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To: All Registered Riders on the 2026 Legacy Run

From: David Heredia, Jr., National Chairman, American Legion Riders

Thru: National Staff

Subject: 2026 Legacy Run Details – 20th Anniversary Legacy Run (Lincoln, NE to Louisville, KY | Aug 21–27, 2026)

Welcome to the **2026 American Legion Legacy Run**, one of the country's longest and largest organized motorcycle rides. This year's run will take place **August 21–27, 2026**, traveling from **Lincoln, NE to Louisville, KY**—approximately **1,000 miles**—and it carries added meaning: **this is our County's 250th birthday and the 20th Anniversary Legacy Run.**

For twenty years, this ride has proven what the American Legion Riders are all about—**mission first**. We ride to raise awareness and critical support for our cause, standing up for veterans, service members, and their families when they need us most. **We are better together.** And in 2026, we will **forge a legacy as Champions of Hope.**

Why this ride matters: The Legacy Run supports The American Legion **Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF)** — a foundation of hope that steps in when a veteran or military family is on the edge. VCF supports **Temporary Financial Assistance**, helping keep families with minor children stable during hardship by covering essentials like shelter, food, utilities, and other basic needs. It also funds training for our **accredited American Legion service officers**, who help veterans navigate the VA benefits process free of charge and are continuously working **more than 750,000 benefits claims** for disabled veterans and their families. In our **20th Anniversary year**, we ride to expand that impact — because **we are better together**, and together we **forge a legacy as Champions of Hope.**

To protect the mission and keep the run safe, organized, and fair to all registered riders, please read and follow the requirements below.

Every rider must register online at www.legion.org/legacyrun, with no exceptions. **Walk-up check-ins not previously registered will not be accepted.** Riders checking in after Day 1 should look for **The American Legion trailers** at each starting point, where staff will help you. **Check-in is one hour before KSU (Kick Stands Up).** All riders will will:

- Attend the daily brief 30 minutes before KSU at the rally point.
- Report each morning ride-ready: full fuel tank, an empty bladder, hydrated, and with personal needs handled prior to KSU.

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Those who run out of gas may be transported to the next scheduled stop. If you are already at a scheduled stop and cannot continue, you will be responsible for transporting your motorcycle to a repair shop. The Legion trailers are a courtesy that may not be available when you need them; the Legacy Run needs and demands will come first. You should have additional motorist assistance coverage, such as AAA or H.O.G., if transportation is unavailable.

2026 LEGACY RUN ROUTE AGENDA

Day 1 – Sunday, August 23, 2026

Lincoln, Nebraska to Ames, Iowa (228 miles)

Time	Stop / Location
0700	Pre-ride
0730	KSU: Towers' Frontier Harley-Davidson, 205 NW 40th St, Lincoln, NE 68528
0810	Stop 1: Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum, 28210 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003 (30.7 miles)
1050	Stop 2: Lunch Stop – Gretna American Legion Post 216, 11690 S 216th St, Gretna, NE 68028 (44.3 miles)
1240	Stop 3: Fuel Stop #1 – Petromart Fuel Stop, 1961 US-30, Missouri Valley, IA 51555 (86.5 cumulative miles)
1450	Stop 4: Fuel Stop #2 – Sinclair Gas Station, 1515 Plaza Dr, Carroll, IA 51401 (161 miles)
1650	EOD: Gold Star Hall, 2229 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50011 (228 miles)

Day 2 – Monday, August 24, 2026

Ames, Iowa to Muscatine, Iowa (170 miles)

Time	Stop / Location
0800	Pre-ride
0830	KSU: Texas Roadhouse, 519 S Duff Ave, Ames, IA 50010
0950	Stop 1: Fuel Stop #1 – Meskwaki Travel Plaza, 1494 US-30 Business, Tama, IA 52339 (58 miles)
1255	Stop 2: Lunch Stop – American Legion Post 460, 222 E Main St, Solon, IA 52333 (120 miles)
1630	EOD: American Legion Post 27, 110 S Houser St, Muscatine, IA 52761 (170 miles)

Day 3 – Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Muscatine, Iowa to Hannibal, Missouri (154 miles)

Time	Stop / Location
0800	Pre-ride
0830	KSU: American Legion Post 27, 110 S Houser St, Muscatine, IA 52761
1025	Stop 1: Fuel Stop – Murphy USA, 3450 Main St, Keokuk, IA 52632 (88 miles)
1305	Stop 2: Lunch – Illinois Veterans Home, 1707 North 12th Street, Quincy, IL (miles)
1615	EOD: American Legion Post 55, 3819 Hwy Mm, Hannibal, MO 63401 (154 miles)

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Day 4 – Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Hannibal, Missouri to Terre Haute, Indiana (259 miles)

Time	Stop / Location
0630	Pre-ride
0700	KSU: American Legion Post 55, 3819 Hwy Mm, Hannibal, MO 63401
0834	Stop 1: Comfort Stop – Walmart, 151 Shetland Dr, Pittsfield, IL 62363 (71.5 miles)
1036	Stop 2: Fuel Stop #1 – Circle K, 329 IL-104, Divernon, IL 62530 (117 Miles)
1246	Stop 3: Lunch Stop – 515 N West Ave, Taylorville, IL 62568 (137 miles)
1559	Stop 4: Fuel Stop #2 – Walmart Supercenter, 1510 Hawthorne Dr, Charleston, IL 61920 (207 miles)
1800	EOD: American Legion Post 104, 2690 Fort Harrison Rd, Terre Haute, IN 47804 (268 miles)

Note: This day includes a Central to Eastern time-zone change. Revised end-of-day arrival is 6:56 PM local Terre Haute time.

Day 5 – Thursday, August 27, 2026

Terre Haute, Indiana to Fort Knox / Elizabethtown, Kentucky (175 miles)

Time	Stop / Location
0730	Pre-ride
0800	KSU: American Legion Post 104, 2690 Fort Harrison Rd, Terre Haute, IN 47804
0945	Stop 1: Fuel Stop #1 – Jay C Gas Station, 2631 16th St, Bedford, IN 47421 83.2 miles)
1214	Stop 2: Optional Bio Stop – Walmart Supercenter, 2363 IN-135, Corydon, IN 47112 (142 miles)
1334	EOR: General George Patton Museum of Leadership, 4554 Fayette Ave, Fort Knox, KY 40121 (176 miles)

Administrative Note: Daily timing (KSU, arrivals, and departures) will be issued at check-in and during daily donations.

Donations can be made at any designated stop along the route. Checks should be made payable as directed by National Staff for the **Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF)**. Please ensure your **Post/Chapter/Squadron/Unit/Department** is noted on the check (or documented for cash/multiple donations). This ensures proper credit for your donation.

Fundraising & Rider Challenge (Before, During, and After the Run)

This is our **20th Anniversary Legacy Run**, and every rider can help amplify the impact of the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) on the **national stage**. Whether you raise \$20 or \$2,000, what matters most is participation — because **we are better together**, and together we **forge a legacy as Champions of Hope**.

- **Before the Run:** Set a personal goal and ask your Post/Chapter (and friends, coworkers, and local businesses) to sponsor your ride. Consider a simple “**20 for 20**” challenge: ask 20 people to give \$20 (or any amount) in honor of the 20th Anniversary.

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- **During the Run:** Bring donations from your Post/Chapter and supporters to present at route stops. Share daily updates and a donation ask on social media — your story and photos inspire others to give.
- **After the Run:** Keep the momentum going. Follow up with those who pledged support and invite them to complete their donation so every commitment becomes impact.

Recognition matters: We encourage riders, Chapters, Posts, Districts, and Departments to track and submit their fundraising totals so they can be recognized in Legacy Run communications, end-of-run acknowledgments, and shared as part of the Legacy Run story at the national level.

If you can't ride every mile, you can still be part of the impact — **donate, sponsor a rider, or help your Chapter/Post fundraise for VCF.**

Questions / Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Thank you for riding with purpose in this historic **20th Anniversary year. We are better together**—and together we will **forge a legacy as Champions of Hope.**

Respectfully,



David Heredia, Jr.
National Chairman,
American Legion Riders, Advisory Committee