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41 Washington State Patrol Troopers Sworn In

Olympia, WA - At a ceremony held in the Capitol Rotunda this afternoon, 41 Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers were sworn in by Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson of the Washington State Supreme Court. They were presented their commission cards by Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Chief John R. Batiste, who welcomed them into an organization known and trusted by the citizens of Washington State.

After completing over 1,000 hours of training, these men and women will join Washington's premier law enforcement organization. The Washington State Patrol Academy produces approximately three cadet classes each biennium, which accounts for about 100 to 120 new troopers. Historically, only about four to six percent of the total number of applicants makes the grade to become WSP troopers.

"The 41 cadets graduating today endured a rigorous application process, extensive background investigation, and received the best training, unmatched anywhere else in the nation," said Chief John Batiste. "Today, they will join the ranks of Washington's finest, as troopers of the Washington State Patrol."

A tradition that began 98 years ago on June 21, 1921, when six brave men kick-started their Indian motorcycles, strapped on an arm band, and started a proud tradition known today as the Washington State Patrol. The tradition continues to this day with the graduation of the 111th Trooper Basic Training Class at the Capitol Rotunda, signaled by the stream of shiny white patrol vehicles parked in the lanes leading up to the Capitol steps.

During the ceremony, the Core Values Award was presented to **Trooper Jonathan D. Barnes**. This award is presented to the trooper cadet who most typifies the Training Division Core Values, which include: strong leadership, effective partnerships, professional excellence, acting with integrity and accountability, respecting and protecting individual rights, and earning the trust and confidence of the public. The recipient of this award was determined by an anonymous vote of his classmates, and is sponsored by the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation. This award honors the most recent State Patrol employee to give his life in service to the citizens of the state of Washington. Trooper Brent L. Hanger died in the line of duty on August 6, 2015. The award was presented today in Trooper Hanger's honor by his wife, Lisa Hanger. In addition to this award, Chief Batiste presented seven trooper cadets with awards at a ceremony held on June 25, 2019, during an open house at the WSP Academy.

These awards included:

Top Driving Award

Presented to **Trooper Dylan M. Feik**; this award recognizes the highest level of proficiency with respect to driving skills and techniques, decision-making and mind-set, and steady and constant improvement through each phase of drivers training.

Top Firearms Award

Presented to **Trooper Tristin T. J. Parton**; this award recognizes the highest level of proficiency with all weapon systems, marksmanship scores and skills, and demonstration of sound judgment during practical encounter scenarios.

Top Physical Fitness

Presented to **Trooper Benjamin J. Crabtree**; this award recognizes the highest level of drive and tenacity in physical fitness testing and training. The recipient of this award consistently performed at the top of the Trooper Basic Training Class during physical training

Top Control Tactics Award

Presented to **Trooper Lane W. Traver**; This award recognizes the highest level of proficiency in control tactics techniques, to include self-defense, handcuffing, searching and use of force thought processes.

Top Collision Investigation Award

Presented to **Trooper Benjamin J. Crabtree**; this award recognizes the highest level of proficiency regarding collision investigation, including mathematical computation, scene investigation, information and evidence gathering, report writing, and teamwork.

Top Academic Award

Presented to **Trooper Daniel A. Buckley**; this award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the cadet who attains the highest grade point average compiled from over 30 tests and quizzes during training. The class average GPA for the 111th Trooper Basic Training Class was 90%; Trooper Buckley's GPA was an impressive 95%.

Top Overall Cadet Award

Presented to **Trooper Jason P. Aebischer**; this award recognizes the trooper cadet who demonstrated great courage to overcome obstacles, unwavering dedication to stay focused on reaching their goals, and their ability to give 100% in every aspect of their training. Trooper Aebischer demonstrated the necessary skills, abilities, and judgment to be an excellent trooper, and he made extra efforts to make continuous improvements.

Graduation/Commission Roster:

	Name	Number	Final Assignment	Home Town
1	Aebischer, Jason P.	1106	District 6 Basin	Deer Park, WA
2	Alcock, Gregory M.	1178	District 3 Grandview	Silverdale, WA
3	Alquist, Benjamin J.	624	District 7 Marysville	Monroe, WA
4	Anderegg, Erik R.	1069	District 2 Bellevue	Redmond, WA
5	Ausborn, Justin T.	512	District 5 Chehalis	Camas, WA
6	Barlow, Anthony R.	1062	District 3 Yakima	Lakewood, WA
7	Barnes, Jonathan D.	903	District 1 Olympia	Lacey, WA
8	Bergeron, Judah S.	355	District 2 Bellevue	Mt. Vernon, WA
9	Bonner, Loren R.	830	District 6 Ellensburg	Port Orchard, WA
10	Breeding, Chance E.	507	District 6 Ellensburg	Shelton, WA
11	Buckley, Daniel A.	1030	District 5 Morton	Vancouver, WA
12	Crabtree, Benjamin J.	1033	District 1 Olympia	Olympia, WA
13	Dennison, Tanner D.	726	District 3 Pomeroy	Pasco, WA
14	Feik, Dylan M.	755	District 2 Bellevue	Fort Lewis, WA
15	Gagley, Matthew A.	889	District 2 Bellevue	Kent, WA
16	Gibson, Clinton J. A.	610	District 6 Ellensburg	Thorp, WA

17	Grady Jr., Paul E.	685	District 6 Ellensburg	Olympia, WA
18	Gustin, Ryan M.	1231	District 3 Kennewick	Richland, WA
19	Hammrich, Tyler S.	1132	District 2 Bellevue	Port Orchard, WA
20	Hansen Jr., Peter C.	724	District 5 Kelso	Woodland, WA
21	Ikejiri, Andrew F.	1239	District 1 Olympia	University Place, WA
22	Jacoby, Bronson A.	1093	District 1 Olympia	Lacey, WA
23	Jolliff, Dedrick C.	719	District 3 Grandview	Olympia, WA
24	Kemp, Rachel M.	638	District 8 Port Townsend	Port Orchard, WA
25	Krebs, Gabriel J.	428	District 8 Hoquiam	Poulsbo, WA
26	Lawlor, Aidan S. P.	1001	District 2 Bellevue	Kirkland, WA
27	Lohse, Joshua W.	601	District 6 Ellensburg	Vancouver, WA
28	Marquez, Anthony S.	1185	District 2 Bellevue	Puyallup, WA
29	Matthews, Jeremiah M.	1204	District 6 Okanogan	Wenatchee, WA
30	Mercer, Jon N.	1007	District 2 Bellevue	Bothell, WA
31	Meredith, James W.	1133	District 1 Tacoma	Tacoma, WA
32	Palmer, Nicholas S.	1251	District 6 Basin	Concrete, WA
33	Parker, Marcus D.	1116	District 1 Olympia	Lacey, WA
34	Parton, Tristan T.J.	580	District 6 Okanogan	Leavenworth, WA
35	Rudenko, David S.	1070	District 7 Marysville	Tacoma, WA
36	Smith, Evan L.	1126	District 1 Olympia	Lacey, WA
37	Ssebagala, Jonah M.	1082	District 1 Olympia	Spanaway, WA
38	Thomas, Dylan B.	1067	District 3 Kennewick	Kennewick
39	Thomsen, Seth M.	416	District 2 Bellevue	Battle Ground, WA
40	Traver, Lane W.	484	District 3 Dayton	Castle Rock, WA
41	Warbis, Alexis M.	403	District 7 Monroe	Marysville, WA

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