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Riders travel to the Legion's national convention while collecting donations for The American Legion Legacy Fund. The Legacy Run raises awareness of the Legion and its many programs as Riders are welcomed on their stops at veter-

ans homes, wreath-laying ceremonies and other patriotic events in the cities and towns along each year's route.

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The history of the Legacy Scholarship

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the United States has lost about 6,900 troops in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Inherent Freedom and other operations in the War on Terror. There are over 680,000 veterans from this era with service-connected disabilities rated at 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a result of such valiant service and sacrifice, those servicemembers' families must pick up the emotional, spiritual and financial pieces of their lives. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship was established to assist with the cost of higher education for the children in these families.

One hundred percent of all donations to the Legacy Scholarship fund are used for scholarships. It has been awarded to more than 268 students, including 41 in 2018 totaling \$744,436 in scholarship money. The Riders have helped raise more than \$1 million annually.

Corporate donations to the Legacy Scholarship Fund are welcome. The American Legion Legacy Trust Fund is a 501 (c)3 public charity as defined by IRS code. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, The American Legion, P.O. Box 361626, Indianapolis, IN 46236.

The Federal Tax Identification Number (EIN) for The American Legion Legacy Trust Fund is 42-1553035.

For the most recent annual report on the Legacy Scholarship Fund, please visit legion.org/publications





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