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American Legion Cornhusker Boys' Nation Representatives Announced

(Lincoln) June 14, 2018 – Caleb Hendrickson of Shickley and Sebastian Boelhower of Hastings have been selected as the 2018 American Legion Boys' Nation delegates from Nebraska.

Nearly 400 high school juniors from across Nebraska participated in the 78th Session of The American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State, June 3-9 at the University of Nebraska Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants campaigned for offices, held primary and general elections, and were involved in a variety of activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Hendrickson and Boelhower will attend the Boys' Nation session July 20-28 in Washington D.C. Boys' Nation hosts the top two delegates from each state, except for Hawaii who does not have a Boys' State program, to give them the opportunity to learn more about our nations government. These delegates will run for office, hold Senate sessions, meet with their respective State Senators, and have a visit with President Donald Trump.

Jacob Mason of Firth and Nathan Franz of North Platte were chosen as alternates to Boys' Nation respectively.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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