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**WALKER TO WELCOME NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION
CONVENTION TO MILWAUKEE**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker will welcome the 10,000 veterans expected to attend the American Legion National Convention in Milwaukee at the Frontier Airlines Center during their opening ceremonies on August 31. The 92nd annual convention will take place August 27 through September 2.

“We are so pleased to welcome the American Legion to Milwaukee for their national convention,” said Walker. “They set an admirable example as they continue to serve our country through their worthwhile efforts to support our active troops along with assisting all veterans in getting the services they need.”

Walker went to the American Legion’s national headquarters in Indianapolis in 2005 to request that they select Milwaukee as their 2010 convention destination. Convention cities are selected on a basis of a variety of criteria, including availability and price of hotel rooms, meeting space, city services and the needs of the National Organization.

Walker has a close association with the organization since attending their Badger Boys State program in 1985 while a student at Delavan-Darien High School. He was selected that year as one of two state delegates to represent Wisconsin at the American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C.

The American Legion is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization comprised of veterans committed to serving veterans, their families and their communities. There are approximately 500 American Legion Posts located throughout Wisconsin with membership of more than 73,000, and 2.6 million members in 14,000 posts worldwide. They state their commitment to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to service members and veterans. Members contribute to the community through blood donation programs, scholarships, involvement in local projects and emergency aid. The American Legion’s success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism.

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