at Ovie Vernon American Legion Post 2, 701 W. 9th St, Pueblo, CO. Several Hotels are located nearby, check on-line at various hotel booking sites for on line reservations. Social hour at 5pm with light snacks. Chicken enchilada and smothered bean burrito dinner at 6pm . Entertainment to follow dinner.

Silent auctions, 50/50 drawings and more. We are also seeking donated items suitable for auction.

For more information about the Child Welfare Foundation, visit www.legion.org/cwf , scan the QR code or visit www.cwf-inc.org



POC at Post 2 is Past Triple Nickle Detachment Commander Mike Kirschner, email mlkirschner@comcast.net phone, (719) 821-2265 or call Post 2 at (719)544-8245

About the Child Welfare Foundation

In 1952, Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. of Arkansas, came to The American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if we could figure out some way his gift could be used solely for children. After much study and discussion, the idea of a foundation was adopted. Later that year, the National Executive Committee appointed a special committee to determine the feasibility of establishing such a proposed foundation. .Eventually, on October

15, 1953, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Foundation and entered into a trust agreement with Dr. Murphy. Legal work was completed, and on July 9, 1954, the Foundation was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. At that time, Dr. Murphy assigned to the Foundation deeds to fractional mineral rights on nearly 10,000 acres of land in the oil-rich Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota. In 1955, it gave its first three

grants totaling \$22,500 to three organizations. The Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children, and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness were the first three beneficiaries. To date, over \$18 million has been awarded to organizations to assist the children of this country from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.



Squadron Officer Contact List

Each Squadron is required to submit an annual Officers Contact List to the Detachment Adjutant, It's a pretty simple form to complete and can be submitted by mail or e-mail. Even an email providing the same information in a free form text would be acceptable. Why is it required? Well first we need to know who to communicate with and how to communicate with them. Secondly we need to know who is authorized to represent the Squadron at DEC meetings and vote for the Squadron. Without it, a Squadron has no voice, no vote at the DEC meetings, and more importantly, we do not know who can designate delegates to the annual Detachment Convention, Of the 63 Squadrons reporting membership, 28 of them have not submitted and officer's contact list for 2021-22 membership year. That is 44%. If you received this via e-mail, you are most likely part of the 56% who submitted one, but 44% not reporting is not acceptable. Squadrons as normal procedures have their elections in April or may and they know who their leadership will be. There is really no legitimate reason not to transmit this list to the Detachment Adjutant Prior to Convention. The form is mailed to each Squadron along with the Call to convention, and is available to download from the Detachment website. It has been discussed in the past that if a Squadron does not submit this report by the annual Convention, that they will not be allowed to seat a delegation at the Convention and will not receive their Squadron membership cards until they provide one. It was decided not to take that avenue. However, this is the procedure that the Department of Colorado follows, and as we are a program of The American Legion, and strive to emulate The Legion, it is not out of the question for this to be discussed again, and who knows what the decision will be then?



Squadron Officer List for 2021-2022

Squadron _____



Our Squadron regular meetings are held on _____

Starting at: _____ AM / PM at _____

We do ___ do not ___ have regular meetings

The dues for our Squadron are \$ _____

Squadron Mailing Address: _____

Commander: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1st Vice: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Adjutant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Finance Officer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Chaplain: _____

Address: _____

Squadron Representative to the Detachment Executive Committee

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Squadron Advisor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Indicate by check mark who the Squadron wants listed as point of contact for the Squadron in the Department Directory

American Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders perform many functions supporting the Four Pillars of The American Legion and are great ambassadors to the communities where they live. It's important to remember that to be eligible for membership in the ALR, they must first be members of The American Legion, Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion. Keep in mind that dues to the primary organization must also be paid on an annual basis to be eligible to be a member of the ALR.



SAL NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here is a summary of what the SAL did on a national level during membership year 2019-2020. Information on 2020-2021 accomplishments are not yet available on the SAL national website www.legion.org/sal. This shows the dedication the SAL as an organization in our commitment

“...to adapt in letter and spirit all the great principles for which The American Legion Stands...”

Sons of The American Legion

**2019-2020 Accomplishments
August 28, 2020**

**1,143 Squadrons Reporting
0 Districts Reporting
0 Detachments Reporting**

Total Dollars Donated
\$5,076,095

Total Volunteer Hours
1,119,680

Volunteer Hours Value
\$30,455,296

Total Volunteer Value
\$35,531,391

Americanism	
<i>Boys State / Girls State</i>	\$ 159,275 in Donations to Boys State / Girls State with 13,094 Hours of Participation
<i>Legion Ed. Programs</i>	\$ 3,022 in Donations to 5-Star / 10-Ideals Progs. with 1,823 Hours of Participation
<i>Flag Programs</i>	\$ 121,738 in Donations to Flags Presented (All) with 23,630 Hours of Participation 147,927 Flags Presented (All Sizes / Events)
<i>Flag Education</i>	\$ 25,313 in Donations to Flag Education Progs. with 7,295 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Ed. Programs</i>	\$ 284,579 in Donations to Scholarships Awarded with 10,130 Hours of Participation
<i>Oratorical Contest</i>	\$ 11,761 in Donations to Oratorical Contest with 2,298 Hours of Participation
<i>Color Guard</i>	\$ 65,201 in Donations to Color Guard with 52,762 Hours of Participation
<i>Community Service</i>	\$ 752,638 in Donations to Other Organizations with 415,080 Hours of Participation
<i>Scouting</i>	\$ 53,258 in Donations to Scouting with 17,706 Hours of Participation
<i>Jr. Shooting Sports</i>	\$ 28,115 in Donations to Jr. Shooting Sports with 13,989 Hours of Participation
<i>Am. Legion Baseball</i>	\$ 117,592 in Donations to Am. Legion Baseball with 27,224 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Teams</i>	\$ 71,960 in Donations to Other Teams with 19,475 Hours of Participation
<i>Blood Drives</i>	\$ 10,321 in Donations to Blood Drives with 5,051 Hours of Participation
<i>N.E.F.</i>	\$ 40,207 in Donations to Nat'l Emergency Fund with 2,144 Hours of Participation
<i>Legacy Schol. Fund</i>	\$ 32,003 in Donations to Legacy Scholarship Fund with 3,895 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$ 270,969 in Donations to Other Amer. Projects with 37,075 Hours of Participation

Children and Youth	
<i>CWF</i>	\$ 143,624 in Donations to Child Welfare Found. with 17,222 Hours of Participation
<i>Special Olympics</i>	\$ 76,340 in Donations to Special Olympics with 9,164 Hours of Participation
<i>CMN</i>	\$ 19,752 in Donations to Children's Miracle Net. with 981 Hours of Participation
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	\$ 14,841 in Donations to R. McDonald House with 1,533 Hours of Participation
<i>C.O.T.A.</i>	\$ 12,015 in Donations to Child. Org. Trans. Assn. with 391 Hours of Participation
<i>T.A.L. Vets. & Child. Found.</i>	\$ 14,927 in Donations to T.A.L. Vets. & Child. F. with 5,280 Hours of Participation
<i>Other C&Y Projects</i>	\$ 294,354 in Donations to Other C&Y Projects with 42,670 Hours of Participation

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	
<i>VAMCs & Facilities</i>	\$ 152,813 in Donations to VAMCs & Facilities with 40,266 Hours of Participation
<i>State Vets Facilities</i>	\$ 110,602 in Donations to State Vets Facilities with 17,856 Hours of Participation
<i>Nat'l Vets Assist. Day</i>	\$ 17,190 in Donations to Nat'l Vets. Assist. Day with 6,945 Hours of Participation
<i>O.C.W.</i>	\$ 37,375 in Donations to Op. Comfort Warriors with 12,694 Hours of Participation
<i>Fisher House</i>	\$ 38,777 in Donations to Fisher House with 3,031 Hours of Participation
<i>Other VA&R Projects</i>	\$ 345,654 in Donations to Other VA&R Projects with 56,356 Hours of Participation

Veterans Employment and Education	
<i>VE&E Projects</i>	\$ 56,628 in Donations to VE&E Projects with 17,660 Hours of Participation

Internal Affairs	
<i>Other Totals</i>	\$ 1,693,251 in Donations, Not Covered Above with 234,960 Hours, Not Covered Above

355,661 Total Members

6,209 Total Squadrons

55 Total Detachments



2022

Boys State Challenge

We look forward to graduating at least 150 high school juniors at 2022 Colorado Boys State.

We Challenge Every Post in Colorado to Sponsor at least one Boy for 2022.

Whether you send a boy or not, you can still sponsor a Boy for only \$200.

Will your Post be a contributor?

Will you meet the Challenge?

Send your check today.

About Boys State, Boys Nation

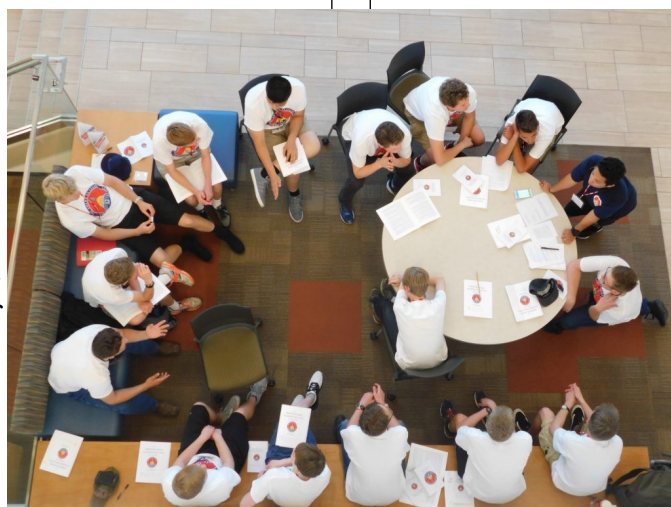
From www.colegionboysstate.org

Boys State has been a program of the American Legion National Americanism Commission since 1935 and Colorado Boys State has been conducted annually since 1949. More than 25,000 young men participate in the American Legion Boys



State program each year.

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students in the nation. It is a participatory program where each boy becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. Boys participating in American Legion Colorado Boys State can receive up to 4 college credits.



At Boys State, young men are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by elected and appointed officials duly placed in office by citizens of their respective Boys State

American Legion Colorado Boys State is conducted on a college campus, which is University of Colorado – Colorado Springs this upcoming year. During

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About Boys State, Boys Nation *cont'd*

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the week long program the boys are assigned to cities, counties and a fictitious political party. They create their party platform, conduct party conventions, campaign for office, and nominate and elect officials from the city, county and state levels to form their 51st state.



Experienced public officials and professional leaders make presentations.

Every phase of the program includes practical instruction on the duties and responsibilities both of citizens and of public officials.

Citizens not only will be required to review knowledge already acquired concerning the political machinery of state and local government, but they will find themselves performing exactly the same functions as real office holders in the everyday world even running for office. Delegates learn the duties of various city, county and state officials, and introduce and argue bills in their own legislature. Each citizen will have the opportunity to learn for himself that his government is exactly what he makes it.



The entire program is non-partisan. Problems will be considered without reference to existing political parties and will be free from propaganda. The sole purpose is to enable the delegate to grasp the meaning and responsibilities which he will be called upon to assume when he becomes an adult. It should be

distinctly understood that the selection and assignment of citizens to parties is in no way connected to existing political parties in Colorado. Boys State "political parties" are called "Nationalist" and "Federalist". They are purely mythical and none of the principles typifying any of the existing parties will be adopted. In this way, we try to assure a democratic government in its purist sense. The Party Chairman and Party Executive Director are charged with the duty of helping his respective party develop a platform, nominate capable candidates, and ensure that his party's platform is achieved and its candidates elected.

Boys Nation

From www.legion.org/boysnation/about.

Two representatives from each of the 49 Boys States represent their state at Boys Nation in Washington, where the young leaders receive an education on the structure and function of federal government.

The first Boys Nation – then called Boys Forum of National Government – convened at American University in Washington in August 1946. The 1946 American Legion National Convention adopted the event as an official youth activity. Three years later, it became American Legion Boys Nation.

At the event, each delegate acts as a senator from his Boys State. The young lawmakers caucus at the beginning of the session, then organize into committees and conduct hearings on bills submitted by program delegates.

Senators learn the proper method of handling bills, according to U.S. Senate rules. Participation in the political process is emphasized



throughout the week, including organization of party conventions and nominating and electing a president and vice president.

The week of government training also includes lectures, forums and visits to federal agencies, national shrines, institutions, memorials and historical sites. On Capitol Hill, Boys



Nation senators meet with elected officials from their home states.

Since Boys Nation began in 1946, a number of its graduates have been elected to public office, including presidents, congressmen, state governors and state legislators. Many others have been inspired to work for the campaigns of individuals seeking public office.



About The American Legion Oratorical Program

From <https://coloradolegion.org/4pillars/americanism/oratorical/>

About the Oratorical Contest

Please check the Colorado Oratorical Website listed above for more information

"A constitutional speech contest"

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former president candidate Alan Keyes and former CNN anchor Lou Dobbs. And former U.S. Vice-President Mike Pence

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates

in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.



High school students under age 20 are eligible. Competition begins at the post level and advances to a state competition. Legion department representatives certify one winner per state to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers. Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; three- to five-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.

Please check the national website for more details about this important program

From www.legion.org/oratorical/rules

Eligibility

Eligible participants must be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States. All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of 20 years on the date of the national contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school). The curriculum of the school must be considered to be of high school level, commencing with grade 9 and terminating with grade 12. Students must be enrolled in high school or junior high school during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. Contestants must either be legally domiciled within or attend an educational institution within the department that they enter competition. Contestants can enter competition through only one department.

High school students that graduate early during the school year are eligible to compete if they are not enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other institution of higher learning at the time of the department finals contest.

The three finalists of the national contest are ineligible for further participation at any level.

The Prepared Oration

The oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution, with emphasis on a citizen's du-

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ties and obligations to our government. The same subject and oration used in the department contest must be used in the national contest.

Contestants may have a copy of their prepared oration while waiting in the first holding room. They may consult the copy until they exit to begin the contest. The copy will then be surrendered to the contest official monitoring the first holding room.

Quotations must always be indicated as such. Where quotations are more than 10 words in length, the author's name must be given in the manuscript and cited orally.

It is acceptable to utilize or incorporate short phrases in a foreign language to develop the argument, establish a point, etc. It should be understood that the vast majority of the prepared oration and/or assigned topic must still be delivered in English. Singing is not permitted and will result in immediate disqualification. The contestant may, however, quote a verse(s) of a song(s) provided proper attribution is made.

Oratorical Contest Assigned Topics

The assigned topic discourse must not consume less than three (3) minutes or more than five (5) minutes for delivery. The purpose of the assigned topic discourse is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his or her research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution.

The assigned topic shall be drawn by the contest official in full view of the audience immediately before the last speaker begins delivery of his or her prepared oration and will be made known to the audience and each contestant

approximately five (5) minutes prior to the time of delivery. The topic will be on some phase of the U.S. Constitution, selected from Articles and Sections as listed under assigned topics for the current year's contest in this brochure.

All contestants at each contest level are required to speak in the English language on the same assigned topic.

Assigned Topics for 2022 Oratorical Contest Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

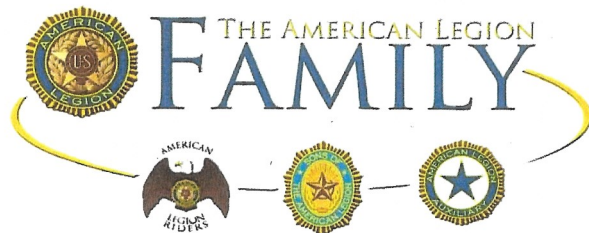
Amendment XIV, Section 3

No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Amendment XXV, Section 4

Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.



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Post/ALR # _____; Unit # _____, Detachment # _____

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- CONTESTANT SPONSORSHIP; \$200*
- FRIEND OF THE ORATORICAL PROGRAM; \$100*
- OTHER; \$ _____

THIS CONTRIBUTION IS MADE IN MEMORY OF _____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ORATORICAL DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

MAIL CHECKS TO: TOM FLOREZ
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SUGAR CITY, CO 81076

FOR A RECEIPT, EMAIL SABEYTA@COLORADOLEGION.ORG

* Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized at Department Convention

What This Is, and Why it's Moot?

The goal was to go live with SAL online renewals on January 1, 2022 has. This was to be an all-or-nothing deal. Once SAL online renewal went active, it was to be active for every squadron whether they have reported their per capita or not. Squadrons that had not filled an SDR, or their per capita is not recorded, would be assessed only Detachment and National dues and no funds would be returned to Squadron. The member would have to pay those directly to the Squadron. One can just imagine the issues that would bring about. Unfortunately, the online renewal program was scrapped, terminated, because only about 5% of Squadrons nationwide submitted the Squadron Data Report. Something the membership had been asking for, for years, was mothballed because the Squadrons didn't comply with the requirements to make it work. Maybe down the line, it will be tried again.



ANNUAL SQUADRON DATA REPORT (SDR)

20 _ Membership Year

Detachment _____ District/County _____ Squadron # _____

CHANGES (or) CORRECTIONS

Please type or print in ink and forward to your Detachment and National Headquarters

1) Squadron's Home (Physical) Address: _____
 (Street address, city, state and zip code) _____

2) Squadron's Mailing Address: _____
 If different than physical address _____

3) Squadron's Dues Mailing Address: _____
 If different than physical address _____

Note: If the above address contains a member's name or is being sent to a member's home address as the contact, please provide the member's ID#.

4) Annual Squadron Dues for 20 22 Regular member _____ Dual member _____
 Junior member _____ Max. age _____ Effective Date _____
 Month / Day / Year

Note: Include all district and county per capita the squadron will be responsible for paying.

5) Squadron Telephone Number: _____
 Note: DO NOT use personal phone numbers of members

6) Squadron Fax Number: _____

7) Squadron Email Address: _____

8) Squadron Internet Website: _____

9) Squadron Facebook Page: _____

10) Squadron Meeting Day & Time: _____

 Squadron Adjutant or Commander Signature

 Date

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Complete and return this form to your Detachment and National Headquarters no later than April 15th. Failure to meet this deadline may prohibit your members from renewing their membership online through mysal.org and cause Renewal Notices to be mailed with incorrect information.