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**CROSS-COUNTRY “RUN FOR THE FALLEN” TO PAY HOMAGE
TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN KILLED IN IRAQ**

*Relay Team to Cover One Mile for Each Fallen Service Member in Run From
California to Arlington National Cemetery*

Fort Irwin, C.A. (May 28, 2008)— Inspired by the sacrifice of military friends and family members whose lives were lost in Iraq, a team of runners will embark on a cross-country run this summer to honor every service member killed in the conflict.

“Run for the Fallen” will kick off on Flag Day, June 14, in front of Painted Rocks at Fort Irwin, C.A., and will cover over more than 4,000 miles and 13 states, before finishing at Arlington National Cemetery on August 24. Runners will mark every mile of their cross-country journey with an American flag and personalized sign card in honor of every fallen service member. The dedication markers, which are being made with the help of over 25 middle and high schools across the country, will create a memorial trail across the United States, connecting cities and towns from coast to coast.

“The run is a symbolic memorial,” said Jon Bellona, the run’s director whose Hamilton college roommate, Lt. Michael J. Cleary, was killed in action in 2005. “While each flag will represent a soldier who has fallen, the run will stand as one large stitch spanning the width of the nation, coast to coast.”

The memorial run has focused and aligned itself in supporting the Wounded Warrior Project, the Yellow Ribbon Fund, 1st Lt. Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund, and HUGSS (Helping Unite Gold Star Survivors).

What: Run for the Fallen Memorial Cross-Country Run

When: June 14, 2008-August 24, 2008

Where: California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington D.C.

For more information please visit the Run for the Fallen website at www.runforthefallen.org, or to find out how to participate locally, please visit domore.runforthefallen.org.

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