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God and Country

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God has been the hallmark of those responsible for the founding of the United States. The great general and first president George Washington illustrated the importance of personal dedication in God through the observation of prayer and obedience to God's grace. Washington explained, "The smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained." He went on to proclaim that, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the affairs of men, more than the people of the United States."

Thomas Jefferson noted the Creator wanted the friendship of men and women who are free, and so, as Jefferson put it, "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time."

Our early founders were not the only observers of faith in the pursuit of freedom and liberty. Faithful devotion to God our Savior has remained a fundamental aspect of the U.S. Military. More recent examples include the story of American pilots over Midway and that of the infamous General George

Boys Nation Representatives Chosen

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Friday, Thane Chastain announced the elected delegates that would continue their Boys State journey through Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. These individuals include Robert Egan and Cain Mathis. Cody Christensen and Kharon Brown are alternates. These winners were interviewed by the Staters Union and asked three questions: what was your reaction to your election as a Boys Nation Senator, what are you looking forward to at Boys Nation, and what would you like to say to all your fellow Kansas voters?

The first delegate interview was with Robert Egan. For the first question, Egan said that he was much less nervous giving a speech on the county level than the state level and that he worried he might not have said the right things after his speech in McCain Auditorium. However, the voters said otherwise, and Egan was both honored and awed at the amazing support he received. As for what he is looking forward to, there are two things Egan can't wait for. The first is "reliving this amazing week and taking the memo-

ries and experience from here to the Capitol." The second is a week to work with many people who shared the same experience across the nation. To his supporters, Egan said, "Thank you. Thank you so much for this incredible opportunity. Thank you for reminding me that my opinion matters and making it count."

The next delegate heading to D.C. in July is Cain Mathis. "It was cool to have the whole county behind me," Mathis said. "It was a big confidence booster." He is looking forward to visiting the White House for a day and being surrounded by 97 of the "smartest guys in the nation." To all of Boys State, Mathis said, "Thank you. It's one thing to have your county's backing, but to be one of the top four and to have all these delegates to believe in you is something else."

Christensen, one of the two alternates, was humbled at receiving this honor in the midst of such "strong competition," while Brown said, "I want to thank all of Boys State for putting me on. Even though I didn't make number one or number two, three's not bad!"



Boys State Bank Sued

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In the Supreme Court office, some of the biggest names in Boys State politics were waiting. They were there to witness the lawsuit against the Bank of Boys State by Chastain city in Eisenhower County.

Chastain City of Eisenhower County was denied the right to have an oil refinery. Eisenhower County is primarily an oil county, making it necessary for them to have an oil refinery. On Monday Chastain County filled out all of the required paperwork to have an oil refinery built in their city and submitted it. This form ended up in Thaddeus Tuck's hands.

Thaddeus said that it was processed through the bank and transferred, but that there was a malfunction with the IT staff. Thaddeus wishes to offer his sincerest apologies, and that he and the IT team will try to fix the problem.

However IT head Jacob said that it was a different problem. "The transaction came through but the money did not. When they were supposed to design the E-template,

the transaction was lost in the system."

We interviewed the city council of Chastain to hear their remarks. They said that they were told it was possibly an IT error but the damage had already been done. The efficiency of the city went down and unemployment skyrocketed. They are seeking compensation of \$7,500 and for the oil refinery to be built.

We also came across the head county councilor Dean and asked for his opinion on the topic. Dean said that this lawsuit has been building up since Monday. "It would have been a major source of revenue for the city but instead it wound up being a huge blow to the city." Dean would like to see justice come out of this lawsuit for the negligence of the bank.

The court unanimously ruled in favor of the City of Chastain, issuing a fine of \$7,500 from the bank to Chastain, and the oil refinery must be constructed.

Dark Knight

By **MORGAN FAULKNER**
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Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy has been spectacular so far – but how will audiences react to the highly anticipated finale, "The Dark Knight Rises"?

In an interview with Total Film Magazine, director Christopher Nolan said, "We feel a tremendous responsibility to finish our story. We have to give the audience something they haven't seen before, but also fulfill their expectations of what they enjoyed in the first two films. That's the tricky balance."

The challenge that Nolan's final Batman film faces is similar to the challenges that most movie trilogies face – it is very difficult to meet an audience's expectations, especially with a character that is as widely admired as Bruce Wayne / Batman is.

For those of us fans who will be buying midnight premier tickets immediately when we get home from Boys State, it will most likely be spectacular regardless of what the critics say.



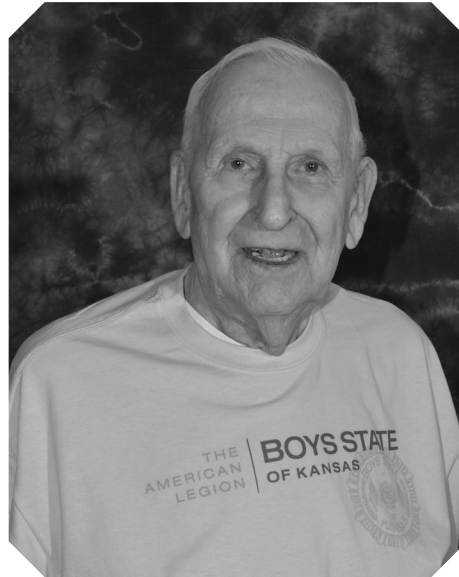
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Legionaire Celebrates 65th Anniversary

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If you are like many people, you cannot spend more than one day with a person. But for this remarkable veteran, he has spent 65 years with his wife. The KSBS newspaper team was able to get an exclusive sit down interview with John Lindholm, who is celebrating a remarkable feat with his wife. John had his 65th anniversary yesterday. We asked him what it took to maintain a commitment of 65 years.

"We didn't think we would live that long," he joked as we started the interview. "We got married, and we took our



time, and went together on every trip possible. You got to help each other around the house and with kids," stated John.

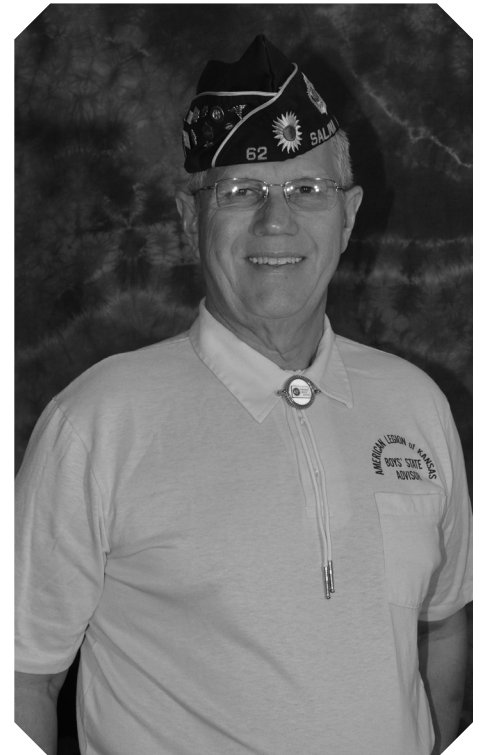
John has not been Sedentary his whole life either. He has traveled to every continent except Antarctica. John spent his anniversary with his wife at the Boys State closing ceremony and dinner. He also wants to let everyone know that never in his marriage has he ever contemplated 1st degree murder.

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Patton. The Midway pilots, low on fuel and with only a 10 minute decision point to return to base, suddenly observed a parting of the overcasting clouds, revealing the undefended Japanese fleet below, a true act of Providence. In a similar incident, Patton requested his chaplain say a prayer, asking God's hand in clearing the skies, allowing Allied air cover. Shortly after this prayer, the skies cleared, and the military efforts to defeat the Germans were able to advance. Patton later remarked, "Some people call that getting the breaks; I call it God. God has His part, or margin, in everything. That's where prayer comes in."

Osama bin Laden and his organization, who want to kill Americans just because they are Americans, has provoked Americans to do what Americans have always done and continue to do: find strength in every source of liberty, which comes from the hand of God.

Gentlemen, we cannot continue to turn a deaf ear to our forefathers' words. We cannot blindly proceed into the future without the hand of God to give us much needed direction. We must stand firm in our beliefs, virtues, and patriotism, and defend with our lives, the liberty and happiness which God has given us. "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY."



Closing Ceremonies

By **MORGAN FAULKNER**

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Friday night's closing ceremonies wrapped up the 2012 Boys State week with several impressive presentations, including a highlights video.

The closing ceremonies featured several speakers, including Thane Chastain and Scott Bley. Chastain provided introductions for Le-

gionnaires and Program Director Scott Bley, wishing to give a warm farewell to staters and officials alike, offered closing remarks at the ceremony.

The highlights video, created by Boys State advisers, detailed some of the more exciting events of the week while still remaining focused on the core of the Boys State experience.

Of course, there was also the very

anticipated lip-dub video featuring all Boys State delegates as well as counselors and advisers, all to the tune of Carly Rae Jepsen's hit song, "Call Me Maybe".

Overall, it was a very emotional event. Boys State adviser Scott Johnson said in an interview, "It's a very moving experience. It's hard just talking about it." In retrospect, this has indeed been a week to change lives.

Boys State Reflections of the Week

By **LOGAN GIDEON**

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The 2012 Boys State was a life changing experience for many. Here are a few things people said about what at Boys State was memorable. Counselor Dean Symes said he comes back each year because, "It's a little bit of the camaraderie between me and the other counselors. But also making connections with staters. At this point I am 8 years older than the Staters but I am still able to make those connections, but this is the best feeling I get every year." Jackson Wingert exclaimed, "I had a blast!"

Dillon Fuchsman said, "I thought it was a lot of fun." Counselor Andrew Roozeboom said he comes back every year, "because I love seeing people develop." Jackson Wolf stated, "It's an experience."

Willis Kessler said, "I have been thinking about what I want to do after college. It was between what makes money and what I loved. All of the Boys State speeches got to me so I decided I am going to get a history degree and possibly teach." Tanner Craig Said, "I think it's a fun experience, it's life changing." Andrew Kump said, "This is the best,

most fantastic program I have ever been involved in." Although a lot of it is centered around politics, it's more about the relationships you make rather than winning a debate.

Brock Swartz said, "This program has helped me understand the world better and helped me branch out to others that I probably never would branch out to. The dividing of people from your city really helps make new friends." Jeff Roane said, "It has been a good experience so far; I learned a few things. It heightened my skills in public speaking, and I made some good friends here I will never forget."

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