



THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY RUN



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My Fellow Legionnaires:

As an unfortunate consequence of Operation Iraqi Freedom and America's war on terror, many children of our active-duty military personnel are now members of single-parent families. In most cases, this also means their chances to attend college have greatly diminished. Children of military personnel killed on active duty are entitled to receive money toward a college education. But it's not enough. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund Run helps to provide a full college education for the children of military personnel who died on or after September 11, 2001.

National Commander Paul A. Morin has asked American Legion Posts and American Legion Riders (ALR) from all over the country to conduct local or regional fundraising efforts on behalf of The American Legacy Scholarship Fund. Commander Morin's challenge: "Raise \$250,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund!" Commander Morin will also travel with American Legion Riders over 2,100 miles from Indianapolis to Reno, Nevada in August 2007 to deliver the funds raised.

Post #1 of Rockland, Maine has stepped forward to spearhead this worthwhile and challenging effort for the State of Maine, but we need your help in order to make this year's Legacy Fund Run a success.

We are hoping that each American Legion Post will either make a direct donation to the Legacy Fund, or host a fund raising event and then donate the proceeds to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. American Legion Riders, who have been sworn in as Pony Express Messengers from Maine ALR Posts, will be riding throughout the State collecting contributions from each participating post on the week-end of July 27-29. If you would like to have the American Legion Riders Pony Express stop by to pick up your donation, please contact one of the members listed below before July 12th to schedule a date and time on the 27th, 28th, or 29th of July. This is an opportunity for your post to shine with your local media. Schedule the date and time and have the media there when the Pony Express arrives. That would look good in your local paper.

The American Legion Post ____ donates \$____ to the Legacy Scholarship Fund in support of children whose parents have fought and died for their country. Contact one of the following ALR riders to arrange to have a Pony Express Messenger visit your post to collect your contribution:

Greg Pierce, ALR Post 202 Topsham, 841-5780, greg.pierce@biw.com
Mike Edgecomb, ALR Post 1 Rockland, 596-7196, mekese@roadrunner.com
Bill Kilde, ALR Post 202 Topsham, 841-5307, turbine54@suscom-maine.net
John Mullet, ALR Post 1 Rockland, 596-7196, pushboats@hotmail.com
Don Duplessis, ALR Post 1 Rockland, 623-0347, tsgcruizer@yahoo.com

Or, you may mail your contribution to P. O. Box 900, Waterville 04903. Please ensure that you make checks payable to American Legion Department of Maine and indicate "Legacy Scholarship Fund Run" on the check. All contributions of \$500 or more are recognized with a National Commander's Certificate.

Once all contributions are collected, Pony Express Messenger Bill Kilde, of Post 202 in Topsham, will then lead a group of motorcycle riders to Indianapolis to personally deliver the State of Maine contributions to Commander Morin, on August 18.

All posts are encouraged to participate in this effort, and share your plans for fundraisers with other posts. For example:

The Rockland ALR Post 1 will be participating in the Maine Lobster Festival Parade on August 4th, followed by a Poker Run, bike show, and barbecue at the Legion Post in Rockland. All legionnaires who ride motorcycles are invited to participate in the Parade, Poker Run, and events following.

On behalf of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, The Legacy Scholarship Fund, and the many students your generous contribution will assist, thank you. I salute each of you.

Don Duplessis, Post 1
Mike Edgecomb, Post 1
Bill Kilde, Post 202

Legacy Scholarship Fund Drive Coordinators for the State of Maine