



2014 RHINO'S RUN

Portage to Appleton
July 14th thru July 16th

Commander Ken "Rhino" Rynes has formally announced a 3-day motorcycle ride by the American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin, July 14-16, 2014, to raise money for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. An initial Fundraising goal of \$50,000.00 has been set. The ride will culminate at The American Legion Post No. 38 in Appleton (the host of the State Convention), for an end of run Pig Roast.

On Sept 11, 2001 America was thrust into a conflict that would once again test her core strength. Once again she answered the call with unwavering dedication and devotion. The core of America's strength is the fine young men and women who would sacrifice all to defend the principles on which our nation was founded. Many times, however, the forgotten heroes of this terrific sacrifice are the families - especially the children - of these great Americans. Since that fateful day in September, some 11,000 children have lost a parent in service to our country. These children are the innocent casualties of war. The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund was created to ease their burden. When Mom or Dad has given that last full measure of devotion, the children have given also, and they have no say in the circumstances that will forever impact their lives.

The total survivor benefit for children of military personnel killed on active duty is slightly more than \$26,000, to be used for a college education. In today's dollars, this benefit will pay little more than half of what a college education costs in the most affordable situation. This gap widens when considering the cost of a college education in the future. The most conservative estimate is that costs will increase by 5 percent per year, meaning that in 16 years, the most affordable college education will be \$94,332. Military compensation will not keep up with these dramatic increases.

The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund is designed to help fill the financial gap for these children. Please help Commander Rynes reach his initial fundraising goal of \$50,000.00. Fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to The American Legion Headquarters, at the address below, with your donation. If you would like to participate in the ride, go to www.wilegion.org and click on the Rhino's Run logo to register.

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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

Mail the bottom portion of this letter with payment to:

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin

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