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LEGION POST ACTIVATES (CITY) HERO TRANSITION TEAM

CITY (month day year)-As the war on terrorism continues, Legionnaires here have activated a special unit to facilitate the transition of a wounded servicemember back into civilian life following treatment at the Dept. of Defense Military Treatment Centers.

“Our post has always reached out to our fellow veterans and their families, but the establishment of this special Heroes to Hometowns Team give us the ability to reach out to the community for local resources that will help the servicemember and his or her family get back to a normal life.” American Legion Post **XXX** Commander (**Full Name**) said, “This unit will be ready to provide an around the clock “buddy” for the family to respond to their needs, evaluate the nature of the request, determine the fix and activate the resources to get the job done.”

As the nation’s largest veterans service organization, The American Legion has, since its inception in 1919, served America’s veterans and their families. The Legion’s nation wide Family Support Network put into service during the first Gulf War in 1919, has responded to thousands of military families’ calls to a toll free hotline: 1-800-504-4098. Their emergency needs include such mundane help as snow shoveling, lawn cutting and fixing a leaky faucet to more serious needs including money to pay the rent, getting an automobile running again or watching the kids while Mom takes a child to the doctor. Calls are routed from the call center at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., to the nearest American Legion Post where help is dispatched.

“Our post will be working The American Legion representative working with the Pentagon to facilitate the actual return of the servicemember and his or her family,” (**Commander’s last name**) said. “The Post **XXX** is right here, right now and can respond in real time. We will be working with various resources in the community to assemble an area-wide Heroes to Hometowns committee that will be ready and in place to help in their reintegration into homelife, to include transportation, finding a job, a home, education and anything else that a grateful community can provide.”

“As veterans, many Legionnaires have returned home from war with life altering injuries and have gone through the same kind of trauma. Other veterans were there for us—now it’s our turn to be there for today’s men and women who have gone into harms way on our behalf,” (**Commander’s last name**) said.

There is no charge for help rendered by The American Legion Post Heroes to Hometowns team. Apparently, the Legion motto is “Still Serving America.”

Commander (**Last Name**) invites all veterans of any wartime era to join the post and to help grow the team's expertise and capabilities.

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