



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
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TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents

CC: Department Presidents; Department Secretaries, NHQ Staff

From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director

Re: **Weekly Briefing 8-14-2020**

FYI regarding the upcoming NEC Meeting – Saturday, August 29

I mentioned last week the NEC will be recorded for others to view after the meeting. If you would like to request a link to the recording, please email the Events Team at meetings@alaforveterans.org.

NVCAF Update

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) which had been scheduled for November 28 – December 5, in St. Petersburg, Florida will be changing formats from an in-person to a virtual, at-home event to be held the week of November 30. Due to concerns for public health related to COVID-19, the change permits Veterans to continue to be artistically engaged and to be recognized for their creative accomplishments.

Boys State Documentary

It was short notice and there were technical difficulties, but I hope some were able to see the free screening of the Boys State Documentary on Tuesday evening. If you weren't able to see it, don't worry, you have another opportunity! You can sign up for a free seven-day trial subscription of Apple TV+ so you can watch it. The link can be found in the attached memo. This is very exciting for the entire Legion Family and can help us share some of the impactful things we do as an organization!

As mentioned above, attached is the memo TAL Executive Director of Marketing, Dean Kessel, sent recently and gave permission for me to share. Please feel free to share it with your membership. As Dean stated in his last paragraph, with success comes imitation so if your Department(s) and/or Units are approached by interested parties who may want to create a documentary or other types of third-party content about our programs, please put them in contact with me at kcircle@alaforveterans.org or my office phone 317-569-4506 so we can properly vet the legitimacy and viability of these types of opportunities.

The early reviews of the film are VERY positive with a 96 rating on Rotten Tomatoes. If you are a film buff, you will want to see this one! Here are links to some of the reviews the film is getting:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/13/movies/boys-state-review.html>



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<https://www.vox.com/culture/2020/8/14/21356261/best-new-movies-streaming-boys-state-politics-documentary>

https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/boys_state

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/entertainment/movies/2020/08/12/what-boys-state-apple-tv-documentary-tells-us-current-politics/3341530001/>

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/entertainment/movies/billgoodykoontz/2020/08/11/apple-tv-boys-state-documentary/3337260001/>