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Saving Veteran's Legacies: D-Day and More Commemorated

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For many, the Invasion of Normandy is seen as the turning point of World War II. It signaled the beginning of the end of a long, bloody war. The invasion is known as D-Day and it was monumental to the war effort.

On June 6, 1944, General Dwight David Eisenhower looked upon thousands of brave American soldiers and exclaimed: "The eyes of the world are upon you." Ike's words rang true as that date, June 6th, is still remembered worldwide.

Yesterday, the ALJBS held a D-Day presentation with a documentary commemorating the legendary battle. Before the documentary, the opening scene of Saving Private Ryan, depicting the storming of Omaha beach, was shown. The documentary, which was originally aired on ABC in 1994, compiled archival footage from D-Day and interviews with soldiers (from both the Allies and Germany) recalling details from that fateful morning in France. The statesmen gave the movie a loud round of applause after its conclusion, and a strong sense of patriotism filled the room.

Shortly thereafter, many veterans from different generations took the stage to a standing ovation. They each spoke about their service in the armed forces while placing confidence in the Boys State delegates for the future. One such veteran was Bill Tinsman, who spoke about his time stationed in Germany and his visit to a World War II cemetery in Luxembourg. While describing his visit to the cemetery, Tinsman's emotion could be felt by the statesmen in the room.

The presentation was lauded and left a lasting impression on those in attendance. The message of the display was clear that all veterans should be remembered as the heroes that they are. And it appears the message was received.



Today's Weather
 Low of 61
 High of 84
 Sunny with low humidity

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Quote of the Day

"This is as true in everyday life as it is in battle: we are given one life and the decision is ours whether to wait for circumstances to make up our mind, or whether to act, and in acting, to live."
Omar N. Bradley

Important Events on Wednesday

10:30 am-2:00 pm Gubernatorial Primary Election	4:00 pm-5:00 pm Seminar: WW II Experiences in Combat	9:15 pm-11:15 pm Municipal Courts
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News

No Water on the Grass

Ryan Soldati

Any Statesman at ALJBS knows the feeling of a hot summer. The sun sears your face and sweat drips from every pore, taking with it both your body's precious water reserves and your will to live. In this environment dehydration is a serious danger. Numerous delegates have already had to visit the medical center as a result of dehydration. Personally, I have lost both sleep and his dignity after vomiting at 2:00 AM as a result of dehydration.

Solving the issue of dehydration will take action from both ALJBS administration and individual delegates. Individuals should follow the EMT's advice of drinking at least three liters of water every day. In addition, delegates should refrain from drinking soda or Gatorade, maintaining a ratio of at least three bottles of water for every bottle of Gatorade. The role of the administration is to facilitate these actions. There is currently an ALJBS rule against carrying water bottles to events, maintained as part of ALJBS' dedication to proper appearance. While proper attire is important for an organization such as ALJBS, in light of the current temperature, such a rule is extremely misguided.

While a delegate with a water bottle may not have the best appearance, he certainly looks better than one unconscious from dehydration. The recent policy adopted at last year's conference of providing a cooler of water and Powerade for a small fee is an excellent change, and one that should be expanded with water stations outside the cities.



A Prom to Remember

Payton Kelly-McNally

In yet another general assembly at Boys State a major question came about. It wasn't about social policy or the problems with PARCC testing in the state, but about prom. A Boys State delegate asked the Lieutenant Governor Kimberly Guadagno to his high school prom. We can all agree here at Boys State that it was intended to be a mere joke until she actually took him up on the offer! To be honest it's one of the experiences that at first hard to believe and then slowly sets in. It just goes to show that to be a politician one needs to take up all challenges thrown at them, even if they may seem crazy.

Madness in Mad Skin City

Emmett Laurie

Madison City, a beachfront town, expected to face problems unlike those of most of the other towns. Beach erosion and the reconstruction of sand dunes struck the city's members as expected and logical. What came next, however, took them by surprise: A Junior Class President, incensed by what she perceived to be an injustice, took her top off on the beach as a protest in favor of gender equality. Her protest quickly polarized the townsfolk, sparking debates over freedom of expression and public indecency.

So far, the protester's most adamant supporters have been feminists, who have argued that if men can take their tops off on the beach then women should be able to as well. Those in support of the protest have not only brought up arguments of gender equality, but also arguments of freedom of expression. They have cited cases such as *Schenck v United States*, *Chaplinsky v New Hampshire*, and *Tinker v Des Moines*, all cases that established parameters by which freedom of speech and expression can be restricted (i.e. time, place, and manner restrictions). In the coming lawsuit brought forth by the protester, she claims that she was wrongfully punished for her actions in a situation which she does not feel permits a restriction on her freedom of expression.

Opposing her and her supporters are many of the town's citizens. Most of them, especially parents of small children, claim that the act is public indecency. Under indecent exposure law however, the breasts are not considered genitals, and therefore flashing can not be considered public indecency. Despite this, a major point of debate is whether her age, 17 years old, changes the classification of the crime. Citing her age, many Madison City residents have argued that the act should still be considered a crime and a logical restriction of freedom of expression under the "place" restriction (i.e. the doctrine by which freedom of expression can be limited in places in which total freedom of expression would endanger the general public). Beaches, they also argue, are public, family-friendly places which should operate under different standards of freedom of speech.

When Madison's City Council and Mayor next meet, the issues of the lawsuit and future policy pertaining to freedom of expression on the beach are expected to take center stage. Both parties have expressed sentiments of compromise between creating a free environment and a family friendly environment. Led by Mayor Kaleb Noruzi, the council has prioritized appeasing both sides of the issue rather than creating a radical solution, a step they see as necessary for creating peace in the currently bickering city.

Opinion

General Assemblies Do Not Disappoint

Joe Breen

After the first general assembly, the consensus among several delegates was that general assemblies were to be low points of the Boys State experience: times that drag on and only increase preexisting exhaustion. However, the first two days of assemblies have proven this statement wrong and reaffirm that ALJBS deserves to be ranked the number one Boys State program in the nation. Certain speakers in particular have truly connected with and energized the delegates. First, Freeholder Kenneth Armwood relayed his experiences running for his local board of education. His sense of humor and never-ending puns, such as “We’ll cross that bridge when we get to seventeen,” enabled the delegates not only to hear his story, but also to enjoy the lecture and laugh at what he had to say. Clearly, his speech provided a break from the serious nature and busy schedule of the first day. Later Sunday night, Representative Leonard Lance’s speech embodied Abraham Lincoln’s notion that “America is that last, best hope for Earth.” His powerful speech inspired the delegates and rallied them behind this patriotic cause. Finally, Lieutenant Governor Kimberly Guadagno brought a down-to-earth view of state politics to the table. Her speech and relatable personality enabled this mother of three boys to talk to the assembly as if she was everybody’s mother. All three of the aforementioned speakers received standing ovations and, along with the other guest speakers, successfully won the hearts of the Boys State assembly. If the rest of this session’s speakers and assemblies follow suit, general assemblies will become some of the most memorable moments of the week.

A Voice for All

Joe Breen

It is a known fact that everyone is entitled to their own opinion. This was extremely evident throughout the speeches made by Halsey County’s State Senator and Assemblymen candidates. However, in spite of the varying points of view and proposed solutions to problems ranging from the construction of a stadium to an infestation of gypsy moths, all of the speeches had the same underlying message: bipartisanship. Every single candidate urged “working with both sides of the aisle” on all issues. They believed that the strong party allegiances that have worked so well on the city level have caused the county to become too divided. As stated by Damian Makosa from Adams City paraphrasing Abraham Lincoln, “A county divided cannot stand.”

In addition to solely focusing on the inhibitions of political parties, potential Senators and Assemblymen emphasized the importance of listening to everyone’s opinion. It has occurred on several occasions where a few delegates seemingly dominated the meetings. Unfortunately, as it was put by Ryan Greff, also from Adams City, “when only three guys are making the decisions, that’s not democracy.” Several candidates have proposed for the county and already instituted in their city’s methods of ensuring everyone’s voice and opinion is heard. It is important not to underestimate the gravity of this issue. Nobody can tell what brilliance can be discovered when everyone has an equal chance to express their ideas. When a voice is given to all parties, Boys State will truly become the best that it can be for every delegate present.

The Bright Plight

Jonathan Zitaglio

Boys State, a place where above average is the norm: as it has been said in many meetings attended by delegates, Boys State is truly New Jersey’s creme of the crop. With the star athletes, scholars, philosophers, and logical thinkers being fellow students, one might wonder if a class from an ordinary high school would be able to take something from this experience.

This is obviously a very prestigious program and it is a high honor to be selected as a delegate from your school. The high prestige of this particular program should remain something special. However, who is to say that a similar program could not be tried for average high school kids? Even better, a program for inner city teenagers that teaches respect and reality should get them out into the world with an identity and sense of responsibility.

By making sure that everyday teenagers are provided with a similar program, we can help shape the moral character of the future of America.



Sports

The Politics of Sports

Ethan Bell

The time for sports is one of the most sought after parts of the day at ALJBS. For one, it is a way for counties to show how well they work together, outside of the demands of politics. For others, it is a welcome break from the hustle and bustle of a state that is in constant motion. Whatever the reason, the period for sports is a critical part of the program.

Guarav Singh's job as Grant City's Athletic Director is to make sure that the athletics is used by the statesmen. It may seem that Athletic Director is a position that does not require much skill, but Singh said that the biggest issue was "establishing communication with our sister city and keep[ing] our city on the same page". As for his reasoning for being the Athletic Director, Singh "wanted to get involved [with Boys State] right away," and that at home he is "passionate about sports and running his local frisbee club". To overcome the communication issues that he had, Singh organized a group-chat between both cities in order to notify all statesmen of Shwarzkopf county.

To some it may be trivial, but the sports period is a highly anticipated part of the day. The competition between the counties takes to the playing field, and like the elections, players try their best to win. And like the elections, many will do whatever it takes to be victorious. In a state of constant movement, the struggle to beat your competitor is the name of the game.



Around the Sports World: Wednesday June 24th

Franklin Pavon

LA Lakers interested in trade for SAC Kings' Demarcus Cousins

USWNT set to face China in Quarterfinals

Bryce Harper sets NL All-Star game votes record

Italy and Juventus F.C. midfielder, Andrea Pirlo, looks to sign with New York F.C.

Oscar De La Hoya is reportedly "seriously" considering return from retirement

New England Patriots' quarterback, Tom Brady, sets to testify under Oath as appeal hearings begin

Mets vs. Brewers at 8:10 pm (Colon vs. Nelson)

Phillies vs. Yankees at 1:05 pm (Hamels vs. Nova)

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