

Run for the Fallen & Run for the Fallen 5K, Boalsburg, PA



Run for the Fallen is a collective of runners whose mission is to run one mile for every American service member killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On June 14th, a dedicated team of runners began a cross-country journey starting in Fort Irwin, CA and ending Arlington National Cemetery on August 24th. Every mile of the memorial run, the team will dedicate a flag to a fallen soldier, marked with a personalized sign card. The dedication markers will create a memorial trail across the United States, which will allow the memorial to connect with towns and citizens and propagate the memories and lives of those who fought in Iraq.* Run for the fallen refuses any political affiliation or agenda, aiming simply to honor those who have fought, and those who have fallen under the American flag.

Run for the Fallen 5K in Boalsburg, PA will support the mission of the team of runners running across the country as they arrive in Arlington, VA on their final day by hosting a 5K run/walk in historic Boalsburg centered around the Pennsylvania Military Museum. The goal of 'Run for the Fallen' is to have runners from all fifty states participating on August 24th, where the total mileage from the race will be supported to the causes official website, which will post America's combined mileage.

While this event honors fallen soldiers from all over the country, we especially remember those men and women who have fallen from our own state of Pennsylvania. 185 service men and women from Pennsylvania have fallen in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On August 24th, 185 American flags will be placed around the grounds of the Pennsylvania Military Museum in special remembrance to our service men and women of Pennsylvania.

The run will raise money for organizations (HUGSS, WWP, and the Yellow Ribbon Fund) that help wounded soldiers and families of fallen service members and will honor the memories of those soldiers that have fallen during the Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Helping Unite Gold Star Survivors (HUGSS)- whose mission is to offer support and create programs to address the needs of all families who suffer the loss of a service member.

Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)- whose mission is to raise public awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, to help severely injured service members to aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.

Yellow Ribbon Fund- Assists our injured service members and their families while they recuperate at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center.

* For more information on Run for the Fallen, visit the official website at: <http://info.runforthefallen.org/>
To watch a short informational video on the run visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAYaXT6ZvgY>