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WASHINGTON (July 15, 2013) – The American Legion and Soldier's Wish will be in Chicago July 20 for their fifth Salute and Serve Our Nation's Heroes event together. The two organizations will have a tent set up next to HISTORY's 80-foot Cross-Country Cookout Smoker and Grill from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time at North Avenue Beach Parking Lot on West LaSalle Drive.

American Legion and Soldier's Wish representatives will be on site to speak about their relationship and mission, which is to grant wishes to those who have honorably served their country. They will also pass out informational material and take nominations for wishes to be granted to veterans and active-duty servicemembers. American Legion staff members will answer questions about the Legion and explain the benefits of joining the nation's largest war-time veterans organization.

The American Legion and Soldier's Wish have been traveling this summer with HISTORY's Cross-Country Cookout to high-profile areas to Salute and Serve Our Nation's Heroes. Upcoming events include Oshkosh (Wis.) Airventure, July 29–31, and Sturgis (S.D.) Motorcycle Rally, Aug. 4-6.

### About The American Legion

The nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veteran's affairs, Americanism and patriotic youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 14,000 posts across the nation. [www.Legion.org](http://www.Legion.org)

### About Soldier's Wish

Soldier's Wish, a Virginia not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to honoring veterans, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces and their families. Soldier's Wish says "*thank you*" for the unwavering sacrifice made by the brave men and women who served — and continue to serve — our country by providing acts of kindness to meet their unmet needs. [www.SoldiersWish.org](http://www.SoldiersWish.org)

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