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### ***Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy Welcomes 52 Candidates***

Fort McCoy, WI – June 24– 28, 2019, fifty-two young men and women, who have just completed their junior or senior year in high school, will attend the 3rd annual session of the Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA) at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy.

The week-long program includes instruction on K9 Units, Crime Scene Investigation, Firearms, Drug/OWI Enforcement, Corrections, 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. Successful candidates will be invited to the graduation ceremony on Friday, June 28, 2019.

“While I have been involved in law enforcement for over 27 years and The American Legion for over 20 years, this program is an extremely positive experience for me. It confirmed that we have some really great young people in Wisconsin. They are respectful, hardworking, inquisitive, and thirsty for knowledge. The staff at the State Patrol Academy, The American Legion and the other law enforcement professionals add to the atmosphere of success. A great program!” Jim Johnson, Ozaukee County Sheriff and WALLECA Program Chairman.

Piper James, a 2018 WALLECA graduate shared, “Two months after WALLECA I enlisted in the National Guard as Military Police and plan to have a civilian career in the law enforcement field. July 22nd I will be going to Fort Leonard Wood for a 5 month OSUT (One Station Unit Training). Then I will be going to college. I loved WALLECA!!!! It helped me realize a whole other career field. Also, it sparked my interest to enlist. My favorite part was the DAAT training! It was cool to punch things!”

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin would like to thank the following sponsors who helped make this program possible: The Wisconsin State Patrol, The Wisconsin Sheriff’s and Deputy Sheriff’s Association, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, Badger State Sheriff’s Association, The Cedarburg Lions Club, The Wisconsin Correctional Association, Delta Defense, and the Milwaukee Police Officer Conservation and Sportsman’s Club.

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**Photo(s) Attached:** Weapons Training, Defense Training, Jim Johnson, WALLECA Chairperson

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Jim Johnson, WALLECA Chairman

