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2nd Annual Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Academy Welcomes High School Students to Intensive Training

Fort McCoy, WI – June 18 – 22, 2018, forty young men and women, who have just completed their junior year in high school, are currently attending the 2nd annual session of the Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA) at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy in Fort McCoy.

The week-long program includes instruction on K9 Units, Crime Scene Investigation, Fire Arm, Drug/OWI Enforcement and Computer Crimes to name a few. Law Enforcement Professionals from all over the state volunteered their time to teach and mentor those in attendance. Students will get a taste of what a career in law enforcement would include, along with some Post High School Preparation advice. Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch will be the keynote speaker at the program's graduation ceremony on Friday, June 22, 2018.

"Through highly-successful programs such as Badger Boys State, the Wisconsin American Legion has helped promote civic responsibility in generations of young people for over 75 years. As the state's largest police group, the WPPA is a proud partner of the Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy and its mission to promote the future of policing and the vital public service needed to keep our state safe." **Jim Palmer, Executive Director, Wisconsin Professional Police Association.**

"While I have been involved in law enforcement for over 26 years and the American Legion for over 20 years, this program was an extremely positive experience for me. It confirmed that we have some really great young people in Wisconsin. These young people were respectful, hardworking, inquisitive, and thirsty for knowledge. It was truly a pleasure to have served as their counselor. The staff at the State Patrol Academy, the American Legion and the other law enforcement professionals only added to the atmosphere of success. A great program!" **Jim Johnson, Ozaukee County Sheriff, Ozaukee County Commander American Legion**

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The American Legion was established in 1919 by wartime veterans determined to strengthen the nation through programs and services for men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans, children and patriotic values. The organization has fulfilled its mission over the last century through such programs and accomplishments as American Legion Boys State and Nation, American Legion Baseball, the GI Bill, benefits for veterans exposed to toxic contaminants, youth oratorical contests, Scholarship programs and more.

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The Wisconsin American Legion is the state's largest veterans' service organization with over 53,000 members and 506 posts in communities across Wisconsin serving troops, veterans and youth since 1919. For more information on the Legion's programs and membership, please visit

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