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WASHINGTON (Sept. 13, 2010) – The American Legion will host its third annual Heroes to Hometowns (H2H) Golf Classic on Oct. 7 at Andrews Air Force Base. Wounded warriors throughout the area will have an opportunity to play golf while networking with federal officials, business leaders and veteran business owners. They will also raise money for The American Legion’s Legacy Scholarship program, which provides college scholarships to children of servicemembers who have died on active duty since 9/11.

“Last year, not only did 20 of our wounded warriors have a great day playing golf, they also raised about \$25,000 for our Legacy Scholarship fund,” said Joe Sharpe, director of the Legion’s economic division. “On the golf course, these heroes have an opportunity to discuss potential jobs, gain advice about navigating the civilian workforce, and build solid relationships with business owners and leaders.”

For the 2010-2011 school year, the Legion awarded \$46,000 in Legacy scholarships to 13 college students throughout the country. Awards ranged from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per individual and are renewable for each year of full-time attendance.

The American Legion encourages the community to register to play in the H2H Golf Classic, or sponsor a wounded warrior to play. Individuals can play or be sponsored for \$90; a four-person team costs \$350.

“We have sponsorship opportunities that go up to \$5,000, but we will gladly accept any donation amount,” said Mark Walker, the economic division’s deputy director. “Anything that is given will go directly to support the Legacy scholarships.” Walker said that people may also contribute door prizes for the event.

“We want this year to surpass what we did last year,” Sharpe said. “But for that to happen, we need a multitude of golfers out there to play, we need businesses to sponsor a corporate team, and we need the non-golfers to sponsor our wounded warriors.”

To register as a player or sponsor, visit <http://www.legion.org/heroes/golf> or call Mark Walker at 202-263-2995.

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