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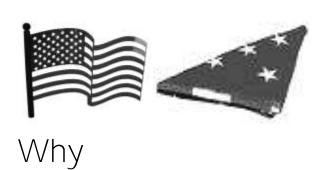
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Thirteen Folds?

The honor guard works hard to include the 13 folds each and every time the American flag is folded. Unfortunately, most people do not notice these folds and, even if they do, then they most likely do not know why the thirteen folds are important. Here are the 13 reasons why the folds are important and what they mean:

1st fold – symbolizes life

2nd fold – symbolizes belief in eternal life

 3^{rd} fold – honors and remembers veterans who have departed from our ranks

4th fold – represents our weaker nature when we turn to God

5th fold – represents tribute to our country

6th fold – represents where our hearts lie in allegiance to the United States

7th fold – signifies tribute to the armed forces

8th fold – signifies tribute to one who entered the valley of shadow of death and to honor mothers

9th fold – represents tribute to womanhood

10th fold – exemplifies tribute to the father

11th fold – represents lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon

12th fold – represents the emblem of eternity and glorifies the Holy Trinity

13th fold – completes the folded flag; stars remind of national motto (—In God We Trust")

These thirteen folds mean a great deal to patriotism, not just to the flag itself. Once the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it represents the cocked hat, which is a reminder of the soldiers, past and present, who serve this great country. So next time you see the flag being folded, take the time to think of these thirteen folds as well as the soldiers who made this country possible.

"The Unrecognized Winner"

This is for he who won no election who's now feeling left out and feeling rejection.

If you're one of the guys who lost time and again think of experience gained and the places you've been.

Think of the thousands Who suffered the terrible fate of not being selected to go to Boys State.

A Soldier Too Brave

You find yourself Alone in your grave Look at yourself A soldier too brave You with gallantry Fought to the end Defending your country Never again Without hesitation You gave up your life With your last breath You couldn't kiss your wife Not ever knowing Shipped off in a crate Winds are not blowing Accepting the fate You were the finest The best ever made No Americans oppressed Because of the soldier too brave



When you win you may cheer, if you lose you may cry
It matters not that you lost,
But that you gave it a try.

You had your chance, they gave you a turn but you lost, so remember The lesson you learned.

If you tried for an office, yet your name was not called better to have tried and lost than to have not tried at all.

Dismiss all your feelings of pity and hate do your best to make the most of Mountaineer Boys State.

POW/MIA REMBRANCE SERVICE

(The following is a "suggested" service to be used at American Legion Meetings, banquets, luncheons, or memorial gatherings in conjunction with the POW/MIA flag draped over an empty chair...this service can be adopted as is or modified to whatever is appropriate for your own preferred use.) Members should remove their caps during this

Those who have served, and those currently serving in the uniformed services of the United States, are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and imprisonment.

Before we begin our activities, we pause to recognize our POWs and MIAs.

We call your attention to this small table that occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is set for one symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks.

They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.



We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to beat witness to their continued absence.

The <u>table</u> is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressers.

The <u>tablecloth</u> is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The <u>single rose</u> in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith while awaiting their return.

The <u>red ribbon</u> on the case represents the red ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand, with unyielding determination, a proper account of our comrades who are not among us.

A <u>slice of lemon</u> on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty. They are NOT here.

The <u>candle</u> is reminiscent of the light of hope that lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to open arms of a grateful nation.

The <u>American Flag</u> reminds us that many of them may never return - and have paid the supreme sacrifice to ensure our freedom.

Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Let us remember - and never forget their sacrifice.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the government; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies. (authorized version)

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PANORAMIC PICTURE!! After dinner on TODAY!

MBS 2009 State Troopers

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Monday's Speakers

Dinner—Coach Bill Stewart

Assembly—Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Woody Williams

Thank You!!!



Bill Stewart Visits Boys State

By: Ryan Turner

Bill Stewart, WVU head coach, visited Mountaineer Boys State to give the nightly dinner speech. Beforehand, he was interviewed about the new WVU football team. Stewart was more than happy to answer one of the biggest questions concerning the team: who is the new quarterback with Pat White gone? His answer was simple and fast, Jarret Brown. He has been patient for three years, waiting for his turn and now it's his chance to step up and have a good year. The ball has been put in his hand and he deserves this," says Stewart.

Stewart also put an end to the mystery of what kind of offense he will play. —I'm looking at a 60-65% running offense and a 35-45% passing offense." He is also looking for Reed Williams to step up on defense after leaving and then returning. —The defense has a really good chance of being as good as last year," says Stewart. As for a kicker, Stewart has not yet acquired a new player, but says that the punting game will be okay since he has Senior Scott Kozlowski as his punter.

Stewart also shared one of his favorite memories with us which were the wins at both the 2008 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and the 2008 Meineke Car Care Bowl. Finally he added, with a laugh, —Any win is my favorite day." But Stewart left on a serious note with some words of wisdom for the Citizens of Mountaineer Boys State, —Shoot for the stars. You may not be an astronaut, but you can all work for NASA."

Woody Williams: An American Hero

By: Sean Delancey

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The Nationalist Caucuses

By: Drew Goodman

The silent room breaks out into sudden laughter. Several rowdy and rambunctious nationalist boys-all crammed into one room—commence with chants, gestures, and camaraderie; such as -hot sauce", the classic wave, and the ever popular -GO NATS," complete with suggestive hand movements. What is the scene in question? It is none other than the Nationalist party caucuses and platform

But the Nationalists are not all play and no work. The Nationalists adopted a platform including many crucial topics: alternative energy, health issues, the West Virginia image, highway improvement, state welfare program reformation, the education system, and the improvement of the economic system by fostering new markets and job opportunities. According to Joe Snopps, Chairman of the Nationalist's party, (the platform) is something that can truly aid West Virginians, after a long political process, it truly displays what our party (the Nationalists) hold valuable." Regarding Nationalist candidates in the election, Snopps stated that -the Nationalist candidates are strong, confident, and charismatic." On his party at large, Snopps said -we have fun, a lot of fun, but when it comes down to business we are in for the long haul and willing to go the extra mile." Thus, the stage is set and the Nationalists are ready to put forth their best men and take on the state elections.

The Federalist Caucuses

By: Alex Bolano

In a series of heated and passionate debates the Federalist Party decided on their political platform for the upcoming primary and general elections and introduced the candidates for the state offices. According to Federalist caucus member James Poling, -[the caucus] commenced very well and actually exceeded the expectations of those present in the room. However, there could have been a more time to debate certain topics to make a more educated decision." Specific topics debated included the education system of West Virginia, energy diversification and conservation, and the state infrastructure. Many Federalists are in the running for state offices including Supreme Court, Auditor, Treasurer, and Governor. Each candidate for state offices gave a riveting speech in support of their campaign and proved their political ambition and prowess. Bobby Nutter, Federalist Party Chairman, said — was truly impressed with how quickly and orderly the issues at hand were tackled and decided upon. I believe that with enough work, perseverance, and campaigning, we can have a Federalist majority in the state offices.



~ A Bugle Call ~

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his

bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born.



The words are:

Day is done
Gone the sun
From the lakes
From the hills
From the sky
All is well
Safely rest
God is nigh

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Flag Etiquette Protocol (Adopted 2002)

- I. The following is adopted for use by Counselors, Citizens, and Staff or Boys State:
 - A. Flag raising or lowering ceremony
 - 1. When in formation salute upon order from commander.
 - a. Salute to hat brim if covered
 - b. Salute over heart if uncovered
 - 2. When out of formation salute while flag is being raised or lowered on the halyard.
 - B. When the colors are being posted
 - 1. If indoors
 - a. Stand at attention when color guard enters room and proceeds forward
 - b. Salute with hand or cover over heart when color guard posts the colors, maintain salute until color guard has left the room or until ordered to drop salute
 - 2. If outdoors, within hearing distance
 - a. Stand at attention when color guard enters room and proceeds forward
 - b. Salute with hand or cover over heart or to hat brim when color guard posts the colors, maintain until color guard has left the room or until ordered to drop salute
 - C. During national anthem
 - 1. If indoors, salute with hand or cover over heart
 - 2. If outdoors, within hearing distance
 - a. Salute to hat brim if covered
 - b. Salute with hand or cover over heart
 - D. During the Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1. If indoors salute with hand or cover over heart while reciting

the Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. If outdoors, salute with hand or cover over heart or to hat brim while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- E. When the colors are being presented in a procession
 - 1. When in formation, detail leader salutes while detail remains at attention
 - 2. When out of formation
 - a. Salute to hat brim when covered
 - b. Salute over heart when uncovered
 - c. Stand at attention if out of uniform

Oce Smith

Sergeant at Arms, Oce Smith, has served in the West Virginia House of Delegates for fifty-three years. He has —only" served as Sergeant at Arms for forty-three. Nonetheless, he has numerous memories of his experiences. From guests such as Nelson Rockefeller and an ambassador from Brazil, Smith has seen it all. His most memorable and special moment occurred when *the Miners' Black Lung Bill* was passed. He holds this particular memory —near and dear to his heart."

Smith has enjoyed *almost* all of these past years. He explained his reasoning for using this terminology: —I'm getting old, and I can't handle many situations due to my age."

Though old, Smith is still in charge and keeps very busy. He's lived in Marion County all his life. He was born in Barrackville and currently resides in Fairmont. While not in session, he's a featured writer for the local Fairmont paper. His true passion, however, lies in the House of Delegates.

Oce isn't with us this year because he is in not well. We would all like to wish him a healthy recovery, and we hope to see him next year.

We Miss You, Oce!!!



Speakers for Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Lunch—Treasurer John Purdue
Dinner—Governor Joe Manchin
Assembly—Party Conventions, Governors Candidate Debate





AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

The recipients of these awards will be selected in the following manner:
Recommendations are made by the counselors of each cottage.
Candidates are interviewed by members of the staff.
Candidates will not necessarily be limited to the recommendations of the counselors.



Tommy E. Jones Trophy Award

The Tommy E. Jones Trophy will be awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who contributes the most to the political process. Among the criteria for this aware are:

Enthusiasm

Sincerity

Honesty

Organizational Ability

Creativity

P.E. Kercheval Award

The P.E. Kercheval Award will go to a citizen who is a participant in the activities of Boys' State, is courteous, congenial, has high moral standards, and demonstrates leadership.

Frank Taylor Jr. Award

This trophy is awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who exhibits an enthusiastic interest in law and displays a high moral character with honor, respect, and integrity for the rights of others. In addition, this young man must be an active participant in the programs of Mountaineer Boys' State. All citizens who successfully passed the Mountaineer Boys' State Bar Exam may be considered for this award.

William R. Fugitt Memorial Award

The Bill Fugitt Award will go to the cottage that attains the best total score in the following seven categories:

City Government

County Government

Board of Education

Law Examination

Circuit Court

Inspection

General conduct of all citizens of that cottage during the entire week

Athletics/Band

Dr. John T. Dombrosky Memorial Award

The Dr. John T. Dombrosky Award will be given to the staff member or citizen who has displayed the attributes of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness with the Legion principles as exemplified by Dr. Dombrosky.

David Farris Award

The David —Dave" Farris Award is presented to the Boy's State citzen wgho contributes significantly to the city and/or county cogernment aspects of the Mountaineer Boys' State program and exhibits the qualities of a good sense of humor, kindness, competene, and fairness for all. All citizens who hold an elected city or county office shall be eligible for this award. Dace Farris was a citizen of Boys' State in the late 1970s. He was a long time Staff member who served in many positions. He was a Junior Counselor and served on the headquarters' staff. Dave played a vital role in the City and County governmental process at Boys' State in 1991. Dave was killed by an automobile accident a few weeks following the 1991 Boys' State.

Boys' Nation Award

Citizens who have been elected to a state office, Speaker of the House or President of the Senate, have served in the capacity of State Party Chairman, or have demonstrated extraordinary leadership are eligible to be considered as a candidate for Boys' Nation. Each candidate will be required to complete an application as wells as go through an interview. The interview panel will seek input from the eligible candidate's counselors regarding the individual's character, leadership, participation, etc...

Legislator of the Year

The Legislator of the Year shall be a member or officer of the Senate or House of Delegates who best exemplifies extraordinary character, enthusiasm for education, and a genuine devotion to the legislative process. The legislative advisors, chaired by the legislative coordinator, shall select the award.



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA 2016 KANAWHA BLVD CHARLESTON, WV 25311 Phone: 1-888-534-4667

Dear Fellow Americans,

We are writing this letter to inform you of some of the programs and services that The American Legion provides to out veterans, our communities, and our country.

Emergency Aid Volunteer Hours Contributions to VA Pints of Blood Donated Blood Donors Crime Prevention School Medals Awarded Schools Assisted Cost of School Assist. Scholarships Awarded Cost of Scholarships Flag Presentations Cost of Presentations Community Service Hours Children & Youth Activities Cost of Activities	\$2,178,136 989,230 \$2,387,806 94,395 35,232 1,032 24.936 10,407 \$2,317,411 7,704 \$4,115,863 28,230 \$484,875 3,416,945 15,652 \$5,800,189	Youths in Scouting Cost of Scout Program Oratorical Contest Oratorical Participants Cost of Oratorical Fire Prevention Program Annual Community Events Color Guards Firing Squads Funeral Honors Provided Uniformed Guard Cost Boys State Attendance Cost of Boys State Legion Baseball Cost Youths Playing Legion Ball Legacy Scholarship Cost Scout Units	53,486 \$1,670,051 1,304 7,364 \$225,498 1,040 5,094 4,139 3,943 129,267 \$2,522,019 15,313 \$3,823,502 \$6,965,014 2,346 \$785,829 2,025
Other Don	ations	Scout office	4,043
Red Cross	\$258,830	United Fund	\$200,793
Cancer	\$603,965	Handicapped	\$886,793
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Please support your local American Leagion Post. And if you are an eligible veteran, please join us and help provide these services to our great nation.

\$354,574

Yum!

Children's Hospital

Breakfast Biscuits Sausage & Gravy Hot & Cold Cereal

Fruit—Bananas Orange Juice Milk

MENU

National Emergency Fun

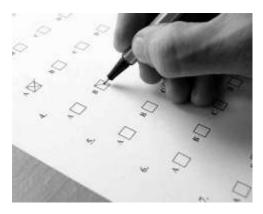
Lunch
Chicken Tenders
French Fries
Salad
Rice Krispie Treats
Lemonade

Yum

\$360,886

DinnerSpaghetti Italian Blend Veggies Garlic Bread Salad Chocolate Cake

Ice Tea



Congratulations!!!

Andrew Wade of Randolph Cottage made the highest score on the Bar Exam which was an 83%

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009 Refer to Boys State Manual p. 18

SPORTS!!

Monday's Athletic Results (3:30)

Area 1 Volleyball

Game 1— Monongalia Game 2— Randolph (N)

Area 2 Volleyball

Game 1— Monroe (F) Game 2— Kanawha (N)

Area 3 Ultimate Frisbee

Game 1— Braxton (F) Game 2— Lewis (F)

Area 4 Softball

Game 1— Kanawha (F) Game 2— Randolph (F)



Monday's Athletic Results (6:30)

Area 1 Volleyball

Game 1— Panhandle (N) Game 2— Gilmer

Area 2 Volleyball

Game 1— Randolph (F) Game 2— Marion (F)

Area 3 Ultimate Frisbee

Game 1— Barbour Game 2— Kanawha (N)

Area 4 Softball

Game 1— Monroe (N) Game 2— Lewis (N)



Vote Nationalist Christian "Mountaineer"

Secretary of State

"Mountaineers for Martine"



For today's please refer to your manuals page 14 except for the following changes.



THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO TODAY'S SCHEDULE

6:15 - 7:15

The state police will administer driver's exams and motor vehicle inspections in cottages.

Hunter safety exams will be administered by conservation officers in cottages

AFTER VOTING

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Hunter safety exams will be administered by conservation officers in cottages



Teachers

- -Examined from 3rd party outsider source
- -Merit pay based on examination
- -Exemption from income tax

Drug Screening on Government Funding

-Any individual receiving government funding must successfully pass a drug test each month before receiving monthly payment.

Road Funding

- -Need more money for resurfacing and paving damaged and frequently used gravel roads
- -Achieve this funding by lowering income tax and raising sales tax.

Hydroelectric Power

- -Not eliminating usage of fossil fuels found in WV (coal, natural gas)
- -Integrating (through time) hydroelectric power through dam
- -Achieve a collaboration of the two powers and profit off of coal saved with the usage of hydroelectric power





Nationalist party platform

- -Finding alterative sources to energy while working to improve on existing resources.
- -Combating obesity in West Virginia by increasing student activities and encouraging healthy eating.
- -Improving West Virginia's self image making others know what West Virginia is truly about.
- -Improving roads to encourage travel to and around West Virginia increasing tourism.
- -Ensure State Welfare programs are running correctly
- -Establish a more efficient education system.
- -Encourage more jobs to become available to hard working West Virginians

