



Cross-Country Run From Boston to Los Angeles on October 11, 2001 .

American Airlines and **United Airlines** employees and military service members will carry a U.S. flag across the country, as a demonstration of American resolve and in support of the Sept. 11, 2001, victims' families.

This flag was flown over Iraq in the cockpit of a U.S. Air Force F-16 in support of Operation Southern Watch on Oct. 2, 2001, by airline pilots flying as part of the 93rd Fighter Squadron, 482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla. While the event is intended to be a symbolic effort of support and unity, fundraising proceeds will benefit selected charities in support of the victims of the tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001.

In a reenactment of the scheduled route of flights AA 11 and UA 175 , the flag will leave Boston on Oct. 11, 2001, and arrive in Los Angeles on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2001. The flag will be carried around the clock to achieve this goal. The routing is being developed, but will proceed from Boston through New York, Washington, Atlanta, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, Phoenix and Los Angeles. Military service members will be involved as the event nears military installations across the nation.

Individuals or companies wishing to volunteer or sponsor this event can do so via the Web site at **www.flagrun.org** . The site, developed courtesy of Minerva Network Systems, will allow visitors to monitor real-time progress of the event and make contributions to the designated charities.

"This all-volunteer event is a self-initiated effort conducted by the pilots, flight attendants and other employees of United Airlines and American Airlines. While the airlines are supportive of the event, it is truly a from-the-heart effort from the volunteers in support of the country and the victims," said American Airlines First Officer Todd Wissing, media relations coordinator.

To be associated with the event, corporate sponsors are being sought to contribute their resources and be included in the success of this event. Cruise America(TM) has donated the use of a recreational vehicle to be used as a mobile command center for the event and to support the runners. Financial assistance to help defray costs or other corporate resources to assist in the event is needed and welcome. Corporate support can be in the areas of communications, T-shirts, local transportation support to help ferry runners or any other area.

Help will be sought from local officials along the route to ease the process and generate local support. A database of local runners will be needed to cover the distance, especially in remote areas and at night.

Media representatives are encouraged to use the site for information and to contact the organization through the Web site e-mail address at : **media@flagrun.org**.