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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion Legacy Run To Pass Through and Stop in Wise County and the City of Norton, Virginia On August 23, 2023**

*American Legion Riders raise over \$1 million for Children Of Post 9/11 Era Veterans annually.*

More than 275 motorcycles are expected to pass through Wise County and make a scheduled stop in the City of Norton on August 23, 2023, as part of [The American Legion Legacy Run](#). This 5-day, 1100-mile, cross-country motorcycle ride raises awareness and funds for the [American Legion Legacy Scholarship](#), which supports the children of fallen military personnel and the children of disabled veterans who served in the post 9/11 era. The Legacy Run is one of the largest and longest organized motorcycle group rides in the United States. They will cross into Wise County on US 23 South at the Kentucky line under police escort at approximately 2:00 pm. They will proceed to the Valero Station in the City of Norton and arrive at approximately 2:25pm, near Rural King, for a scheduled stop where members of the American Legion Post 243 will host the American Legion Riders providing water and snacks as they refuel and take a much needed break. They will depart at approximately 3:40 pm.

The American Legion is asking anyone who is on or near the travel route or any of the memorial destinations to show support by raising their flags as more than 275 motorcycles pass through their local community riding for the children of our nation's heroes.

Starting on August 19, 2023, with check-in and opening ceremony at American Legion Post 6 in Kokomo, Indiana, the ride will make stops at monuments, memorials, and American Legion posts in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina, before concluding at Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, NC, on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Legacy Scholarship Fund has raised over \$17 million since its inception 21 years ago, including \$1.34 million in 2022, and has awarded 1120 scholarships since 2004. This year's Legacy Run is expected to generate over \$1 million for the fund, providing much-needed support for children of post-9/11 veterans.

The Legacy Run also aims to raise awareness for The American Legion's new "Be the One" campaign, which seeks to facilitate a national conversation about veteran suicide and provide resources and support for veterans in need.

### **About The American Legion**

The American Legion, the nation's largest veteran's organization, is dedicated to the motto of "Veterans Strengthening America." Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism, and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Nearly three million American Legion Family members in more than 12,500 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion Riders of Legion family members is a program with over 2,500 chapters in Legion Posts worldwide with over 125,000 members.

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**More information about the Legacy Run:** <https://www.legion.org/riders/legacyrun>.

**More information about The American Legion Riders:** <https://www.legion.org/riders>.

**More information about The American Legion Scholarship**

**Fund:** <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

**To donate to the Legacy Scholarship and other American Legion charities:**

<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Donate#legion-org>

**More information about Be the One:** <https://www.legion.org/betheone>

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