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“RUN FOR THE FALLEN” CONTINUES TO PAY HOMAGE TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN KILLED IN IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

Not-for-profit sponsors memorial runs across the globe honoring fallen service members.

Eugene, OR (Nov. 3, 2009)— Inspired by the sacrifice of military friends and family members whose lives were lost in Iraq, a team of runners continue to run to remember every service member killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the summer of 2008 “Run For the Fallen” ran more than 4,000 miles across America to remember fallen service members killed in Iraq. Every mile of the cross-country journey was dedicated in honor of every fallen service member. The run ended at Arlington National Cemetery in August. On the final day of the memorial run, over 9,000 runners in nine different countries and forty-three states collectively ran almost 36,000 miles in honor and remembrance of all fallen service members

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

15 months after the cross-country memorial run, “Run for the Fallen” continues to honor fallen service members. Each August, “Run for the Fallen” sponsors commemorative runs held across the country and around the world.

What: 3rd annual Run For the Fallen

When: August 21 & 22, 2010

Where: Anywhere a run is being organized
(blog.runforthefallen.org)

For more information, or to find out how to become a part of Run For the Fallen, please contact director and founder Jon Bellona at 315.404.2239 or jon@runforthefallen.org. Visit the Run For the Fallen website at www.runforthefallen.org.

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