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American Legion Buckeye Boys State Incorporated

ANNUAL REPORT



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THE AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE INC.

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Mission Statement

The mission of American Legion Buckeye Boys State is to provide an educational and leadership program that exposes young men to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities, and the love for God and Country necessary to being self-governing citizens.

Vision Statement

Through a practical, objective nonpartisan approach, participants in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program are exposed to fundamental democratic principles in local, county and state elections and governmental functions which prepare them for leadership roles as patriotic American citizens.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PROGRAM

American Legion Buckeye Boys State, founded in 1936, is the major youth program of the Ohio American Legion and *the* largest American Legion Boys State program in the nation.

Over 1,200 of the top high school juniors in the state of Ohio attend ***Buckeye Boys State*** annually and since 1936, over 90,000 young men have benefited from the experience.

Funding for ***Buckeye Boys State*** is provided by sponsoring Ohio American Legion Posts, Sons of the American Legion Squadrons, Lions, Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary and other community organizations.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State is a Not-For-Profit corporation registered with the Ohio Secretary of State. A 60 person Board of Trustees, all of whom are members of the American Legion, establish the policies, procedures, teaching format, governmental structure, and overall aspects of the program.

The day-to-day administration of ***Buckeye Boys State*** is placed with the Director of ***Buckeye Boys State***, who serves as the Americanism and Youth Activities Director on the Ohio American Legion Headquarters staff.

During the eight days of Boys State, a staff of over 150 people serve as the instruction staff.

Ohio Government agencies send Directors and staff personnel to work with their counterparts at Boys State. Members of the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Congressional delegation participate in the ***Buckeye Boys State*** program.

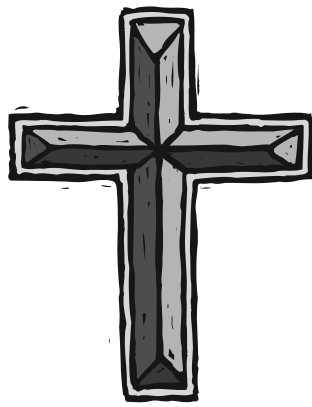
Since 1936, The American Legion of Ohio and the staff of ***Buckeye Boys State*** have strived to make the ***Buckeye Boys State*** program, "***A Week to Shape a Lifetime***".

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MEMORIAM

American Legion Buckeye Boys State and The Ohio American Legion mourns the passing of the following members of the Buckeye Boys State Staff who in the past year have reported to the Supreme Commander of us all:

WILLIAM BALSER: Buckeye Boys State Trustee. Twenty-four (24) year member of the Buckeye Boys State staff working in City Government. Ohio American Legion State Commander 2005 – 2006. Buckeye Boys State President 2010 – 2011.

THOMAS BOUGHTON: Buckeye Boys State Trustee Emeritus. Fifteen (15) year member of the Buckeye Boys State staff working in the “Mini Mall”.

RICHARD CHERRY: Buckeye Boys State Trustee Emeritus. Thirty (30) year member of the Buckeye Boys State staff working in City Government. Ohio American Legion State Commander 1987 – 1988.

ELMER FUHRHOP: Buckeye Boys State Trustee Emeritus. Twenty-eight (28) year member of the Buckeye Boys State staff working in City Government. Chairman Emeritus, National American Legion Children & Youth Commission.

DON READER: Buckeye Boys State Trustee. Twenty (20) year member of the Buckeye Boys State staff working in the Courts section.

JIM SHAW: Buckeye Boys State Trustee Emeritus. Thirty-four (34) year member of the Buckeye Boys State staff working in the School Boards section.

Their dedication and devotion to The American Legion, American Legion Buckeye Boys State, and the youth of Ohio will be remembered forever. May their souls rest in peace.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

YEAR	LOCATION	PRESIDENT	ENROLL	GOVERNOR	PARTY	HOMETOWN
1936	State Fairgrounds	William S. Konold	442	J. Starn	(N)	Greenfield
1937	State Fairgrounds	P.E. Kightlinger	652	W. Livingston	(N)	Columbus
1938	State Fairgrounds	P.E. Kightlinger	717	J. Ferriman	(F)	Elyria
1939	State Fairgrounds	P.E. Kightlinger	813	R. Lukens	(N)	Akron
1940	State Fairgrounds	P.E. Kightlinger	764	Wm. Reimer	(N)	Wadsworth
1941	State Fairgrounds	P.E. Kightlinger	777	R. Hoskins	(F)	Middletown
1942	Ohio Wesleyan Univ.	P.E. Kightlinger	618	D. Bowers	(F)	Akron
1943	Ohio Wesleyan Univ.	J.R. Favret	507	A.C. Long	(N)	Delaware
1944	Otterbein Univ.	J.R. Favret	420	R.A. Secrist	(F)	Massillon
1945	<i>No Program</i>	K.K. Kitchen	<i>World War II, Gas Rationing</i>			
1946	Miami Univ.	K.K. Kitchen	730	J.W. Ott	(N)	Forestville
1947	Ohio Wesleyan Univ.	F.R. Hartpence	812	C. Richard	(F)	Poland
1948	Ohio Wesleyan Univ.	F.R. Hartpence	863	J. Mason	(N)	Hubbard
1949	Ohio Wesleyan Univ.	Robert Bangham	868	Wm. Goettman	(N)	Springfield
1950	Camp Perry	Robert Bangham	992	J. Borton	(F)	Alliance
1951	Camp Perry	Robert Bangham	905	A.W. Bonacci	(N)	Newton Falls
1952	<i>No Program</i>	Robert Bangham	950	<i>Flooding</i>		
1953	Camp Perry	Robert Bangham	915	J.S Messerman	(F)	Cleveland
1954	Camp Perry	Robert Bangham	981	T. Triplett	(F)	Sandusky
1955	Camp Perry	J.V. Suhr	976	J. Dowd	(N)	Massillon
1956	Camp Perry	J.V. Suhr	991	R. Gorsuch	(N)	Westerville
1957	Camp Perry	Edward Sklenicka	1014	K. Gourdreau	(F)	Cleveland
1958	Camp Perry	Edward Sklenicka	1018	Robt Thompson	(F)	Warren
1959	Ohio University	Edward Sklenicka	1054	G.M. Richetto	(F)	Warren
1960	Ohio University	Robert Minshall	1170	J. White	(N)	Columbus
1961	Ohio University	Robert Minshall	1217	D.P Gillespie	(N)	Youngstown
1962	Ohio University	Robert Minshall	1260	D.F. Gibson	(F)	Warren
1963	Ohio University	R.L. Downing	1331	R. Weller	(N)	Boardman
1964	Ohio University	R.L. Downing	1309	G. McKenzie	(N)	Cincinnati
1965	Ohio University	R.L. Downing	1331	C. Miller	(F)	Dover
1966	Ohio University	Cedric Stanley	1352	J. Arigoni	(F)	Canton
1967	Ohio University	Cedric Stanley	1355	D. Harris	(N)	Sandusky
1968	Ohio University	Charles Leonard	1359	G. Huth	(N)	Seven Hills
1969	Ohio University	Charles Copeland	1360	S. Silverstein	(N)	Findlay
1970	Ohio University	Charles Copeland	1361	A.J. Harris	(N)	Sandusky
1971	Ashland College	William Richards	1359	J.C. Robertson	(F)	Shaker Hts.
1972	Ashland College	William Richards	1350	K.K. Hyde	(N)	Warren
1973	Ashland College	William G. Konold	1350	R.R. Theis	(N)	Warren
1974	Ashland College	William G. Konold	1350	J. Johns	(N)	Columbus
1975	Ohio University	Robert Madaffer	1375	H. Massey	(N)	Wickliffe
1976	Ohio University	Robert Madaffer	1385	P. Sanders	(F)	Cleveland
1977	Ohio University	Chester Stellar	1378	G. Roberts	(F)	Chesapeake
1978	Bowling Green	Chester Stellar	1388	A. DisBato	(F)	Columbus
1979	Bowling Green	Leslie Spaeth	1387	J. Rade	(F)	Boardman
1980	Bowling Green	Leslie Spaeth	1398	J. Laird	(F)	Marysville
1981	Bowling Green	Homer Abele	1417	K. Keller	(F)	Wooster
1982	Bowling Green	Luther Liggett	1415	R. Bannister	(F)	Westerville
1983	Bowling Green	Luther Liggett	1421	R. Paley	(N)	Columbus
1984	Bowling Green	Charles Green	1421	B. Tobias	(N)	N. Canton
1985	Bowling Green	Charles Green	1426	D. Straub	(N)	Westerville
1986	Bowling Green	James Balding	1438	B. Gledhill	(F)	Galion
1987	Bowling Green	James Balding	1423	C. Wilson	(N)	Xenia
1988	Bowling Green	William Schroeder	1424	M. Carey	(N)	Sabina
1989	Bowling Green	William Schroeder	1437	T. C. Workman	(N)	Bexley
1990	Bowling Green	William Schnug	1424	T. Harris	(N)	Hamilton
1991	Bowling Green	William Schnug	1400	J. Collier	(F)	Steubenville
1992	Bowling Green	Croft Merritt	1432	L. P. Gibson	(N)	St. Louisville
1993	Bowling Green	Croft Merritt	1430	K. Ramsey	(N)	Richmond Hts.

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>ENROLL</u>	<u>GOVERNOR</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
1994	Bowling Green	Philip Allen	1423	B. Clinger	(N)	Westerville
1995	Bowling Green	Philip Allen	1410	R. Lyons	(N)	Dayton
1996	Bowling Green	Thomas L. Gabel	1392	D. Hudson	(F)	St. Clairsville
1997	Bowling Green	Thomas L. Gabel	1406	R. Schuerger	(F)	Hinckley
1998	Bowling Green	*Gerald L. Moore	1400	J. Edwards	(N)	East Canton
		Steven F. Peltier				
1999	Bowling Green	Steven F. Peltier	1375	M. McKenzie	(N)	Columbus
2000	Bowling Green	Joseph Stockner	1370	S. Harper	(N)	Ravenna
2001	Bowling Green	Melvin Chapman	1315	B. Erwin	(F)	Fayetteville
2002	Bowling Green	Richard Alberts	1300	A. Davis	(F)	Dayton
2003	Bowling Green	Frank Vaughn	1275	B. Vanderhide	(F)	Mentor
2004	Bowling Green	Merle Brady	1240	F. Little	(F)	Milford
2005	Bowling Green	Ralph Waite	1325	B. Kidd	(N)	Proctorville
2006	Bowling Green	Terry Estep	1310	A. Swann	(F)	West Chester
2007	Bowling Green	Robert Wink	1230	J. Evans	(N)	Berlin Center
2008	Bowling Green	Dan Favreau	1225	N. Messenger	(F)	Bowling Green
2009	Bowling Green	Jim Garrity	1120	M. Lovejoy	(N)	Columbus
2010	Bowling Green	Jim Dieringer	1183	D. Hudson	(F)	Youngstown
2011	Bowling Green	William Balser	1162	D. Dicamillo	(F)	Frankfort
2012	Bowling Green	Darell Bishop	1210	D. Brown	(F)	Lima
2013	Bowling Green	Richard Zulch	1220	B. Knipper	(N)	Franklin
2014	Bowling Green	Mike Jordan	1155	L. Fulton	(N)	Cleveland
2015	Bowling Green	Paul Wiehe	1145	I. Carter	(F)	Toledo
2016	Bowling Green	Bill Strong	1215	D. Helm	(F)	Lithopolis

*Gerald L. Moore passed away during his term as President. 1st Vice President Steve Peltier assumed the office of President for the remainder of the term.

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE DIRECTORS

An important element in the success of American Legion Buckeye Boys State is the continuity in Directors of the program.

Since Buckeye Boys State began operations in 1936, to date, only three (3) individuals, all members of the American Legion have served American Legion Buckeye Boys State with distinction as Director.

1936 – 1961: Wilbur E. “Pete” DeWeese*

1962 – 1991: William R. Welsh*

1992 – Present: Gerald A. White

*Deceased

**Buckeye Boys State
Staff Roster
2015 - 2016 ***

<u>Living Past Presidents</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>St</u>
Richard	Alberts	(01-02)	Piqua	OH
Darell	Bishop	(11-12)	Elyria	OH
Jim	Dieringer	(09-10)	St. Marys	OH
Terry	Estep	(05-06)	New Carlisle	OH
Dan	Favreau	(07-08)	McConnelsville	OH
Jim	Garrity	(08-09)	Piqua	OH
Mike	Jordan	(13-14)	Mt. Gilead	OH
Steven	Peltier	(98-99)	Sidney	OH
William R.	Schnug	(90-91)	Hilliard	OH
Leslie	Spaeth	(79-80)	Mason	OH
Joseph	Stockner	(99-00)	Perrysburg	OH
Jim	Vaughan	Honorary	Tipp City	OH
Edward	Voisard	Honorary	St. Marys	OH
Ralph	Waite	(04-05)	Medina	OH
Paul	Wiehe	(14-15)	Marysville	OH
Richard	Zulch	(12-13)	Jerry City	OH

Trustees - Emeritus

William	Batchelder		Medina	OH
Thomas	Boughton		Shreve	OH
Richard	Cherry		Toledo	OH
Joel	Davis		Luckey	OH
Lawrence	Dieringer		St. Marys	OH
Paul	Drake		Sun City West	AZ
Eric	Dreiseidel		Marysville	OH
Don N.	Friemoth		Van Wert	OH
Maria	Garcia		Weston	OH
Ron	Kline		St. Marys	OH
Richard E.	Knieriem		Gibbonsburg	OH
Robert F.	LaBounty		Yuma	AZ
Art	Langerman		McConnelsville	OH
Rev. Paul M.	Lehenbauer		Bowling Green	OH
Richard N.	Lentz		Somerset	OH
Curtis	McPherson		Fairfield	OH
George	Miller		Marion	OH
Donald A.	Nutt		Vandalia	OH
Thomas	Old		Surf City	NC
Richard E.	Parrott		Marysville	OH
Floyd	Reed		Fairborn	OH
John B.	Ruddock		Van Wert	OH
Carmen L.	Scott		Bellefontaine	OH
Elmo	Scott		Van Wert	OH
James W.	Shaw		Marysville	OH
Robert W.	Tasker		Carrollton	OH
Herman	Weber		Cincinnati	OH
Karl F.	Wettlaufer		Maryville	TN

Consultants

Evan	Anderson		Troy	OH
Brent	Beeker		McComb	OH
Gary	Bishop		Ashland	OH
Larry	Bishop		Blacklick	OH
Matt	Brown		Columbus	OH
Eric	Bucher		Miamisburg	OH
Walt	Chambers Jr.		Van Buren	OH
Cory	Dickman		Clyde	OH
Keith	Dirham		Medina	OH
John	Garvey III		Ft. Mitchell	KY
Todd	Gerber		Wadsworth	OH
Grant	Grace		Canton	MI
Thomas	Gysegem		Warren	OH

Consultants Cont.

Phil	Hascher
Jeff	Jordan
David	King
Pat	Lang
Robert	Lavery
Ryan	Lee
Mike	Leone
Christopher	Martin
Greg	Peel
Steve	Scherer
Chris	Schmitt
Kevin	Schomaker
Jesse	Thomas
Scott	Thornton
Dierre	Upshaw
Dan	Willis

City

Athens
Mt. Gilead
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Alliance
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Commissioners

Salathiel	Baker
Nathan	Brenke
Jerry	Brove
Ralph	Cartino
Ron	Chapman
Roger	Friend
Jimmy	Hoessle
Mike	Kovack
Charles	Kvochick
David	Lofy
Robert	Marino
George	Monroe
Stanley	Pleasant
Donald	Schreiner
Ryan	Spodar
James	Starr
Douglas	Whitney

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Trustees

Richard	Alberts (P)
Virgil	Arling
Charles	Armstrong
Chris	Ballard
Richard	Beeker
Darell	Bishop (P)
Leroy	Brinkhoff
David	Burnett
Jim	Campbell
James	Carter
Raymond	Carter
Walter	Croswait
Ruth	Crutcher

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Grand Rapids
Apple Creek
Amelia
Baltimore

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<u>Trustees Cont.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>St</u>
Jim Dieringer (P)	(17)	St. Marys	OH
Lou Dimmerman	(17)	Independence	KY
Terry Estepp (P)	(18)	New Carlisle	OH
Thomas Faller	(18)	Minster	OH
Dan Favreau (P)	(18)	McConnelsville	OH
Richard Fortman	(17)	Minster	OH
Melissa Fowle	(17)	Tipp City	OH
Susan Frasher	(19)	Lucasville	OH
Richard Gallaher	(19)	Elyria	OH
Jim Garrity (P)	(18)	Piqua	OH
Charles Heller	(18)	Wadsworth	OH
William G. Johnson	(19)	Amelia	OH
Mike Jordan (P)	(17)	Mt. Gilead	OH
Bob Kimball	(17)	Chesapeake	OH
James M. Koppin	(19)	Anna	OH
Don Kring	(18)	Lewisburg	OH
John Looker	(17)	Mason	OH
Steven Masowick	(17)	Streetsboro	OH
Jim Morris	(16)	Cardington	OH
Larry Patton	(16)	Bucyrus	OH
Steven Peltier (P)	(19)	Sidney	OH
William Pennell	(17)	Navarre	OH
Robert A. Ray	(17)	Milford	OH
David Ridenour	(16)	Bowling Green	OH
Rev. Fr. Louis Schmit	(16)	Celina	OH
Robert Schmitt	(19)	Holland	OH
Richard Schuck	(16)	Delphos	OH
John Singleton	(18)	Newark	OH
Howard Snook	(18)	Circleville	OH
Charles Sollberger	(18)	Amelia	OH
Joseph Stockner (P)	(19)	Perrysburg	OH
William A. Strong	(19)	Clyde	OH
James R. Vaughan (P)	(16)	Tipp City	OH
Ralph Waite (P)	(19)	Medina	OH
Mark Weldon	(16)	Massillon	OH
James F. Welsh	(19)	Granville	OH
Paul Wiehe (P)	(17)	Marysville	OH
Richard Zulch	(17)	Jerry City	OH
Vacancy 2016 (5 each)			
Vacancy 2018 (3 each)			
Vacancy 2019 (2 each)			

P = Past President

* This Roster does not reflect the Boys State Counselor Section as many Counselors are not able to return every year.

**AMERICAN LEGION
BUCKEYE BOYS STATE 2015 - 2016
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

TERM ENDING 2016

Leroy Brinkhoff, LaGrange
Walt Crosswait, Amelia
Chris Ballard, Johnstown
Father Louis Schmit, Celina
Larry Patton, Bucyrus
Mark Weldon, Massillon
David Ridenour, Bowling Green
Jim Morris, Cardington
James Vaughan, Tipp City (P)
Richard Schuck, Delphos
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TERM ENDING 2017

Richard Fortman, Minster
Melissa Fowle, Tipp City
Richard Alberts, Piqua (P)
Robert Kimball, Grove City
Jim Dieringer, St. Marys (P)
Steve Masowick, Streetsboro
Ray Carter, Apple Creek
Robert Ray, Milford
Ruth Crutcher, Baltimore
Paul Wiehe, St. Mary's (P)
Richard Zulch, Jerry City (P)
William Pennell, Navarre
John Looker, Mason
Mike Jordan, Mt. Gilead (P)
Lou Dimmerman, Cincinnati

TERM ENDING 2018

Richard Beeker, Pemberville
Tom Faller, Minster
Charles Sollberger, Amelia
Terry Estepp, New Carlisle (P)
James Carter, Grand Rapids
Dan Favreau, McConnelsville (P)
Howard Snook, Circleville
John Singleton, Newark
Jim Garrity (P)
David Burnett, Columbus
Charles Heller, Wadsworth
Don Kring, Lewisburg
Vacancy
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TERM ENDING 2019

Darell Bishop, Elyria (P)
Steve Peltier, Sidney (P)
Rick Gallaher, Elyria
Jim Koppin, Anna
Joseph Stockner, Perrysburg (P)
Jim Campbell, Warren
Ralph Waite, Medina (P)
Virgil Arling, Minster
William Strong, Sandusky (P)
Susan Frasher, Portsmouth
Bob Schmitt, Maumee
Jim Welsh, Granville
William Glen Johnson, Cincinnati
Vacancy
Vacancy

P = Past President

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – 2015 - 2016 BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

BOYS STATE OFFICERS

President - Bill Strong (T)
1st Vice Pres.- Jim Koppin (T)
2nd Vice Pres.- Chuck Heller (T)
Secretary- Mark Weldon (T)

DIRECTOR

Gerald A. White

COUNSELORS-SENIOR STAFF

Grant Grace (*) - Chief
Mike Leone (*) - Asst. Chief
Todd Gerber (*)
Steve Scherer (*)
Matt Brown (*)
Chris Schmitt (*)
John Garvey (*)
Cory Dickman (*)

HEADQUARTERS

Jim Vaughan (P/T), Chrm.
Ruth Crutcher (T)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bill Strong (T), Chrm.
Jim Koppin (T)

HETUCK/SOCIAL MEDIA

Bill Strong (T), Chrm.
Jesse Thomas (*)

BAND

Richard Alberts (P/T), Chrm.
Jeff Jordan (*)
Dierre Upshaw (*)

MINI-MALL

Dick Beeker (T), Chrm.
Susan Frasher (T)

RECREATION

Robert Marino (T), Chrm.
James Starr (C)
Eric Bucher (*)

BOYS STATE BANK

Charles Sollberger (T), Chrm.
Chuck Heller (T)
Robert Ray (T)
Brent Beeker (*)
Jim Hoessle (C)

ELECTIONS

Melissa Fowle (T), Chrm.
John Garvey (*)
Todd Gerber (*)
Don Schreiner (C)
Eric Bucher (*)
Jim Koppin (T)
Richard Schuck (T)

CAMPAIGN

Leroy Brinkhoff (T), Chrm.
Walt Crowwait (T)

LEGISLATIVE

William Pennell (T), Chrm.
Glenn Johnson (T)
Terry Estepp (P/T)
Lou Dimmerman (T)
Ray Carter (T)

COURTS

Dan Favreau (P/T), Chrm.
Gary Bishop (*)
Robert Lavery (*)
James Garrity (P/T)
Thomas Gysegem (*)
Jeff Jordan (*)
Howard Snook (T)
David King (*)
Pat Lang (*)

STATE

Robert Schmitt (T), Chrm.
Evan Mahlman (*)
Walt Chambers, Jr. (*)
Steve Masowick (T)
William Schnug (P)
Scott Thornton (*)
Dan Willis (*)
David Ridenour (T)
Rev. Fr. Louis Schmit (T)
David Lofy (C)

COMPUTER SUPPORT

Richard Gallaher (T), Chrm.
Evan Anderson (*)
Jim Campbell (T)
Charles Kvochick (C)

COUNTY

Virgil Arling (T), Chrm.
Richard Beeker (T)
John Burke (*)
James Carter (T)
Larry Patton (T)
Paul Wiehe (P/T)
Christopher Martin (*)
George Monroe (C)
Charles Armstrong (T)
John Looker (T)
Jerry Brove (C)
Eric Bucher (*)
James Starr (C)
Mike Kovack (C)
Joe Lenhart (C)
Doug Whitney (C)
Steve Peltier (P/T)
Ralph Cartino (C)

SCHOOL BOARDS

Mike Jordan (P/T), Chmn.
John Singleton (T)
Don Kring (T)
Jim Morris (T)
Stanley Pleasant (C)

CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Louis Schmit (T)
Ralph Cartino (C)

MEDICAL

Ryan Lee
Melissa Schmitt
Brie Koessel

CITY

Jim Dieringer (P/T), Chrm.
Jim Welsh (T)
Leroy Brinkhoff (T)
Walt Crowwait (T)
Melissa Fowle (T)
Richard Schuck (T)
Richard Zulch (P/T)
Mark Weldon (T)
Keith Dirham (*)
Richard Fortman (T)
Salathiel Baker (C)
Ron Chapman (C)
Roger Friend (C)
Jim Hoessle (C)
Tom Faller (T)

UTILITIES

Darell Bishop (P/T), Chrm.
Robert Kimball (T)
David Burnett (T)
Greg Peel (*)
Jason Winkleman (C)

NO SHOWS

Jim Campbell (T)

(C) Commissioner
(P) Past President
(T) Trustee
(*) Consultant

NOTE: This organizational chart is current as of April 1, 2016 and does not reflect any action to be taken by the Boys State Board of Trustees at the April 2016 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Corporation, the Buckeye Boys State Staff, those Posts and Squadrons sponsoring young men, Department officers and The Ohio American Legion:

From Buckeye Boys State's humble beginnings in 1936 in the cattle barns at the Ohio State Fair Grounds to the campus of a major state University in 2016, Buckeye Boys State has educated over 90,000 young men on the operation of Ohio government and has been a major education asset for the betterment of the state of Ohio.

As Director of the #1 American Legion Boys State program in the nation, I am pleased to report a most successful American Legion Buckeye Boys State program was conducted for the Ohio American Legion in 2016.

Due to a significant health scare that occurred weeks prior to the start of the 2016 Buckeye Boys State, for the first time in my twenty-five (25) years serving as Boys State Director, upon advice of my physician, I was unable to be at the program.

Jim Vaughan, the Administration Section Head which in many Boys State programs would equate to an Assistant Director who has worked with me in the Boys State office for the past four (4) years and has been with Boys State for the past twenty-two (22) years, with just over a week's notice, rose to the occasion and with as much guidance as I could provide long distance on a daily basis, assumed the helm as the Acting Director of Buckeye Boys State and with the support and assistance of the entire Boys State staff and did a truly admirable job in running Boys State in my absence. My thanks and appreciation to Jim Vaughan on a job well done.

Some notable highlights of the 2016 American Legion Buckeye Boys State program were:

1. A visit from the National Vice Commander of the American Legion; David Gough from the Department of Wisconsin, representing National Commander Dale Barnett.
2. A visit from Mike Buss, Deputy Director of the Americanism and Children & Youth Division of the National American Legion Headquarters who is also the Director of American Legion Boys Nation in Washington D.C.
3. The presentation of the 16th Annual Carmen L. Scott Scholarship created by the former Chief Counselor of Boys State; Carmen Scott to aid Counselor Brent Knipper in his pursuit of a college degree.
4. A somber and moving Flag Retirement Ceremony, conducted by members of the Boys State staff in front of all the Boys State delegates, many of whom remained until the last embers of the fire went out.
5. An outstanding and inspirational presentation on the American flag by former Boys State Chief Counselor Carmen Scott.
6. Nearly 100 institutes of higher learning, ROTC's and military branches participated in the 17th annual Buckeye Boys State "College Fair".
7. U.S. Congressman Robert Latta and State Representative Randy Gardner were key visitors helping Boys State accomplish the goal of teaching the delegates about government in addition to over 50 representatives from the agencies of Ohio government who were part of "State Government Day".
8. Working in association with the American Red Cross, Boys State conducted the program's 8th annual blood drive with the Boys State delegates, staff, and others rolling up their sleeves to donate 171 pints of blood, providing potential life savings benefits for over 500 possible recipients.

9. The “Office of Social Media” within the “Hetuck” newspaper section utilized Boys State delegates with social media skills to promote and publicize the Boys State program thru-out the “electronic world” thru Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media.
10. The return to Boys State of Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy who swore in the Boys State Governor and other young men elected to positions in the State government section of the Boys State program on Inauguration Night.
11. The most significant event to come out of the 2016 Buckeye Boys State program was the majority decision by the Boys State Board of Trustees, after a thirty-nine (39) year relationship to move the Buckeye Boys State program from Bowling Green State University to Boys State’s new home at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

This decision by the Boys State Board of Trustees did not come easily and was based on a number of factors.

Buckeye Boys State thanks Bowling Green University for the thirty-nine year partnership and looks forward and looks ahead to developing a new, long term partnership with Miami University.

Sadly, American Legion Buckeye Boys State bid farewell to six (6) members of the Boys State “family” who left us in 2015 - 2016, who are remembered in the Memoriam section of this report.

Buckeye Boys State mourns the passing of these dedicated Legionnaires, valued members of the Boys State “team”.

Sadly also, Buckeye Boys State lost two (2) longtime supporters and participants in the Boys State program; both former Buckeye Boys State delegates and both members of the U.S. House of Representatives; Congressman Del Latta and Mike Oxley.

In closing, the credit for much of the success achieved by American Legion Buckeye Boys State must go to the men and women who are what I consider to be the best Boys State staff in the nation and who especially this year pulled together as the “team” they are to make the 2016 program the success it was.

Each member of the staff’s dedication, care, and drive to impart their knowledge and life experiences to each young man attending Boys State is a large part of the heart and soul of Buckeye Boys State.

Every Ohio American Legion member should take pride in the job these people do representing the Ohio American Legion and helping to form the future leaders of Ohio.

Although unable to be at the actual program, it was my honor to serve American Legion Buckeye Boys State as Director in 2016 and God willing, I have every intention to be at the 2017 Boys State program.

In 2016, American Legion Buckeye Boys State will strive to continue the standards of excellence all of us involved in Boys State set with our ongoing goal to always make next year’s program better than the program before.

GERALD A. WHITE
Director

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

To Move to Miami University in 2017

After a thirty-nine (39) year tenure which began in 1978 of being held on the Campus of Bowling Green State University and in the city of Bowling Green, Ohio. American Legion Buckeye Boys State will move to a new home and new university effective with the 2017 Buckeye Boys State program.

By a majority decision of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees, Buckeye Boys State will move to the campus of Miami University and the city of Oxford, Ohio.

The following statement was issued by the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees:

“While American Legion Buckeye Boys State is saddened to leave the Bowling Green community and the campus of Bowling Green State University, Buckeye Boys State is excited to look forward to our future partnership with Miami University and the Oxford community.”

American Legion Buckeye Boys State had previously been conducted at Miami University in 1946.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State moved to Bowling Green State University and the Bowling Green community from Ohio University in Athens.

The current Conference Agreement between American Legion Buckeye Boys State and Bowling Green State University terminated at the end of the 2016 Boys State program.

Intense and ongoing negotiations were conducted between Buckeye Boys State and Bowling Green State University officials to try and come to a resolve on a new five (5) year Conference Agreement, which if reached, would have kept American Legion Buckeye Boys State on the BGSU campus through 2021.

Within this same time, a proposal was received by Buckeye Boys State from Miami University to relocate Buckeye Boys State to the Miami University campus.

After a fair and equal presentation to the Board of Trustees on the merits and disadvantages of both institutions, and a report to the Boys State Board on negotiations with Bowling Green State University, the Board, by majority, voted to relocate Buckeye Boys State to Miami University.

THE AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE HALL OF FAME

In 1970 American Legion Buckeye Boys State established a special award to honor and recognize achievements and contributions made by former Buckeye Boys State citizens who have bettered the State of Ohio and the nation, and non-Boys State citizens who have provided outstanding support to Buckeye Boys State.

This award is named: *"The American Legion Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame"*

There are four categories of selection into the Hall of Fame:

- A. *Former Buckeye Boys State citizens who have achieved excellence in their professions.*
 - B. *Selected individuals who have contributed greatly to Buckeye Boys State and the youth of Ohio.*
 - C. *Former Buckeye Boys State citizens who have given their lives in the service of our country. ***
- ** These names are read during a Memorial Service held at the graduation ceremony that concludes the Boys State program annually.*
- D. *All past Buckeye Boys State Presidents.*

PAST RECIPIENTS UNDER CATEGORY A: Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Terence Henricks, Carl Walz, Michael Gearhart, and Gregory Johnson, athlete Rex Kearn, Congressmen Delbert Latta, Michael Oxley and Paul Gilmore, State Senator Randall Gardner, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moyer, Football Coach Larry Smith, Ohio Speaker of the House William Batchelder, Bowling Green Mayor Dick Edwards, and others.

PAST RECIPIENTS UNDER CATEGORY B: Boys State Founders Pete DeWeese and William Konold Sr., U.S. Senators John Bricker and Frank Lausche, Governors John Brown, William O'Neil and James Rhodes, Boys State Director William Welsh, and others who have been faithful to the program over the years.

Names for the *American Legion Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame* are submitted by Ohio American Legion Posts, Buckeye Boys State staff members and families of former delegates.

Individuals are inducted into the *American Legion Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame* at a special ceremony held at Buckeye Boys State, with family members and members of the sponsoring American Legion Post present. Each Hall of Fame inductee receives a recognition plaque.

To further recognize each Hall of Fame inductee, the sponsoring American Legion Post receives a special *"Hall of Fame Sponsors Award"* formally presented during the Hall of Fame ceremony at Buckeye Boys State.

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame Inductees

1971	Neil Armstrong # - Astronaut	1998	Michael Gernhardt # - Astronaut
1972	W.L. "Pete" DeWeese – Boys State Director		Darrel Porr # - U.S. Military
1973	William Konold – Boys State Founder William O'Neill – Ohio Chief Justice	1999	Raymond Mason # - Businessman
1974	Rex Kern # - Athlete	2000	James Carter # - Civic Leader
1975	Frank Lausche – U.S. Senator John Bricker – Governor	2001	Glenn Maddy # - Humanitarian
1976	Del Latta # - U.S. Congressman	2002	Robert Netzley # - Legislator
1977	John Brown – Governor	2003	Dr. Robert Swint # – Physician
1978	Ken Creasy # - State Agency Director	2004	Michael Planert # - U.S. Military
1979	Richard Edwards # - Educator	2005	No Inductee
1980	James Rhoades – Governor	2006	Stephen Buehrer # - Legislator
1981	Dana Deshler # - Legislator	2007	Hal Munger # - Architect
1982	William Eels – Educator William Welsh – Boys State Director	2008	Jenise Fouts – Newspaper Reporter Gregory Johnson # - Astronaut
1983	Michael Oxley # - U.S. Congressman	2009	William O'Neil # - 1936 Boys State Delegate
1984	Margaret Abbott – Staff Nurse Richard Gorsuch # - Civic Leader	2010	Chad Debos # - U.S. Military
1985	Donald Luken # - Legislator Randy Gradishar # - Athlete	2011	Darrell Parks # - Businessman
1986	Dr. Donald Rund # - Physician	2012	Dan Willis – Boys State Consultant
1987	Randall Gardner # - Legislator Don Wittig – State Auditor	2013	No Inductee
1988	Thomas Moyer # - Ohio Chief Justice Frank Gibson # - Businessman Larry Smith # - College Coach	2014	Jon Waters # - Band Director The Members of Senior Counselor Staff Grant Grace # Mike Leone # Steve Scherer # Todd Gerber # John Garvey # Matt Brown # Cory Dickman # Pat Lang # Chris Schmitt # Jesse Thomas #
1989	Paul Gillmor # - U.S. Congressman James McMillan # - Businessman	2015	Rick Lewis # - Educator
1990	Joe Johns # - T.V. News Reporter Chris Workman # - 1989 Boys Nation Pres.	2016	Glen Halderman # - Ford Motor Company
1991	Edwin Miller # - Mayor William Batchelder # - Legislator		
1992	Barry Romich # - Inventor		
1993	Dr. Doug Naylor # - Physician Carmen Scott # – Boys State Chief Counselor		
1994	Rev. Fr. John Kempf – Priest Jerry Reeves – Businessman		
1995	Greg Lashutka # - Mayor Terence Henricks # - Astronaut		
1996	Carl Walz # - Astronaut		
1997	Darrin Blackford #- U.S. Secret Service		

- Boys State Delegate

**The American Legion Buckeye Boys State
Hall of Fame
Former Boys Staters who have given their lives in service of
our country**

Sgt. John Morrell	Phillipines	1942
Lt. Chester Griffin	China	1943
Seaman Richard Warder	Italy	1943
Lt. Gaylord Groff	Burma	1944
TSgt. Ralph Herrington	Germany	1944
Seaman Ora Sharinghouse, Jr.	Palau	1944
SSgt. Robert Line	Europe	1944
Lt. Eugene Junkin, Jr.	North Sea	1944
Pfc. Donald Klopfenstein	Germany	1944
Pfc. John Fawcett, Jr.	Germany	1944
Lt. Donald Wickert	Atlantic Ocean	1945
Lt. Karl Davis	Iwo Jima	1945
SSgt. Robert Berger	Europe	1945
Lt. James Hurd	Italy	1945
Pfc. Robert Graham	Okinawa	1945
Lt. Donald Becker	USA	1964
Lt. Dale Loudin	Vietnam	1967
LCpl. Lawrence Walton	Vietnam	1968
Lt. Jeffrey Hamilton	Vietnam	1968
Spec. Herman Gant	Vietnam	1969
Lt. Roger Vickers	Vietnam	1969
Sgt. Stephen Shaner	Vietnam	1969
Major Don Thurman	USA	1971
Capt. Richard Hock	Vietnam	1971
Lt. Col. Roger Benfeldt	Vietnam	1971
Lt. Terry Moore	USA	1978
Lt. Donald Woollett	Lebanon	1983
Capt. Todd Moriarty	Italy	1988
Lt. David Jennings	Atlantic Ocean	1989
Capt. Michael Nazionale	USA	1992
Lt. Robert Fowalder	Bosnia	1993
Capt. Timothy Alspach	USA	1997
Lt. Jason Jakubowski	Persian Gulf	1997
Spec. Benjamin Lunn	USA	1998
Capt. Phillip Miller	USA	1998
Capt. Jason Meiners	USA	2001
Lt. Aaron Seesan	Iraq	2005
Sgt. Matt Maupin	Iraq	2008
Sfc. Brian Naseman	Iraq	2009
SSgt. Dennis Hansen	Afghanistan	2009
Spec. Nathan Carse	Afghanistan	2011

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE - STATE GOVERNMENT DAY

Each year, American Legion Buckeye Boys State holds a special day during the week of Boys State designated "***State Government Day***".

"***State Government Day***" affords the young men holding State level positions in Buckeye Boys State an opportunity to meet with their real life counterparts from Ohio government, to gather information and learn about the actual operation of that agency of government.

This opportunity gives the young men a factual and practical insight to the workings and purpose of that agency of government through a "hands on" learning environment.

On "***State Government Day***" Ohio Government officials arrive and are introduced to their Boys State counterpart. Officials discuss their Departmental operations, procedures, etc., with their BBS counterpart and staff with everything done on a "one to one" basis. The Official dines with his Boys State Counterpart at a special luncheon to honor the occasion. Following lunch the Boys State counterpart gives the Official the opportunity to tour other areas of Boys State government--such as County, City, Courts, Legislative, etc., if they desire.

Buckeye Boys State believes that State of Ohio Officials feel they are contributing something very important to the young people of Ohio.

The goals and objectives of "***State Government Day***" are outlined by the staff of Buckeye Boys State to State Government Officials of Ohio prior to the start of the Buckeye Boys State program.

All State Agency Directors and Administrators of all Ohio State/Cabinet level agencies are invited to participate in "***State Government Day.***"

For the 2016 "***State Government Day***" program, over fifty (50) representatives from the Agencies of State Government throughout Ohio visited the Buckeye Boys State program.

Invitations are extended to the members of the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives to visit Buckeye Boys State on "***State Government Day***" or any other time during the week of the Boys State their schedule would allow.

Delegates at Buckeye Boys State who serve in City government, County government, and utilities positions are afforded similar opportunities through the cooperation of Bowling Green City officials and Wood County officials.

A special thanks is extended by the Buckeye Boys State program to Governor John Kasich for his support of "***State Government Day***" through his cabinet and for Governor Kasich's visitation to the Boys State program.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

JUNIOR CADET WEEK

The Ohio State Highway Patrol has been a partner in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program since the inception of Buckeye Boys State in 1936 thru the support and endorsement of the Colonels of the Highway Patrol.

Each year fifteen young men at Buckeye Boys State interested in learning about Law Enforcement are chosen by the Ohio State Highway Patrol to spend five days, following Boys State at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus in an intense mini-training course on the operations of the Ohio State Highway Patrol called "***Junior Cadet Week***".

"***Junior Cadet Week***" is a joint program of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio American Legion, Buckeye Boys State, Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, Buckeye Girls State, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary.

At "***Junior Cadet Week***", the fifteen Boys State Representatives, join with fifteen representatives from Buckeye Girls State plus twenty sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, etc. of Ohio State Highway Patrol personnel.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol provides the training facilities, staff and curriculum.

Funding for "***Junior Cadet Week***" which covers the cost of food, housing program materials, and equipment for each cadet is provided by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

"***Junior Cadet Week***" culminates in a formal graduation ceremony attended by the Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio American Legion Department Commander, Buckeye Boys State President, Buckeye Boys State Director, Ohio American Legion Auxiliary President, Buckeye Girls State Director, and members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary.

Boys State Citizens completing the 2016 "***Junior Cadet Week***" program:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
David Austin	Westerville
Nikolas Baker	Piqua
Carl Calvin	Radnor
Mitchell Coe	Grafton
John Conklin	North Ridgeville
Alexander Dempsey	Madison
Andrew Fansler	Urbana
Robert Fee	Cincinnati
Noah Neitz	Bowling Green
Michael Nelson	Middletown
Gianni Parise	Columbus
Joseph Potoczny	Butler
Lucas Purdy	Portsmouth
Tristan Reihold	Loudonville
Hayden Stauffer	Girard

2016 DISTRICT ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

District Orientation Programs are an integral part in the success of Buckeye Boys State.

District Orientation programs provide comprehensive information to young men chosen to attend Boys State, their parents, school officials, and sponsoring American Legion Posts prior to the young men attending Buckeye Boys State.

Through the efforts and assistance of the 14 American Legion Districts in Ohio, 34 Boys State Orientation Programs are conducted by Buckeye Boys State Staff members between late April and May 31 at sites throughout Ohio.

District American Legion Commanders, at the request of Buckeye Boys State, establish the dates and locations for the Orientation Programs in their District.

The President and Director of Buckeye Boys State select Boys State staff members to conduct each Orientation.

The schedule of all *District Orientation Programs* is printed annually in the Ohio Legion News, the official publication of the Ohio American Legion; the official Buckeye Boys State website: www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com and the official Department of Ohio website: www.ohiolegion.com.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The Ohio American Legion at the Department (State) level maintains an active role in the operation of American Legion Buckeye Boys State.

No where is this involvement more evident than in the participation of Department (State) Commanders of the Ohio American Legion each of whom is part of the rich tapestry of the history of the Ohio American Legion.

In 2016, ten (10) Past Department Commanders of the Ohio American Legion and the then current Department Commander served on the staff of Buckeye Boys State in active and prominent roles.

Buckeye Boys State recognizes the following Ohio Past Department Commanders for their contribution to the success of Buckeye Boys State:

Darell Bishop	Utilities/Past Boys State President/Hall of Fame Chairman
Paul H. Drake	Trustee Emeritus
Robert A. Ray	Bank & Realty
Edward J. Voisard	Past Boys State President
Richard Zulch	City Government/Past Boys State President
Robert Kimball	Utilities
Jim Morris	School Boards
Lou Dimmerman	House & Senate
Dennis Clausing	City Government
Steve Masowick	Utilities

And the 2015 – 2016 Department Commander Jim Campbell
Computer Support/Background Checks

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE AWARDS

A. AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION AWARD:

1. Two young men are selected as Principal Delegates to attend American Legion Boys Nation in Washington D.C. in mid-July. Two young men are also selected as Alternates in the event one or both of the delegates are unable to attend.
2. Nominees for Boys Nation are recommended by the Legionnaire Staff in charge of each Section of the Boys State program. Boys Nation Delegates and Alternates are chosen by a special Boys Nation Selection Committee. The selection process includes a personal interview with each prospective candidate.
3. The names of those selected are announced as part of the graduation ceremony of Buckeye Boys State.
4. Criteria for selection:
 - a. Young men considered must reflect a good image of Buckeye Boys State.
 - b. Candidates must have contributed significantly to the successful operation of Buckeye Boys State.
 - c. Candidates must be available and must desire to attend Boys Nation.

B. U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

The Buckeye Boys State program, working in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Education and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the sponsoring organization, selects nominees for consideration to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program held in Washington D.C.

The young men nominated by the Legionnaire Staff in charge of each Section of the Boys State program for consideration for American Legion Boys Nation are also reviewed by the Boys Nation Selection Committee for the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

Fifteen (15) young men are selected by the Boys Nation Selection Committee for the U.S. Senate Youth Program and these names are forwarded to the Ohio Department of Education, which makes all final selections.

C. OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL "JUNIOR CADET WEEK"

Fifteen young men interested in learning about law enforcement are chosen at Boys State to spend five days at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus after Boys State in an intense mini-training course on the operations of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Young men interested submit an application at Boys State and are selected by members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary.

D. DAILY CITY AND COUNTY SPECIAL AWARDS

A banner is awarded to one (1) city in each of the nine counties of Buckeye Boys State judged to be the most outstanding city for that day. A special banner is also awarded to one (1) Buckeye Boys State county of the nine counties judged to be most outstanding for that day.

E. **LEGISLATIVE AWARDS**

Awarded to Boys State citizens who served in the Buckeye Boys State General Assembly. The following are recognized:

- A. Most outstanding Senator.
- B. Most outstanding Representative.
- C. Most outstanding member of the clerk's staff in the Senate.
- D. Most outstanding member of the clerk's staff in the House of Representatives.

F. **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARDS**

Special Outstanding Citizen Awards as selected by the Boys State Staff are presented in each of the Sections of the Buckeye Boys State program to Boys State Citizens who demonstrate outstanding abilities and achievements in performing the duties and responsibilities of their respective office.

G. **AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Six \$500.00 financial awards will be presented to young men selected from State, County, City, Courts, Legislature, Bank, and other sections. Applicants must be interviewed and recommended by the Boys Nation Selection Committee.

H. **SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP**

Each American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program selects/nominates one citizen for the national pool of candidates.

Ten (10) National Finalists are chosen, with each National Finalist receiving a \$20,000 scholarship.

Since the inception of this scholarship program in 1996, the Buckeye Boys State program has had four (4) National Finalists: (1997); (2003); (2010) and (2013).

I. **FORTY et EIGHT AWARD**

Special gavel awards presented to Speaker of the Boys State House of Representatives and the President of the Boys State Senate.

J. **SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION AWARD**

A special gavel award is presented to the Chief Justice of the Boys State Supreme Court by the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio.

K. **OTHER AWARDS**

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Buckeye Boys State receive a United States Flag that has flown over Buckeye Boys State during the week and a special gavel plaque.

OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME

In 1992, the State of Ohio established an **Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame** to honor and recognize veterans who have made significant contributions to Ohio over the course of their lives.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State is honored that fifteen (15) current or former members of the Buckeye Boys State Staff are among those inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame as of 2016.

These selections were not made solely on the recipients' involvement with American Legion Buckeye Boys State but on all of the accomplishments, contributions, and service including Buckeye Boys State the individual has attained and given within their home communities, the State of Ohio, and the United States.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State recognizes the following Boys State Staff members who have been inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>YEAR INDUCTED</u>
William Balser *	Newark	2011
Ralph Waite	Medina	2007
Dominic Belloni *	Brewster	2006
Virgil Arling	Minster	2004
Edward Voisard	St. Mary's	2002
William Schnug	Hilliard	2002
Merle Brady *	Van Wert	2001
Joel Davis	Luckey	2000
Barbara Rounds-Kugler	Harrison	2000
Harold Shimek *	Fairborn	2000
Gerald Moore *	Fairborn	1998
Mel Chapman *	Beverly	1998
William Welsh *	Columbus	1997
Elmer Fuhrhop	Hamler	1996
Chester Stellar *	Creston	1994

*deceased

OHIO MILITARY HALL of FAME

In 2000, the State of Ohio Established an **Ohio Military Hall of Fame** to honor and recognize Ohio veterans awarded Medals of Valor for battlefield actions in service to the United States of America.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State recognized the following Buckeye Boys State staff member who has been inducted into the **Ohio Military Hall of Fame**.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Year Inducted</u>
Ray Allison *	Junction City	2013
<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Place of Service</u>	<u>Medal Awarded</u>
U.S. Marine Corps	Vietnam	Silver Star

*deceased

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion Buckeye Boys State recognizes the partnership with the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio, its Squadrons, and members in promoting and supporting American Legion Buckeye Boys State.

The relationship between the Ohio American Legion, the Ohio Sons of the American Legion, and the Buckeye Boys State program is unique within the entire American Legion organization and has proven to be a “Win – Win” situation for everyone involved.

The Sons of the American Legion serve as an information and promotional asset within the high schools of Ohio on the Buckeye Boys State program, sponsor a number of Buckeye Boys State delegates, and serve on the Buckeye Boys State staff.

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The following is a partial list of Buckeye Boys State Delegates who have achieved great success in their respective careers.

Neil Armstrong	Astronaut, 1 st to walk on the moon, Gemini 8, Apollo 11
Carl Walz	Astronaut, STS-51, STS-65, STS-79, International Space Station
Terence Henricks	Astronaut, STS-44, STS-55, STS-70, STS-78
Michael Gernhardt	Astronaut, STS-69, STS-83, STS-94, STS-104
Gregory Johnson	Astronaut, STS-123, STS-134
Joe Johns	CNN Reporter
Roger Ailes	Chairman/CEO – Fox News
Chris Workman	President – American Legion Boys Nation 1989
Richard Cordray	Director – U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
David Moreland	U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds
Thomas Moyer	Chief Justice Ohio Supreme Court
Michael Oxley	U.S. Congressman
Paul Gilmore	U.S. Congressman
Greg Lashutka	Mayor – Columbus, Ohio
William Batchelder	Speaker – Ohio House of Representatives
Jon Waters	Director – Ohio State University Marching Band
Clarence Hill	American Legion National Commander
Alan Penn	Past President – Kiwanis International
Paul Pride	Colonel, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Tim Gorrell	Director – Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services
Randy Cole	Executive Director – Ohio Toll Road Commission

THE AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PHILOSOPHY

- ◆ To conduct a quality program which reflects the high standards of The Ohio American Legion and American Legion Buckeye Boys State.
- ◆ To be current in all levels of program structure and educated on all aspects that American Legion Buckeye Boys State teaches.
- ◆ At all times, each member of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Staff will conduct ourselves in a professional and courteous manner.
- ◆ To treat each young man attending with respect and as a young adult.
- ◆ To make American Legion Buckeye Boys State a positive learning experience which will help each young man grow as a person and be better educated as a citizen of Ohio.
- ◆ To continue to strive in all ways possible to maintain American Legion Buckeye Boys State as the leading Boys State program in the nation.

THE AMERICAN LEGION on the WORLD WIDE WEB

For information on the American Legion organization and American Legion programs, visit the American Legion Internet Website:

WWW.LEGION.ORG

For information on the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program and the site of Boys State, Miami University, visit the following Buckeye Boys State Internet Website:

WWW.OHIOBUCKEYEBOYSSTATE.COM

