

To: Post Commanders, Post Adjutants, Service Officers
From: Dave Cobb, Director
Re: Green Mountain Boys' State
Date: February 20, 2018

We had a small year in 2017! Snow days lengthened the school year for many schools, and the decrease in school enrollments and Act 46 Consolidations tell us that there are fewer potential delegates than there used to be. **Your assistance is more important than ever.**

IN 2018, we are looking for 135 qualified young men who will benefit from our program. **The dates** are Sunday, June 17 to Friday, June 22, 2018 to attend at Lyndon State College.

WHAT SCHOOLS NEED TO KNOW: Boys' State is a leadership development program for young men that focus on the Vermont town and state governmental process. The delegates establish a town, county, and state government, and address issues that directly relate to our state. They accomplish this through the active involvement of numerous local and state officials and the talents of the Boys' State staff. Delegates are also eligible for several thousand dollars in scholarship support to Vermont colleges. Copies of the one-page information sheet are included for you.

WHAT TO DO FROM HERE: Registration materials have been sent to every secondary school and Legion Post in our state. This includes a description of the program, applications, and contact information. **Schools are being asked to contact you, the leadership of their local American Legion post.** The goal is to work together on the selection and funding process for delegates.

We are asking our Posts to support their local schools in assisting their efforts to groom, identify, and finance their delegates to attend the program. Why wait for the school to contact you? Feel free to call the school and find out who is in charge of selecting the delegates for Boys' State (the school secretary always knows!). Whether it's a visit to the school or just a phone call, identifying yourself as the local contact will go a long way to developing a relationship between the schools and the American Legion.

WHERE TO GO: We have placed all the information you will need to begin in this packet and on the Department of Vermont web site. **Please feel free to contact me** at dave.cobb.vt@gmail.com or at 802 535-2716. Our staff is committed to the success of this program, and we know that this sentiment is alive and well in Legion posts around Vermont as well. Last year was good, but we'd like to make our program even better. Thanks to all who accept the challenge of continuing the improvement of Green Mountain Boys' State. **Thank you!**