

2018 New Mexico Boys' State



Message from the Director

Steven Navarrete

Citizens:

As you can see, the program moves very quickly. You all have accomplished quite a bit thus far.

Don't lose focus as you still have plenty more to do. Gather that second wind and buckle down, for the State process has just begun.

Now is also the time to start working on those connections you have made

with your fellow citizens. Stay involved in the campaign process and the candidates of your choice.

I really want to thank those that have been serving you this week: NM Boys' State Wait Staff, National Guard, and of course, the tremendous staff along with the ENMU staff.

Remember: You are the future and the future looks bright!! Continue your hard

work and efforts while here at Boys' State.

Thank you!



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County Election Results

DeCastro

County Commissioner
Timothy Arlet (F)
Isaiah Hatfield (N)
Noah Rodney (F)

County Clerk—Seth Diaz (N)

County Treasurer—Noah Samaniego (N)

County Assessor—Kevin Liaw (F)

County Sheriff—Samual Garcia (F)

Magistrate Judge—Benjamin Revelli (F)

District Attorney—Jace Thornburgh (F)

District Judge—Andrew Sanchez (F)

Probate Judge—Justin Salazar (F)

Public Education Commission
Jay Nelson (N)
Alexander Atencio (F)

Senator

Jason Aragon (N)
Jonah Olivas (N)
Joshua Valdez (F)

Representative

Hai Bui (N)
John Underhill (N)
Matthew Tomicek (F)
Isaac Shelton (N)
Emiliano Berged (N)

DeLeon

County Commissioner
Israel Gellis (F)
Dylan Canney (F)
Caleb Vigil (N)

County Clerk—Jose Archuleta (F)

County Treasurer—Darrel Beckwith (N)

County Assessor—Austen King (F)

County Sheriff—Cameron Clements (F)

Magistrate Judge—Robert Ortega (F)

District Attorney—Richard Sandoval (F)

District Judge—Demetri Barraza (N)

Probate Judge—Dillon Green (N)

Public Education Commission
Isaiah Archuleta (N)
Jacob Smith (F)

Senator

Jake Leible (F)
Morgan Berumen (F)
Jonathan Lee (N)

Representative

Nathan Setter (N)
Daniel Dawdy (F)
Antonio Navarrete (F)
Santiago Navarrete (N)
Andreas Sandoval (F)



Flag Retirement Ceremony

ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

- Coleman Kanseah

Memorial Day! Yesterday, we as a state got together and honored this important day in tremendous ways such as posting the colors. It's important to not only observe, but also take part in this commemoration. Along with this, it was a great day as we also got election results for our cities, although some may frown upon the so-called "rigged" system. The court cases of the

city of Armijo were pretty "dynamic" and "informative" as fellow citizens have described. The zenith of today should be the state elections after we find out our county electives. Only a couple of days have passed and the pace is fast and compact.

Schedule Highlights

Tuesday:

- 1:45—House/Senate organize
- 3:00—Recreation
- 5:00—Polls Open-State Primary Election

Wednesday:

- 8:40—Great Debate
- 11:45—Polls Open-State General Election
- 3:00—Recreation
- 6:00—Inauguration Ceremonies
(Remember to shower & wear long pants, this is a formal event)

Thursday:

- 11:45—Polls Open-Boys' Nation Senators
- 1:45—Gov State of the State Address
- 3:00—Recreation
- 6:30—Boys' State Band Concert
- 7:30—Governors Final Address
- 7:30—Americanism Poster Presentation
- 8:15—Law Enforcement Presentation

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Public Relations Commissioner

Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

- Leonardo Aragon

Knock knock knock "Morning call!"

It was the beginning of day two. We gathered at the flag poles and took time to honor those who have gone before us on Memorial day. The bugle sounded and all stood at attention. Memories of loved ones flashed through our minds and a spiritual vibe was echoed throughout Boys' State.

After our moment of zen it was time to get down to business; it was time to vote. All this before we even had breakfast. Shortly afterwards we heard something that would resonate in our hearts and in our minds. This was the

sincere "Welcome to Boys' State 2018" from our director Mr. Navarrete. That greeting lead to the announcement of our first elected officials. For the city of Castillo, we are guided by our mayor Jeremy Stevens. He works closely with our city councilmen Warren Scott, Joshua Valdez, Alexander Atencio and Emiliano Berged. All our documentation is kept by our clerk Daniel Freneczhalny. And finally order is kept by our honorable municipal court judge Sam Menefee. The cities were set; it was time to conduct official business. We broke off into committees dealing with certain issues in our city such as

mannerism, dress code, curfew and taxation. From these came bills dubbed the "Goodnight Kiss Bill", "You Get a Spankin' Bill", "Beauty Bill" and "Ma'Lady Bill" among others. At the end of our first day we got a chance to recognize our outstanding counselors. Boy did they surprise us. Their wealth of knowledge and experience shone through their humble, down to earth personas. We are among great people. I would like to conclude this article with a sincere thank you to all the counselors for all your hard work, dedication and support. Muchas Gracias.

Trujillo

City of Integrity

County of DeLeon

- *Joshua Scoggin*

Today the state of Trujillo started their day with a memorial ceremony. Then the mayor addressed the issues within the city of Trujillo. The city of Trujillo went on with its court cases addressing the citations given to our citizens. Then the citizens of Trujillo and Armijo collectively decided on their state representatives.

Every man is free to rise as far as he's able or willing, but it's only the degree to which he THINKS that determines the degree to which he'll rise.

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2018 Wait Staff

Left to Right: Jose Archuleta, Kieran Binkley, John Sterle, Daniel Farenczhalmy, Isaac Vasquez, Jacob Martinez, Santiago Navarrete, Kevin Liaw, Alexander Yatsatie

Cortez

City of Hope

County of DeCastro

- *Travis Barks*

Today the candidates for the City positions were elected. Also with that County candidates were chosen for the positions they are running for, having a chance to view their opponent. Now it's up to one of them, or in some cases multiple candidates, to compete for their position and they must prove that they are the better choice.

The City of Cortez had 9 massive hail storms for a few hours and then a tem-

perature as high as 109°F for the rest of the Day.

*Editors note: not really!

No man may walk through the same river twice. The river will not be the same and neither will the man.

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Was It Worth It?

American Legion Memorial Day Speech

This is a question, sometimes politically-loaded, that is often asked of family members and war buddies of our Fallen Heroes.

Marine Corps General John Kelly recently offered a unique perspective. A veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan himself, General Kelly lost his youngest son, First Lieutenant Robert Kelly, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province in 2010.

General Kelly was asked if the loss was worth it by a reporter with National Public Radio. He said:

"I think what I tell families now is the only person really that has a right to answer that question 'was it worth it?' is the young man or woman that lost their life. And I believe what they would say is that they were doing what they wanted to do. They were where they wanted to be. It's not for us that survived to answer it. I think it's for those young people to answer. And I think they do answer it with their actions and obviously their lives."

Who can deny the heartfelt wisdom and logic of General Kelly's words? But just as we should not presume to speak for the Fallen, we can make the country for which they have died a better place – one that honors their sacrifice and epitomizes the ideals enshrined in our Constitution.

In 2003 Army Private First Class Diego Rincon of Conyers, Georgia, wrote to his mother from Iraq: "Whether I make it or not, it's all part of the plan. It can't be changed, only completed. 'Mother' will be the last word I'll say. Your face will be the last picture that goes through my eyes...I just hope that you're proud of what I'm

doing and have faith in my decisions." PFC Rincon died soon after writing the letter.

General Kelly is right. 'Was it worth it?' is the wrong question for us to answer. Instead, we should commit ourselves to **"Make it Worth It."**

We should insist that America remain the land of the free. A land where patriotism trumps politics, where the American Flag is displayed proudly and frequently and where military veterans are society's true celebrities.

We must NEVER forget the families of our fallen. Long after the battlefield guns have been silenced and the bombs stop exploding, the children of our fallen warriors will still be missing a parent. Spouses will be without their life partners. Parents will continue to grieve for their heroic sons and daughters that died way too early.

While there is nothing unpatriotic about an auto race, a trip to the beach or a barbecue, we are here today to reflect on the true meaning of Memorial Day. Let us remember that tyrannical regimes have been toppled and genocides stopped because Americans sacrificed life and limb. Let us remember that terrorist plots were foiled and killers brought to justice because Americans were willing to pay a high price. Let us remember that without a U.S. military, the world would be a far more oppressive and darker place. Let us remember that freedom never had a greater friend than the American soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman.

Lydia Bixby, a Boston widow, was believed to have lost five sons in service to the Union during the Civil War. President Lincoln's letter to the grieving mother was read on-screen by the actor portraying General George

Marshall in the film *Saving Private Ryan*. The letter reads:

Dear Madam,

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon that altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,

A. Lincoln

To us, the sacrifice made by Mrs. Bixby – the loss of her sons in a war to preserve our great Union and end slavery – was certainly worth it. But the answer is infinitely more complex if it is *your* son, daughter, wife or husband that will be sacrificed on freedom's altar. Some veterans have said that it is more difficult to send your family to war than to go yourself.

So while the "Was-It-Worth-It" question can only truly be answered by those who made the sacrifice, it is up to all of us to **make it worth it.**

Thank you for being here. God Bless America and God Bless our Fallen Heroes.