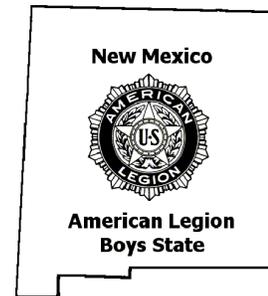


# 2013 New Mexico Boys' State



**AMERICAN  
LEGION**

Wednesday  
May 29, 2013

## Leadership

*Mike Moya-Activities Director*

Edwin H. Friedman said "Leadership can be thought of as the capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future".

Here at Boys State each of you are given an opportunity to define, clarify, and expand your vision as a leader in these United States.

When the soldiers of World War II returned home the lessons of war instilled in them the desire to insure the youth of America understood the responsibility that comes with living in a democracy. Apathy was the number one reason Adolf Hitler was able to gain control over a nation, personal gain was his priority. Apathy turned to fear and fear turned to atrocities. America is not immune to the threat of apathy. Living in this great country comes with responsibilities that include participating in the political process.

You are given the opportunity to hone the tools necessary to lead in this process and guide this country through its tenuous travels into the future. We need great leaders and given the fore-

sight of the men who began Boys' State



we have the opportunity right here to be part of that process.

*"Leadership can be thought of as the capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future"*

**ISAAC NEWTON** said "If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulder of giants."

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### NM Boys' State National Guard

Front: Ellis Mercer, Jeffrey Garcia, Jonathan Moya  
Middle: John Montoya, Xephoniah Harry, Michael Griego  
Back: Zack Winchell, Virgil Brown, Nick Marez



# ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

*Daniel Ahrens*

Day 3 in boys' state Armijo continues its losing streak placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the board races. Our humiliation forced us to practice after another loss at dinner. We hope to take the crown from Trujillo by the end of this week (a true underdog story).

Armijo's Boys Staters listened intently to the barrage of presentations that occurred today. The first was the presentation by the Sojourners. The Sojourners told the story of the flag of our country. The design of the flag progressed over time, changing the number of stripes, it was once fifteen compared to the current thirteen, and changing the stars to match the num-

ber of stripes. Late at night, we listened to a presentation by Art, a former Boys Nation delegate from New Mexico. It was amazing to hear the tales of the intense environment at Boys Nation. The trials and tribulations appeared to have taught important lessons that Art could share with us. The final presentation, and arguably a fan favorite, was by the police officers assisting with Boys State. Despite the friendly teasing between the State Police, Marshal Service, and the Albuquerque Police Department (I'm a fan of the Marshal service), it was an educational presentation for those Staters interested in that career. The police department

upped the ante for presentations later this week when they displayed the weapons used on the force and gave us a peek inside their police cars.

Armijo is getting hit with reality. Armijo has to make a tough decision between building a superhighway and damaging their state monument (that no one knows what it actually is) and keeping the monument. The weak economy has forced Armijo into a corner. Hopefully our councilmen can make decisions that keep the economy of Armijo strong, but preserve our legacy.

**DEVON THOMPSON**  
**ISSA WILSON**  
**\*GOVERNOR\***  
**\*LT GOVERNOR\***  
**2013**

**TT**  
**FOR**  
**SC**

**Vote MASON HOWELLS**  
**For State**  
**Treasurer**

**Vote DANIEL WILLSON for**  
**Attorney General**

**KEEP CALM AND VOTE**  
**DOUGLAS OTTINO**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**JACOB LUTZ**  
**LT. GOVERNOR**

# Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

*Chris Ramirez*

Day 3 boys' state and Castillo is beginning to have to re- elect new city officials, as our new County Officials take office. As you may know, we have replaced two councilmen due to our losses, both in the County election, and the recent deaths due to street racing.

Our newest city ordinances include a resolution to the feral dog situation, DWI checkpoints, a new sports facility, and an upgrade to the existing power lines.

As for party business, we held our party elections, finding the party candidates to run for state office. From what I have heard both of the parties had very successful meetings.

Yesterday's lectures consisted of State government, Boys' Nation, the building of our flag, and a presentation by the city and state policemen.

In my opinion, today's flag presentation on the building of our flag was both one of the coolest and most important presentations of the day.

Watching the presentation, we saw our nation's great flag be built, ad constructed through time, something we do not think of when we pass by the flag.

# Trujillo

City of Integrity

## County of DeLeon

## Gabe Gallegos

What an exciting time for Boys State 2013! The State General Election is almost over, and we will soon begin running the State. It's flying by so fast, but the people of Trujillo are keeping up!

The citizens of Trujillo woke up to a breezy Portales morning. The seeds of friendship have definitely planted, and the citizens of Trujillo are growing closer and closer each today. Using communication skills, we once again won the daily plank challenge.

In the county election results, Trujillo was definitely represented well, winning several

county positions and all of the DeLeon Senate seats. As the results were read off, the signature "Yeahhhhhhhhhhh!" of Trujillo was heard for each Trujillo citizen elected.

In the party state conventions, Trujillo was also represented well. Several citizens are on the ballot for state positions. Trujillo's very own Douglas Ottino, won the primary for governor in a game of chance to break a tie with Cole Scott. We wish the state candidates the very best of luck.

In our city business, taxes and the budget were discussed, as well as other issues the newly

elected council brought to the table. The Senate is working diligently to work with the city council and see what are the most pressing issues.

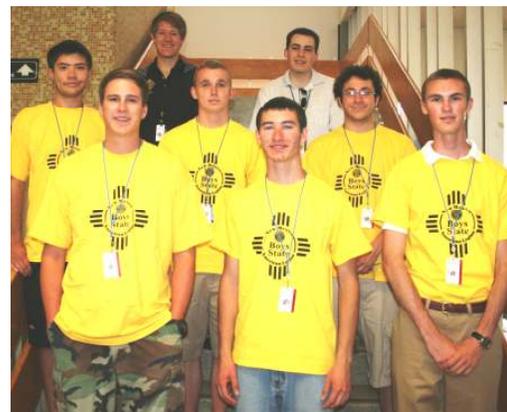
As we reach the halfway point of our journey together, we are reminded of our purpose here at Boys State, to learn about government and leadership, and develop life-long friendships.

Trujillo looks forward to working with the county and state governments to create solutions for the issues facing our communities.



**NMBS House**

Back: Gerald Hepting, Deon Francis, Marco D'Andrea, Jose Estrada, Jacob Coombes  
 Front: Nathaniel Myers, Mitchell Myler, Jeremy Spears, Sean Reaves, Amrick Vasquez



**NMBS Senate**

Back: Johnathan Moya, Tanner Juedeman, Gabriel Gallegos  
 Front: Jeremiah Johnson, Benjamin Spotts, John Guetersloh

*You can't control your circumstances. What you CAN control is how you react to your circumstances and how you feel about yourself.*

*However you define success, the slight edge basically means doing the right thing at the right moment. That's where it all starts, and that often takes a lot of courage!*

# Cortez

City of Hope

## County of DeCastro

## Jake Coombes

Today was the big day for Boy's State county and state government as Boys casted their votes for a variety of county positions as well as the all important jobs of senator and house representative. The vote was early this morning before breakfast, as usual, and results were announced shortly after. The results: a landslide for DeCastro federalists as fifteen of the twenty spots up for grabs were taken by federalist candidates.

The new Senators and House of Representatives lined up in Becky Sharp auditorium and re-

ceived their new bright yellow outfits to denote them as members of the two houses and high servants of the states.

In the houses they began to debate ideas and form bills on those ideas from which they would send the bills to the other house in hopes of a forwarding of the bill to the still vacant Governor's seat.

Speaking of the coveted position, the parties met today for a primary for deciding who would lead their parties standard in the upcoming state elections. Boys cast their votes and made

clear who their candidates where for governor and all the various state positions like attorney general and secretary of state. Most interesting was the shocking tie for the Federalist gubernatorial candidacies which saw two candidates, Douglas Ottino and Cole Scott, tie for the candidacy. To end the tie, boys got to see how ties are played out in New Mexico: Mr. Art Terrazas had the two competitors pick a card. Luck decided the candidate as Douglas Ottino had the lucky card that was his ticket to the Federalist Candidacy.

