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**<City> Youth Bound for American Legion Boys State**

*Boys from around the state learn about city, county and state political processes*

WHO: <Name of Youth>, a student at <Name of High School>

WHAT: American Legion Post <XXX> has selected <Name of Youth> to participate in the upcoming American Legion Boys State program, a one week intensive education program of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. <Name of Youth> will be available for interviews prior to and immediately following his American Legion Boys State experience. Media are also invited to cover his participation in the program. A video about American Legion Boys State is available free on request. Interviews with a Post <XXX> spokesman to talk about the program can be arranged.

WHY: At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus, and recreations programs. Local American Legion posts select High School juniors to participate in the program. Mentoring of youth is one of the Four Pillars of The American Legion.

WHEN: The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will be held the week of June 8-14, 2014. <Name of Youth> will be available here in <City> for interviews on request. Call contact below to arrange.

WHERE: West Virginia University, Jackson’s Mill, Weston, West Virginia. Post <XXX> is located at <Post Address>.

CONTACT: <Post Chairman/Spokesperson Name>, at <Telephone Number> to schedule interviews, request a video, or arrange coverage at American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Complete details on The American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation programs are available at http://www.legion.org. The American Legion is the nation’s largest veterans organization. You may also contact The American Legion Department of West Virginia at the contact information located in the footer of this release. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State website can be located at http://mountaineerboysstate.org. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Director, Jim Davis, is available at jim.davis@wvlegion.org or (304) 481-4021.