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Thank you for attending the 2017 session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy! You were selected by members of your community as one of the top young men from the state of Kansas and chosen to have the firsthand experience of Boys State.

The mission of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy is to be a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility. I hope during your time at Boys State you were able to experience these attributes, and have a little fun in the process.

From the beginning you were challenged to dive in and get engaged, and not sit on the sideline and watch the week as it goes by. If you took this challenge you inevitably faced failure during the week, and that's ok! The possibility of failure can deter even the most confident men and women from taking a chance, and risking vulnerability. Our failures, as much as our successes, help define who we are as leaders, and as men. Michael Jordan once said "I can accept failure; everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." I hope that during your time at Boys State you took many opportunities to try.

As you reflect on your time at Boys State I hope that you can take a step back and appreciate the magnitude of progress that was made. Government entities were formed, city, county and state officials were elected, legislative and court systems created, and the media staff was there to cover it all. You accomplished quite a lot in such a short period of time, and you couldn't have done it alone. The amount of work accomplished took teamwork and cooperation, and everyone had to play their role to ensure success. Individually we are limited in what we can accomplish, however, when we work together we are able to increase our capabilities exponentially.

When you first arrived you were a single entity, one of 500. Leaving Boys State, I hope that you feel a sense of community, and take pride in the communities formed during your time. I hope that you took pride in what you were able to accomplish to move your community forward during your time at Boys State. Civic engagement is a responsibility shared by many, and you have a role to play. Exercise your right to vote, stand up for what you believe in, and do what you can to improve your community.

As the week went on, you likely became close friends with those around you that shared in your Boys State experience. Now, as an alumnus of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas you are a member of Statesmen Club, our alumni organization. You join the thousands of Kansas Boys State Delegates before you, and those that will follow as some of the best and brightest from the state of Kansas. I hope that you share your Boys State experience with pride and always remember Boys State!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Ellis".

Jake Ellis
Executive Director
The American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy



“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.” That is the purpose of the American Legion Boys State program. It was organized by the Department of Illinois in 1935. With Charter No. 5, the Department of Kansas was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas was held in Wichita for 26 years before moving to the University of Kansas in 1963. It stayed there until 1992 when the program moved to its present location on the campus of Kansas State University.

The Boys State program is available to any high school senior-to-be who meets academic criteria and demonstrates leadership potential. American Legion Posts, as well as civic and church groups, sponsor delegates to this fine learning-by-doing, youth-in-government program.

Almost 50,000 young men from across Kansas have participated in Boys State and performed nearly every function of city, county, and state government. Former delegates, members of the American Legion, and Sons of the American Legion return each year to serve as counselors and advisors. Many of them work year-round on ways to improve the curriculum and structure of the program.

At the conclusion of each session, two Staters are chosen by their peers to represent Kansas at the American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. These two individuals participate in a learning-by-doing program that focuses on our government at the national level.



Staters arrive

The 80th anniversary session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas started off with delegates, known as Staters, arriving at the Kramer Dining Complex on the campus of Kansas State University.

After going through the check-in process and meeting their counselors and fellow Staters, delegates entered the whirlwind of the first day.

They headed to McCain Auditorium, where they heard from Executive Di-

rector Jake Ellis, Director of Development Thane Chastain, and Program Coordinator Todd Vogts, each sharing more about the week laid out before them. Then Former Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty shared his experiences in politics with the Staters before they returned to their county areas to sign up for positions such as city council, county commission, media, highway patrol and many others.

The day concluded with Staters working within their assigned positions.



Isaiah Eaton, of Bradley County, shows off his Stater Uniform after arriving at the program.



Delegates from across the state arrive to begin their week taking part in the Kansas Boys State program.



Led by the Boys State Color Guard, the Staters march to McCain Auditorium for the Opening Ceremonies.



Counties line up following a fire drill.



Former Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty shares his experiences in politics at Opening Ceremonies.



Counselor Gavin Larios welcomes Matt Goeckel to Marshall County.



Stater Riley Russell smiles as he gathers with his fellow Pershing County members.



Grant Daily, 2016 Kansas Boys State Governor, addresses the delegates at Opening Ceremonies in McCain Auditorium.



Stater David Eke carries the Pershing County guidon.



Antonio Sanchez of Eisenhower County holds the American Flag in preparation of the morning's flag raising.



Will Flesher, Jack Jenkins, and Reed Miller of Seitz County work on a project.



A delegate serves in a volleyball match during recreation.



Staters Thomas Kennedy of Bradley County and Jordan Black of Seitz County work with media counselor Jordan Waymaster on an episode of Staters Radio.



Legionnaire Chuck Shoemaker addresses the delegates during morning assembly.

State gets going

Monday was the first full day of State. Following breakfast, the Staters heard from Legionnaire Chuck Shoemaker at morning assembly.

Then they went into Boys State Operations, during which they took on their roles within the program, such as being a member of the media or a highway patrol officer.

The mayors of each Boys State city were also sworn into office.

As part of these roles, Staters had

projects to complete. These ranged from establishing schools to working with government agencies to secure grant monies to build key pieces of infrastructure for the counties within the program.

It was also the first day when Staters had the opportunity to take part in recreation. They took part in team events, such as volleyball, softball and ultimate Frisbee, to name a few.

From the onset, Staters began to exercise and grow their leadership skills.



Some of the Boys State mayors take part in a press conference.



Stater Alex Hardin and Highway Patrol Trooper Mario Rios practice pulling over someone who has broken the law.



The mayors of each Boys State city are sworn into office by 2016 Boys State Governor Grant Daily.

Electing leaders

Tuesday saw numerous activities taking place. First, the caucus took place where general election candidates were selected.

Then the Boys State Media hosted a candidate debate. During the debate, the caucus winners were asked questions and were given the opportunity to appeal to voters.

Following the debate, the general election took place. Staters cast their ballots for their chosen candidates.

The Nationalists Party saw the greatest number of elected officials. Alex Thill received the nod as 2017 Boys State Governor with Micah Self as his Lieutenant Governor.

Other Nationalists winning office include Nolen Wright as Commissioner of Insurance and Dennis “Denny” Rice as Secretary of State.

Federalists who were elected include Connor Casey as Attorney General and Matthew Owens as State Treasurer.



Dennis “Denny” Rice of Patton County answers a question during the candidate debate.



Staters make transactions at the Boys State bank.



Members of the Departments work on distributing grant money.



Delegates take part in a game of softball during recreation.



Members of the Highway Patrol learn hand-to-hand combat.



Nationalist State Treasurer Candidate Choong Hyun Son of Patton County speaks during the candidate debate at McCain Auditorium.



During the candidate debate, members of the media asked representatives of both political parties questions to help voters select their state leaders.



One Stater makes an impressive catch during a game of Ultimate Frisbee as his competitors look on.



Staters from Powell County present arms as the flag is raised at morning assembly. This was part of the daily activities Staters took part in.



David Eke of Pershing County tells the Nationalist Party why he would be a good candidate.



Steven Robertson of King County addressed the Federalist Party members.



Mateo Perea-Gowdy of Bradley County tells the Federalist Party why he would be a good candidate.



Isaiah Eaton of Bradley County tells the Nationalist Party why he would be a good candidate.



A Stater speaks to the Federalist Party during the party's caucus.

Parties choose

Part of the Boys State program involves being assigned a political party designation.

This is determined by the questions Staters answer on their Boys State application.

The two parties are the Nationalists and the Federalists, with the Nationalists tending to be more liberal and the Federalists tending to be more conservative.

Prior to Tuesday's general election, Staters gathered together with their fellow

party members to select their parties' candidates. This was done through a caucus process, which saw would-be candidates giving speeches to their constituents as they made the case for why they should be the party candidate for each office.

After all the speeches were given, Staters voted for their top choices in each position. Those winning went on to represent the party in the candidate debate and the general election.



Alexander Fortune of Seitz County addresses the Nationalist Party members.



Nationalist Party members look at the caucus ballot.



Federalist Party members take notes over what the would-be candidates say in order to make an informed vote.

Slowing down

After the hectic days of running for office and the overall election process, Wednesday served as a day to slow down and settle into the work of Boys State.

All positions were filled, so Staters were able to work on projects, including court cases and passing legislation, to name just two.

The newly elected and sworn in state officials also got to work on passing a budget for the state to run on.

At evening retreat, legionnaires were

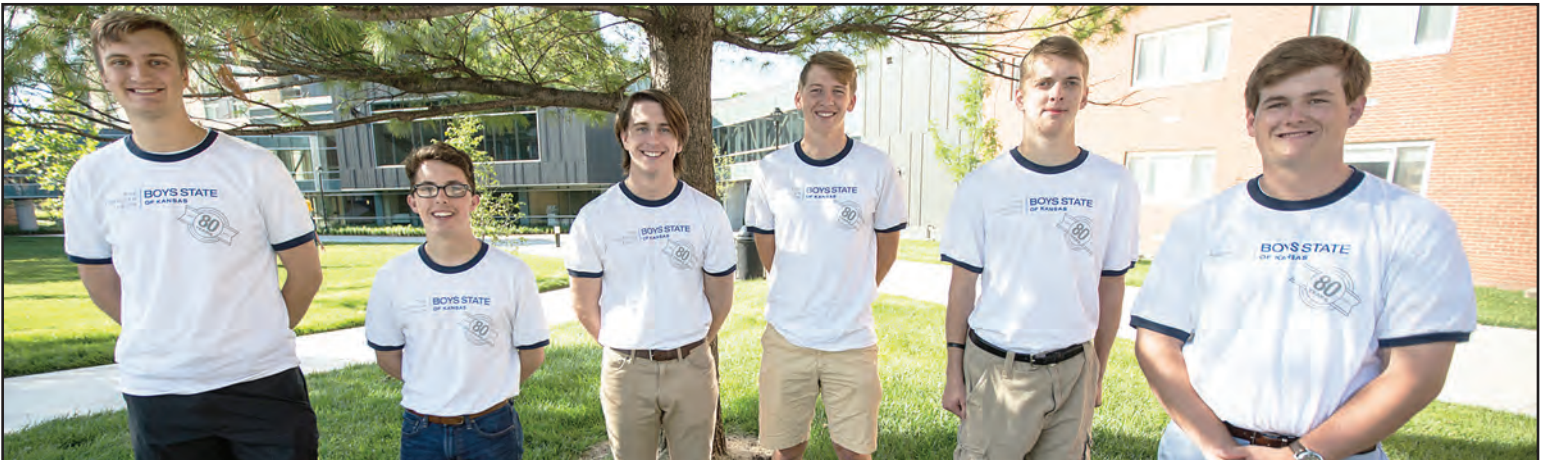
recognized for their service, and Staters took part in Pass In Review, which is a traditional military action where troops are presented for inspection.

At Boys State, counties march for the legionnaires, led by their county counselors and the county guidons.

Staters also had several opportunities at recreation, including a cross country race and chess matches. These were in addition to the normal offerings of softball, tennis, basketball, and volleyball.



WWII veteran John Lindholm salutes the Staters during evening retreat.



During morning assembly, the general election winners were announced. They included, from left, Commissioner of Insurance Nolen Wright, Secretary of State Denny Rice, Governor Alex Thill, Lieutenant Governor Micah Self, Attorney General Connor Casey, and State Treasurer Matthew Owens.



JC Watson of Eisenhower County tosses the Frisbee during recreation.



Recreation also gave Staters the opportunity to play chess.



Bradley County huddles at the start of evening retreat.



Staters continued to work on projects during operations on Wednesday.



A Stater dives to save a point in a volleyball match.



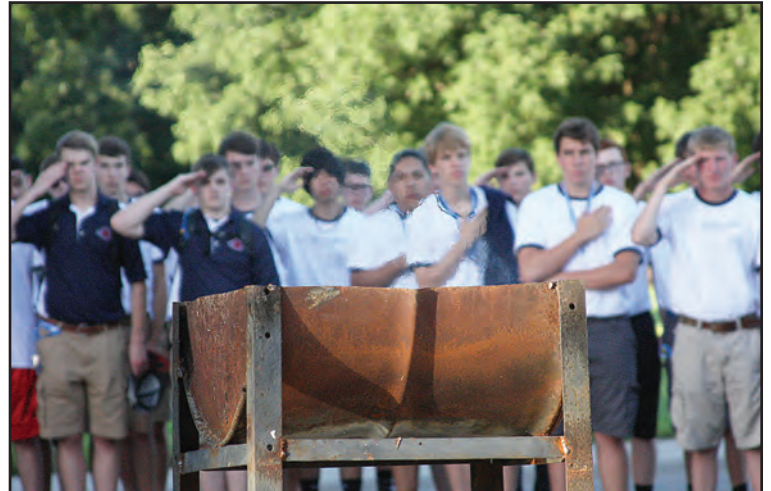
Drew Morely of King County serves during a recreation tennis match.



Patton County takes part in Pass in Review Wednesday evening on the way to McCain Auditorium.



Staters exercise their First Amendment rights by protesting the lack of progress being made by Boys State Governor Alex Thill to pass a budget.



Bradley County salutes as an American Flag is retired from service.



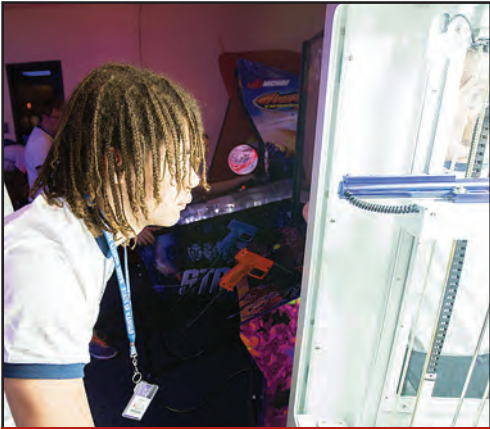
Joel Quarnstrom of Bradley County shoots pool during the Thursday night celebration in the Kansas State Student Union.



Members of the Boys State Band perform Thursday in McCain Auditorium.



Members of the Boys State Choir perform Thursday in McCain Auditorium.



Isaiah Levy of King County plays an arcade game in the Kansas State Student Union during the Boys State Celebration Thursday night.

Final tasks done

The last full day of Boys State was filled with activities for the Staters.

During operations, more work was done, and a sizeable group gathered outside the office of Boys State Governor Alex Thill to protest his slow passage of a budget. The budget is important for various groups within the program to have in order for them to complete their tasks for the day.

Following such excitement, Staters once again headed to McCain Auditori-

um. Outside at the World War II Memorial, delegates were able to witness a flag retirement ceremony. Then, once inside, they were treated to performances by the Boys State Band and Choir.

Following this, Boys Nation Senatorial candidates gave speeches urging their fellow Staters to vote for them to represent Kansas at the national level.

To wrap up the evening, Staters played pool and took advantage of the arcade at the Kansas State Student Union.



Jackson Peters of MacArthur County tells the delegates why he would be a good Boys Nation Senator.



Ryan Harra of Marshall County tells the delegates why he would be a good Boys Nation Senator.



Justices of the Boys State of Kansas Supreme Court were Charlie Bermel, Nick Velo, Dillon Smith, Zach Fabin (Chief Justice), Guy Talcott, Jack McHenry, and Preston Smith.

Saying goodbye

Friday brought the end of the 2017 session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas program.

The highlight of the day was Closing Ceremonies, which took place in McCain Auditorium.

Kansas Rep. Tom Cox delivered the keynote address.

The ceremonies entailed announcements of awards, such as Outstanding Citizens, Trey Peat, III, of Kennedy County as the winner of the Samsung Amer-

ican Legion College Scholarship, Guy Talcott of Patton County as the William F. Stahl Award for Outstanding Supreme Court Justice, John Lindholm as the Advisor of the Year, the results of the Boys Nation Senators vote, and the winners of the Counselor of the Year awards.

Before the Staters were dismissed back to their families, they also got to enjoy the Closing Ceremonies video, which highlighted the week everyone had experienced.



Advisor Kyle Wheatley sings the National Anthem at the start of Closing Ceremonies.



Seitz County participates in Pass In Review Friday morning on the way to Closing Ceremonies at McCain Auditorium.



The Color Guard leads the State to Closing Ceremonies.



Isaiah Eaton of Bradley County and Erik Brown of Eisenhower County smile as the Boys Nation Senators are announced.



Kansas Rep. Tom Cox delivers the keynote address at Closing Ceremonies.



Staters sound off for the last time at Morning Assembly.



Media Counselor and photographer Jonathan Volker receives recognition as Experienced Counselor of the Year.



A Stater joins his County in Morning Assembly chants.



Staters wait for Closing Ceremonies to start.



Devon Keeney of Kennedy County performs a violin medley.



Spencer Child of Kennedy County balances pennies.



Gabriel Wagler of Seitz County shows off his tae-kwon-doe skills.



Jarow Meyers of Eisenhower County plays the Maple Leaf Rag.



Counselor Gavin Larios performs "Gangster Piece Theater" as an interlude between acts.



Governor Alex Thill delivers his inaugural address.

Sharing talents

A perennially popular aspect of Boys State is the annual talent show. During this crowd-pleasing production, Staters show off their talents — whether it be magic tricks, musical instrument performances, forensic-style readings, or vocal singing performances — for their fellow delegates.

This year saw 18 performances with the master of ceremonies injecting his own bits between acts.

The performances took place Wednes-

day evening at McCain Auditorium, and it served as a welcome reprieve from the stress of playing the roles found within Boys State.

Prior to the show, Boys State governor Alex Thill gave his inaugural address, and Clint Usher, of Alabama Boys State, spoke to the Staters.

After the show, Associate Director Jared Meitler shared with Staters the possibilities of being selected as a Boys Nation Senator.



Brody Schofield of Powell County performs the National Anthem to start the talent show.



Clint Usher of Alabama Boys State addresses the delegates.



Dawson Rooney of MacArthur County raps for the audience.



Anthony Schettler of Marshall County closes the show with "Pride and Joy" by Stevie Ray Vaughn.

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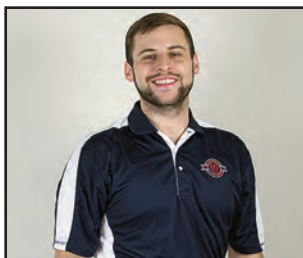
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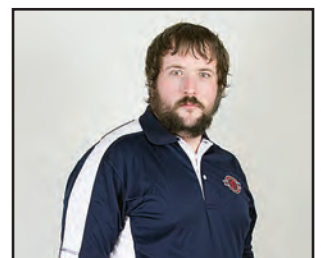
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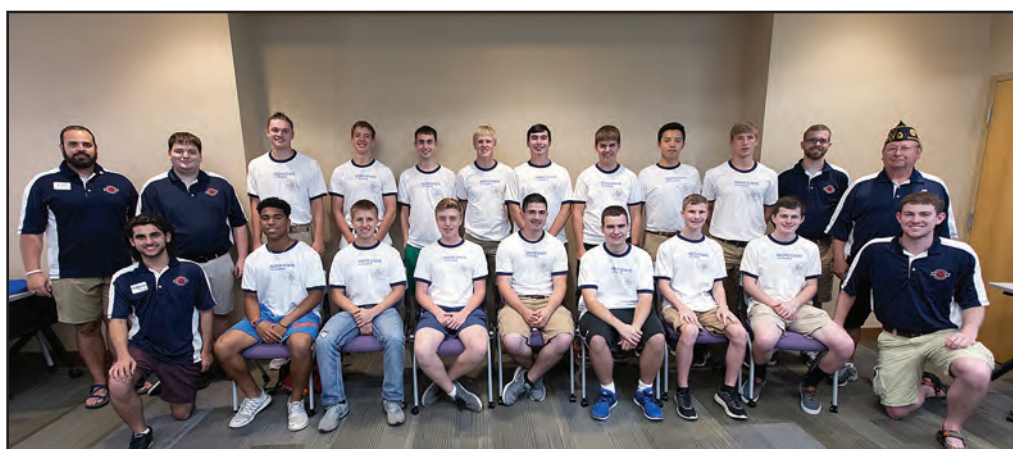
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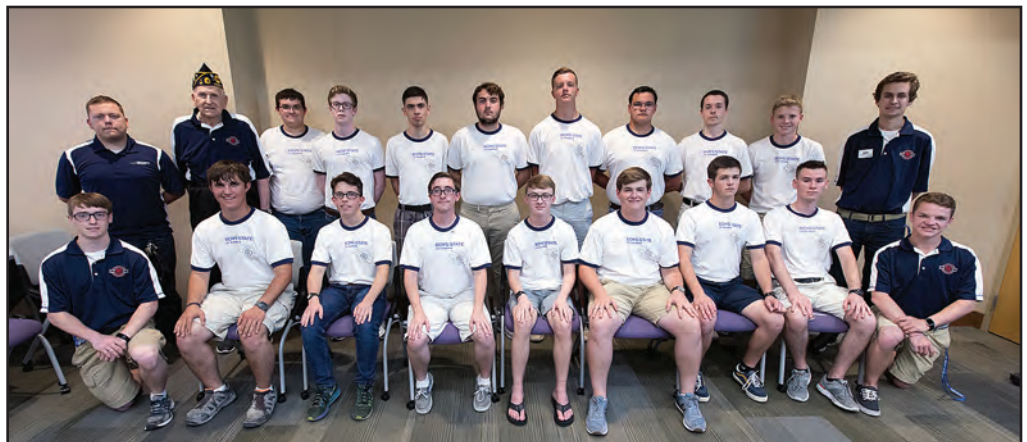
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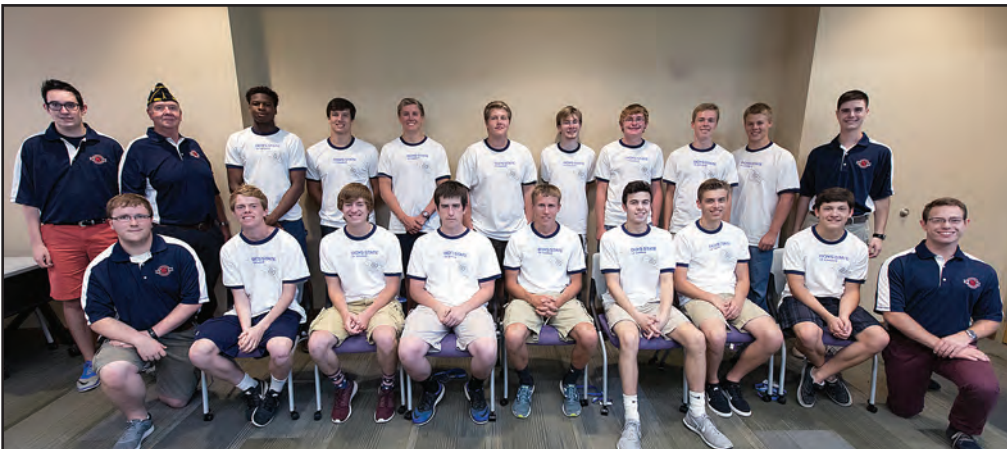
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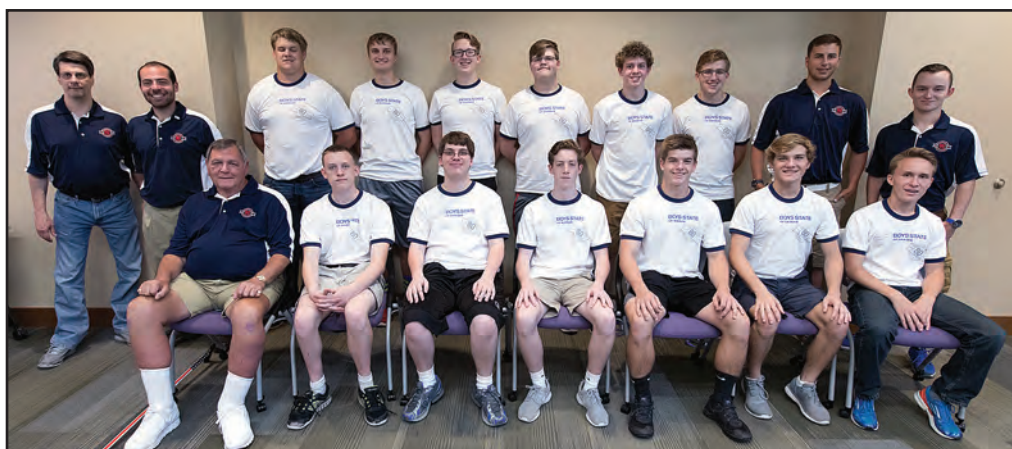
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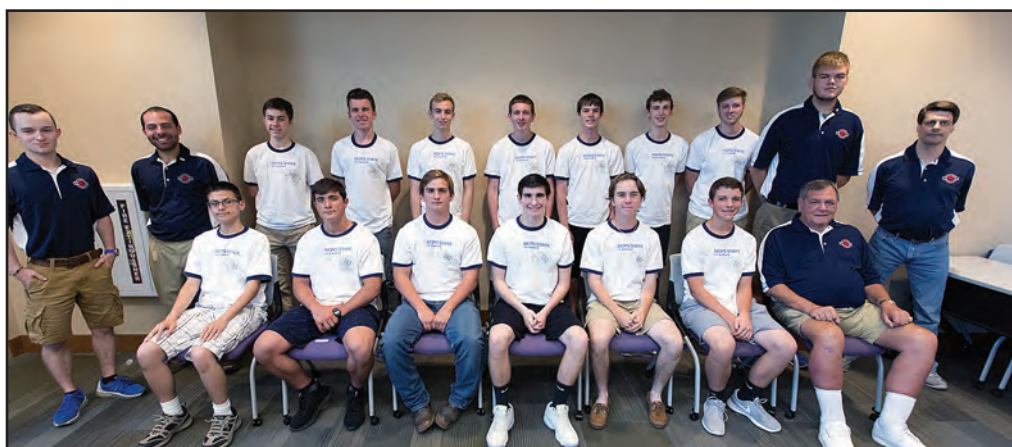
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And so it is over. The 80th anniversary session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas is complete. These are just some of the life-long memories, captured in picture form, that you created over one week in the summer of 2017.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 4, wondering what exactly to expect. Suddenly you were thrust into a high-paced, cooperative, and very involved program. The tasks of creating and maintaining a working government were placed in your hands. Hopefully through this program you were able to see exactly what kinds of decisions our society is faced with.

Elected officials have the incredible tasks of creating legislation to protect their constituents' rights, while at the same time maintaining financial and social stability. One evident message of our program is that it is not easy to be a leader. We hope that you not only found opportunities for great success, but that you also faced the chore of overcoming a sound defeat. It is in these instances where a leader proves his worth, and you have undoubtedly taken this message from The American Legion Boys State of Kansas.

So it is up to you, and you alone, to overcome the failures and struggles that life will present you. Democracy, the most effective form of government, is dependent on involvement. We are taking for granted that you will certainly be involved, but we challenge you not only to become involved but also to become a leader, that extra step beyond simple participation, within your communities.

Democracy is not limited to the realms of Topeka and Washington.

Democracy exists in your homes, schools, congregations, and workplaces. There will be times in your life when you will be faced with a situation that you do not agree with or that you feel is unfair to you or someone you know. As difficult as it may seem, it is not only your right but your responsibility to use the knowledge and skills you gained from our program to help yourself and your fellow citizens do the right thing.

No matter what you think about what has happened in the past, or even what is happening now, you have the opportunity to change the future, and that is what is great about America. In a very short time a couple hundred years' worth of progress will be handed to you. What will you do with it? Will you be content to stand still? Will you move forward? The decision is up to you.

Serve your community and serve it well. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and we hope that the American Legion Boys State of Kansas helped you along the way.

— The 2017 American Legion Boys State of Kansas Staff

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