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Legion Riders arrive after 5-day, multi-state scholarship ride for kids of fallen servicemembers

MINNEAPOLIS (Aug. 25, 2011) -- More than 200 motorcyclists who raised more than \$335,000 to cover education expenses for the children of U.S. servicemembers killed on active duty fighting the war on terror arrived in Minneapolis today, capping a five-day, 1,225-mile ride.

The American Legion's sixth annual Legacy Run, comprised of American Legion Riders, started in Indianapolis, Ind., on Sunday and finished up at Richfield Post 435 in Minneapolis, the site of The American Legion's 93rd National Convention. The Run raises money for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, which provides college financial support for children of servicemembers killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

"It's a great way to invest in the future of our country by ensuring a college education is possible for the children of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country," said American Legion National Commander Jimmie L. Foster, who accompanied the riders on the Run and rode on a motorcycle for a portion of it. "When these riders get together, they have a can't-fail attitude. They're a very dedicated group, and they give us a venue for veterans we wouldn't otherwise have."

The riders brought donations with them to Indianapolis and collected more along the way, making stops in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Groups of people turned out along the way, gathering on highway overpasses and on street corners waving signs and U.S. flags in support of the Run.

"There's still a lot of pride out there," Foster said. "And people were very generous along the way."

In five years, the Legacy Run has raised more than \$2 million for the Legacy Fund. More donations for this year's Run are expected to come in during the national convention.

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