

Chief Of State 92377

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LEFT TO RIGHT: The Statesman (Lynne Shpak, up); his son, Chief Of State; and Chief Of State's son Statemens Signature (photo © Cathrin Cammett).

Chief Of State 92377 (The Statesman x Fleur-de-Lis) • Chestnut, connected large star, strip, wide snip extending to both nostrils, 15h
Foaled: April 4, 1983, Woodstock, Maryland • **Bred by:** Lynne & Andrew Shpak • Linebred to Mansfield (nine crosses or 25.39 percent),
 one-third Old Government, one-third Lippitt, and one-third Brunk • **Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding:** 5.5 percent
Registered Morgan progeny: 24 colts, 24 fillies

His grandsire, Lippitt Mandate (Mansfield x Lippitt Kate Moro), was an outstanding athlete—taking part in three Green Mountain Horse Association 50-Mile Rides, hunting with the Beaufort Hunt in Pennsylvania, and winning show championships in saddle, fine harness, stock, roadster, and jumping classes.

In her article in the May/June 2004 *Simply Morgan*, Helga Loncosky described the powerful, elegant Chief Of State: “Chevy’ made his name in many areas, including carriage, dressage, and hunter over fences. In 1990, he and his half-brother [Atavista Statesman] were the National Combined Driving Pairs Champions. In 1996, he was the Mid-A Low Hunter Champion.... A three-time winner of the Mid-A Morgan Sport Horse Award, [he] has multiple single horse pleasure carriage driving championships, and [was] champion of the US Performance Test Drive, sanctioned by the ... ECTRA.”

Chief Of State added real size to his bloodline; most of his offspring were 15.1 to 16hh. In her November 2011 article on The Statesman sire line in *The Morgan Horse*, Marthe Reynolds holds “Statesman horses are a great-minded group that stamps their offspring in temperament ... [their] conformation creates a long, low, floating trot and uphill, balanced, rhythmical, slow three-beat

canter. This quality of gait allowed them to continually pin high in sport horse competition, as well as open competition.”

Chief Of State’s outstanding sons and daughters include: Statesmans Signature, Statesmans Bold Mandate, Statesmans Audacious, Statesmans Treasure, Statesmans Sequoia, Statesmans Sky Hawk, Statesmans Finnegan, and Statesmans Musicmaker. His bloodline is known for willingness and athletic ability—the qualities Lynne Shpak sought when she purchased The Statesman from Marilyn Childs for her foundation sire.

To quote from Chevy’s profile on Statesman Farm’s website: “Lynne bred Chevy, helped him come into the world, raised him, trained him, showed him, and loves every hair on his body, including his overly thick mane and tail! He is truly the versatile Morgan, best friend and helper-outer for all things. He has won more championships than Lynne can remember to name in both open and Morgan competition. His accomplishments include dressage, carriage, hunter over fences, and trail. He has mainstreamed handicapped riders, teaches beginners and children as well as advanced riders to ride and drive, will carry double, will pony other horses, and loves to give pony rides. You name it, he’s done it with a smile. He has beautiful movement, wonderful intelligence, great kindness, and excellent conformation.” ■