



## How can you Support the Veterans and Children Foundation?

Provide an individual, organization or corporate donation in any amount to the 2026 Colorado Legacy Campaign. Suggested levels:

- Family Level: \$100
- Campaign Level: \$250
- Americanism Level: \$500
- Patriot Level: \$1000
- Honor Level: \$2500
- Endowment Level: \$5000

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Legion organization or individual contacting you: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the QR code above to make an online donation. If you do not want to make your donation online, you can make a check out to **American Legion Riders Post 209** annotated for **Legacy Campaign**.

You can provide your check to the Legion Organization contacting you, or you can mail the donation directly to: **American Legion Riders Post 209, Attn: 2026 Legacy Campaign, 3613 Jeannine Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80917**

## About Us

Since its founding in 1919, The mission of the American Legion has focused on four pillars:

- Advocating for Strong National Security
- Taking Care of Veterans
- Caring for Children and Youth
- Promoting Americanism, Patriotism and Honor

American Legion Riders are well known across the nation for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for local children's hospitals, schools, veteran's homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise charity funds. After transitioning from the Legacy Scholarship Fund during the 2024 campaign year, the focus in 2025 and future campaigns is on supporting the Veterans and Children Foundation.

The American Legion is a 501(c)(19) non-profit Veteran Service Organization. The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF) is a 501(c)(3) organization EIN 35-6039680. A donor acknowledgment letter will be provided to all non-legion donors. Some or all of your donation to VCF may be tax deductible. See your tax advisor for information specific to your tax situation.

All checks will be deposited, and funds are consolidated by ALR209 into a single check together with accounting data delineating all donor sources and amounts. The check and documentation from the annual donation will be delivered to The American Legion National organization for VCF in August 2026

## Contact Us

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# 2026 Legacy Campaign

for the  
**Veterans and Children Foundation**

*Colorado American Legion Riders*

*Colorado American Legion*



## Veterans and Children Foundation

All contributions to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) flow directly to the organization's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation efforts, primarily training for American Legion service officers who work tirelessly to help veterans and families understand their health-care benefits, education and employment opportunities at no cost to the veteran.

Through VCF funding, TFA grants feed and house children of military personnel and veterans facing urgent, unexpected hardships. These grants prevent eviction, keep the power on and fulfill basic needs to hold a family together through difficult times. Since 2017, VCF has provided over \$2 Million in TFA grants to families in need.

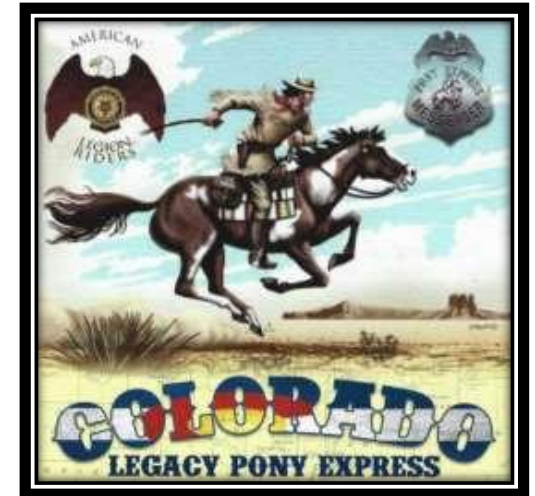
The VCF also covers training and accreditation costs for American Legion claims experts who provide free representation for veterans and families applying for disability benefits, survivor assistance, education opportunities and more.

## About The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation was established in 1925 as the American Legion Endowment Fund. Since then, the donation-driven fund has helped millions of disabled veterans and military/veteran families facing unexpected, threatening challenges. The foundation is a separate tax-deductible nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with a dedicated board of directors and national steering committee. It was renamed The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation in 2019 to better reflect those it serves.

### Success of Year over Year giving

Previous annual American Legion Rider Legacy Campaigns focused support to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund. This fund was established to provide needs-based scholarships to children of those killed in action, died on active duty and 50% or greater disabled veterans. Thanks to the tremendous support of donors not only in Colorado, but across the nation, the cumulative donations helped the fund become self-sustaining during the 2023-2024 years, ensuring that all who met the need and eligibility criteria could be awarded scholarships. With that goal achieved, the annual American Legion Rider Legacy Campaign efforts nationwide have shifted to support the Veterans and Children Foundation with the same goal of achieving self-sustainability through year over year giving.



### 2026 Colorado Legacy Campaign and annual Legacy Pony Express Run

Colorado American Legion Post families across the state engage in fundraising or contribute to the 2026 fundraising effort in conjunction with their program during the year. The donations received are consolidated at various relay stations across the state.

On Sunday June 28th, 2026, Colorado American Legion Riders will conduct the state-wide Pony Express run, riding one of the designated routes to collect donations from each of the relay stations. **All routes will reach 105 Brewing, 1466 Garden of the Gods Rd Ste 178, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 at 3pm** for a campaign celebration and some good old-fashioned fun. The routes, enroute stops and final stop location will be published on <https://alrco.org>.

