



The Vermont American Legion Law Cadet Program was started in 1971 due to, and under the stewardship of, Robert H. Vincelette. The week long academy has been strongly supported and sponsored by the Vermont Police Academy where this program is annually conducted. The program is normally run in June of each year and is available to young adults who have completed their junior year in high school.



The Law Cadet Program is just one of the American Legion programs that provides and fosters healthy, wholesome and educational opportunities for our young citizens. All of the children and youth programs promoting Americanism are:

- Junior Law Cadet Program
- American Legion Baseball
- High School Oratorical Competition
- Boys State and Boys Nation
- Samsung American Legion Scholarship and various scholarships at the post and department level
- Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship
- American Legion Junior Shooting Sports
- American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund
- Flag Education & School Medal Awards



Want to help go to:

<http://www.gofundme.com/vtlawcadet>

More information on all American Legion Programs can be found at www.legion.org



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Established in 1971 by Past State Commander Robert H. Vincelette

The Vermont Law Cadet Program provides first hand experiences and insight into the operations of law enforcement as well as other emergency service agencies. It provides the participants with a newfound respect for those who serve in our communities as well as an understanding of the challenges they face in today's society.



The American Legion Department of Vermont with over 14,000 Legionnaires in its 72 posts, divided into 5 districts, is proud to co-sponsor this program.

The individual American Legion Posts sponsor individual youth to participate in this week of fun and excitement.



Cadets are housed and eat their meals at the Vermont Police Academy, located in Pittsford. This facility is part of a large training complex which includes the Fire Academy and facilities utilized for training for many other agencies including Fish & Wildlife and Corrections. K-9 training is also conducted as well as all firearms training. Weather permitting and when available the cadets can also look forward to air support units of the National Guard.



Cadets participate in firearms training, self defense tactics, as well as learn the latest in law enforcement technology including K-9 handling, and accident and criminal investigations. Of course there are daily calisthenics as



well as drill and ceremonies. But there is also much, much more. The academy is not just about law enforcement. It is a true cross section of all emergency and governmental services as well as the support service agencies that are so important.



While the majority of the supervision is conducted by members of the Vermont National Guard, many other agencies assist as needed. The class size is limited to 26 cadets at the academy so applications must be completed completely and submitted as early as possible.



During the week, classes and presentations are made by the Armed Forces as well as the following (if available): Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, Vermont Fish & Wildlife, Federal Fish & Wildlife, Sheriff's Department, Municipal Police Department, Operation Lifesaver, State's Attorney's Office, U.S. Attorney's Office, Fire Services, K-9, Department of Corrections, Department of Motor Vehicles, Defender General's Office, Court Diversion, WomenSafe, Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security, DEA, FBI, U.S. Marshall's Service, Department of Liquor Control, Marine Patrol, and ATF. Classes are also given on Professional Standards as well as firearms. It is a well rounded and busy week when you add in the team building and a barbecue. A sample schedule can be found on the Vermont American Legion web site at www.vtlegion.org as well as an application for the program. At the end of the week two cadets, as selected by their peers, are awarded the Robert H. Vincelette Spirit Award.



Program is held annually, usually during the third week of June.

Call your local Legion Post or the State Legion HQ for more information.