



ALA GIRLS NATION: A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS



DAY FOUR: JULY, 21 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Party Conventions
- Senate Session III
- Flag Folding Ceremony
- Gold Star & Blue Star Recognition
- Sons of The American Legion
National Commander Visit



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FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY



ALA Girls Nation senators experienced a very symbolic and patriotic ceremony: flag folding.

Senior and junior counselors performed the ceremony and explained the meaning behind each fold. After the ceremony, senators paid respects to the flag, and information was shared on the meaning of the Gold Star.



Along with the flag folding ceremony, ALA Girls Nation set aside time to recognize Blue Star senators and explain the significance of the Blue Star. Two senators, Tessa and Arhy, were recognized – Tessa for her mother who is active-duty, and Arhy for her active-duty mother and sister. Both senators received a Blue Star pin from ALA National President Pam Ray.



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THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER



Sons of The American Legion National Commander William “Bill” Clancy III paid a visit to the ALA Girls Nation senators Tuesday evening. Like his fellow American Legion Family leaders, he congratulated the senators on their hard work and achievement on making it to ALA Girls Nation. As he addressed the senators, he spoke of his time at American Legion Empire (New York) Boys State in the 1980s as evidence of his understanding of their passion and dedication.



Clancy spoke not only of the impact of The American Legion Family but stressed the importance of putting good out into the world. Clancy shared words of wisdom and advice for the senators to consider. He spoke of confidence and humbleness, and most importantly, to give back. After talking to the senators, Clancy opened the floor for questions and handed out his pin and challenge coin to attendees.



HEAR FROM THE SENATORS



Question: What were your thoughts on SAL National Commander Bill Clancy's Speech?

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It was very impactful for a couple reasons ... not only getting to hear from people you kind of look up to and idolize because of what they're able to do with the platform, but essentially getting to hear the fun ways in which ALA Girls and Boys State and Nation changed them. [It] really encourages me and reminds me how special it is to be here.

— DINA, WISCONSIN

