



Good of the Legion

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Michigan Boys Nation Delegate selected President of Boys Nation 2022

WASHINGTON, DC (July 26, 2022)- The senators of the 76th session of American Legion Boys Nation elected their top officer Tuesday night, with the race decided by the closest of margins.

Tamarus Darby Jr. of Michigan edged John Wiest of Rhode Island, 50-48, to be elected president of the 76th session of Boys Nation. Darby is the first Boys Nation president from Michigan since 1976.

Darby is sponsored by The Erwin Prieskorn American Legion Post 46 in Ann Arbor and attends Washtenaw International High School in Ypsilanti.

Tamarus Darby Jr. was sworn in as the 76th Boys Nation President on Wednesday morning.

The first Boys Nation – then called Boys Forum of National Government – convened at American University in Washington in August 1946. The 1946 American Legion National Convention adopted the event as an official youth activity. Three years later, it became American Legion Boys Nation.

Two representatives from each of the 49 Boys States represent their state at Boys Nation in Washington, where the young leaders receive an education on the structure and function of the federal government.

At the event, each delegate acts as a senator from his Boys State. The young lawmakers caucus at the beginning of the session, then organize into committees and conduct hearings on bills submitted by program delegates.

The week of government training also includes lectures, forums, visits to federal agencies, national shrines, institutions, memorials, and historical sites. On Capitol Hill, Boys Nation senators meet with elected officials from their home states.



Notice to Post Finance/Membership Officers From Department:

Regarding post membership dues owed to post when paid through National. To cut back on cost from issuing and mailing checks that are under \$5.00, we here at Department Headquarters have made some changes to checks issued from online membership through National. If the amount owed to your post from online membership is under \$5.00 a check will not be cut until your post has more than \$10.00 owed to you. If at the end of the Fiscal Year (6/30) all monies still owed is under the \$10.00, a check will be issued at that time to clear out money owed to posts."

Highlights from American Legion Department Baseball Tournaments:

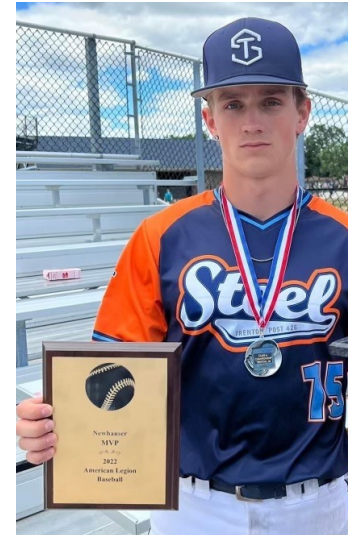
The months of July and August are always a busy time for American Legion Baseball. It is the sport of the summer after all. With 33 teams registered to play Legion Baseball in the state of Michigan, we had a lot of action in July all culminating in two state tournaments. Below are some highlights from those tournaments.

2022 Class A State Tournament Highlights:

6 teams participated in the tournament which was hosted by Trenton Post 426 July 27-30. Teams were as follows:

Escanaba Post 82
Gaylord Post 458
Gladstone Post 71
Clinton Twp. Post 176
Marquette Post 44 Blues
Trenton Post 426 Steel

Trenton Post 426 came away with the ultimate title of Class A State Champions for the 2022 season. The Hal Newhouser Award (MVP Award) went to Braylon Hughes of Trenton Post 426.

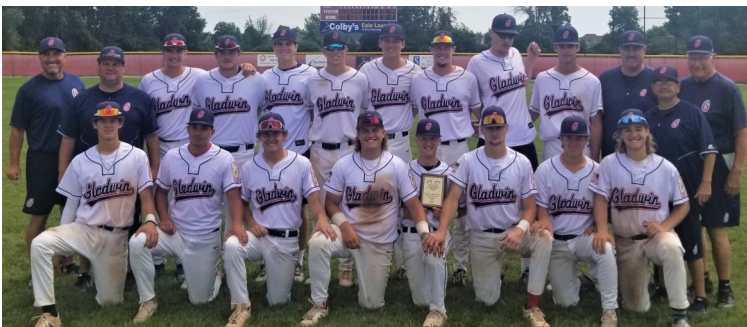


Class AA State Tournament Highlights:

6 teams participated in the tournament which was hosted by Mt. Pleasant Post 110 July 27-30. Teams were as follows:

Adrian Post 275
Stevensville Post 568
Midland Post 165
Gladwin Post 171
Blissfield Post 325
Mt. Pleasant Post 110

Gladwin Post 171 came away with the ultimate title of Class AA State Champions and moved on to participate in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament along with Midland Post 165, who received an automatic bid due to hosting the Regional Tournament. The Kiki Cuyler Award (MVP Award) went to Braylen Laverty of Midland Post 165.



Midland Post 165 Hosts and Wins

The American Legion Great Lakes Regional Baseball Tournament:

On August 3rd the American Legion Great Lakes Regional tournament kicked off at Northwood University's Gerace Field for the first time since 2016. Our host were none other than Midland Berryhill Post 165 who have hosted the Great Lakes Regional Tournament a total of five times.

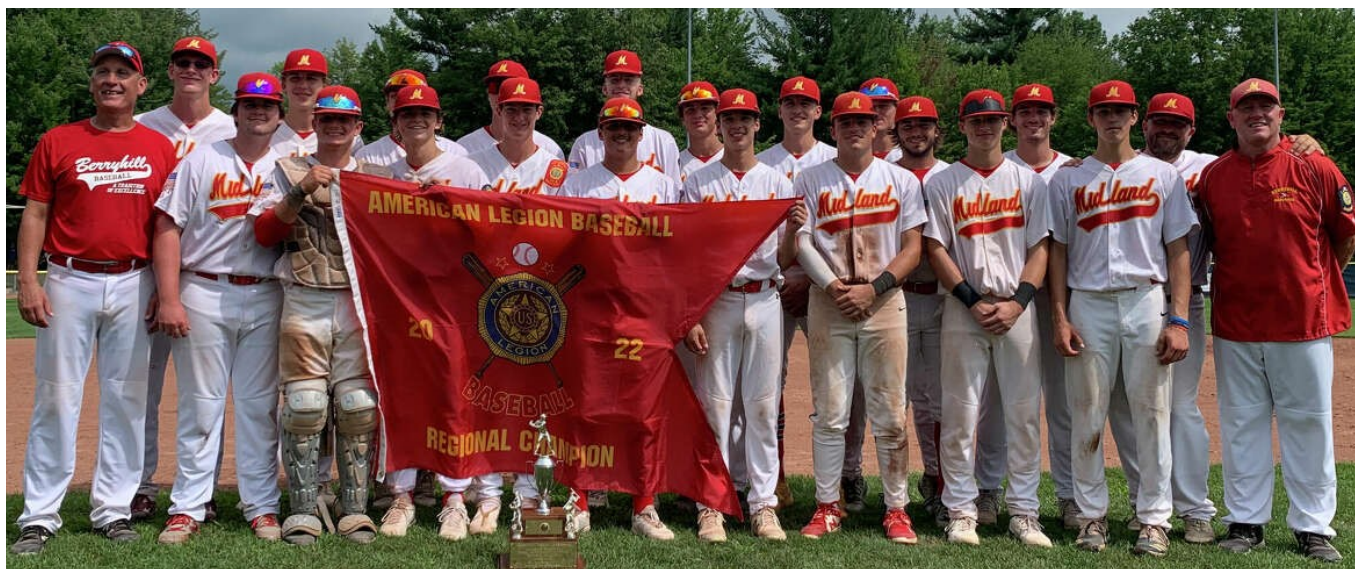
As the host team, Berryhill received an automatic bid into the regional tournament, while Gladwin Post 171 represented Michigan as the state champion. The other six teams competing in the tournament were Illinois state champion Moline Post 246, Indiana state champion Muncie Post 19, Ohio state champion Yeager Benson Post 199 (Harrison, Ohio), Wisconsin state champion Manitowoc Post 88, Illinois state runner-up Aviston Post 1239, and Wisconsin state runner-up Eau Claire Post 53.

The chance to be one of the top 64 teams out of approximately 4,000 teams nationwide naturally brings in a large crowd. The goal of the host team according to Nelson Cronkright, Midland Berryhill Post 165 Baseball Chairman, is to make sure everyone involved has a good time and that the players enjoy themselves.

Everything came together for a great start to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament, well almost everything. Mother nature had plans of her own and let loose with one heck of a rain storm which delayed games 2-4 on opening day. This made for an extremely busy but smooth day two with both Midland and Gladwin easily beating their opponents in games 3, 4, 7, and 8.

Game 11 was a battle of the two Michigan teams, and it was intense. Midland proved to be the better team, defeating Gladwin 11-6. Even though Gladwin lost, they were not out of the regionals just yet. They played Yeager/Benson Post 199 out of Ohio in Game 12 and lost by a narrow margin of 5-4 which gave them a 3rd place finish overall at the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. The Midland Berryhill Post 165 team went on to beat Eau Claire, WI and Yeager/Benson, OH to claim the title of the American Legion Great Lakes Champions.

As the undefeated regional champion, Midland has advanced to the ALB World Series in Shelby, N.C., which started August 11th. They narrowly beat their first opponent, Chesapeake, VA, after an intense 4th inning that had them down 4-2. They rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh for a 5-4 victory. Midland are scheduled to play Omaha, NE on Saturday, August 13, at 4 p.m.. All American Legion World Series games can be viewed online on ESPN3.





Department Fall Conference

Group rates will be valid: 3 days before and after of the convention dates of September 22nd, 23rd and 24th 2022

Rates: Single King Room (3 max per room): \$114.00

Double Queen Room (5 max per room): \$114.00

* Rates are subject to applicable sales and hotel taxes, currently 15%.

All reservations must be made on or before September 1st 2022 to receive group discount. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing hotel rate and availability.

Reservation Information

* Hotel cannot guarantee that group rooms will be located near each other

* Check in times is 3:00pm; Check out time is 12:00pm

* Reservations may be cancelled 24 hours in advance without penalty

*Cash payments are not accepted.

* For **direct reservations** please call our reservation line at **1-833-999-0181** and reference **American Legion 2022 Conference (Code: ALC)**

Meeting Registration: Registration badges are required for attendance at all meetings.

SEND \$15 REGISTRATION (PER PERSON), MADE PAYABLE TO:

AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 9, INC., PO Box 4186, Muskegon, MI 49444

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