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Tennessee Highway Patrol hits the field at Neyland Stadium

TENNESSEE – For the American Association of State Troopers (AAST) 11th Annual America’s Best Looking Trooper Cruisers Contest, the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) took photos inside the iconic Neyland Stadium, home of the Tennessee Volunteer Football Program. The photo features a 2023 THP Dodge Charger and Lieutenant Eric Miller, who serves in the Knoxville District. Miller is recognizable from his time on the sidelines escorting University of Tennessee Football Head Coach, Josh Heupel.

Voting for the 11th Annual AAST, America’s Best Looking Trooper Cruiser Contest, began Monday, July 15, at 10 a.m. EDT and goes through Monday, July 29, 2024, at noon EDT. To cast your vote for the THP, visit bit.ly/votethp. Once on the AAST voting site, scroll down the page to select Tennessee.

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The new THP Dodge Charger and Trooper were photographed at the iconic home of Volunteer Football for America’s Best-Looking Trooper Cruisers Contest (Photo/Courtesy:AAST and THP)

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The America’s Best Looking Trooper Cruisers 2025 Wall Calendar will be available for purchase at statetroopers.org later this year. Calendar sales will fund student scholarships through the American Association of State Troopers Foundation.

For contest updates follow the Tennessee Highway Patrol on social media, Twitter: @TNHighwayPatrol, Facebook: Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Instagram: @tnhighwaypatrol.

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under Head Coach Tony Vitello and they deserve to be recognized. They represented our community and state well and I think I speak for everyone when I say we couldn't be more proud of their success this season,” said Representative Burchett. “We are so proud of our Vol baseball team for their incredible hard work this year,” said University of Tennessee, Knoxville Chancellor Donde Plowman. “They played for each other and showed us all what being a good teammate looks like. They have time

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fueling Wing is a cost-effective solution with the right airmen, with decades of proven experience in the refueling mission, and is the right choice as MOB 7 for the KC-46 and for the U.S. Air Force.” Also, U.S. Sen. Blackburn (R-Tenn.) led members of the Tennessee delegation in sending a letter to Department of the Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall III urging him to make the McGhee Tyson Air National Guard (ANG) Base outside of Knoxville, Tennessee, the seventh main operating base for the

KC-46 Pegasus. A portion of the letter reads: “The dedicated personnel at McGhee Tyson ANG Base in Tennessee have steadfastly served the United States for over 68 years and have established themselves as one of the most decorated air refueling units in the history of the U.S. Air Force having achieved 16 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards. Tennessee’s 134th Air Refueling Wing boasts over \$200M of infrastructure improvements and over 100 percent end strength over the last decade making them

uniquely qualified to receive and employ the KC-46. Further, we understand that the ANG currently makes up approximately 40 percent of the U.S. Air Force’s KC-135 air refueling capability. This selection also pursues proportional distribution of next generation air refueling capability within the ANG. McGhee Tyson ANG Base/134th Air Refueling Wing is a cost-effective solution with the right airmen, with decades of proven experience in the refueling mission, and is the right choice as MOB 7 for the KC-46 and for the U.S. Air Force.”

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