

Tom "The Motorcycle Man" McInerney Continues Grueling 27,000+ Mile Ride to Benefit US Soldiers

Local Boston electrician, Tom McInerney approaches week seven on his motorcycle ride to each of the 31 NFL stadiums in the 04/05 season.

Conway, NH (PRWEB) October 28, 2004 -- It was a normal working day for Tom McInerney and his colleagues of the Local 103 in the heart of the Boston Big Dig, when the conversation turned from football banter to the more serious topic of the military conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. It soon became evident to McInerney and fellow electrician, Paul Finn, that they approached both topics with friendly, heated conversation, but on the subject of the war, they inevitably came to the same conclusion. Finn, who served in the war in Vietnam, and McInerney, father of four who had looked on as his oldest son enlisted in the Air Force only months earlier, both understood the gravity of the war as something that hit a little too close to home. An idea was bornÂ

On September 9th, Thomas E. McInerney began an arduous, unprecedented journey to all 31 National Football League stadiums in the United States beginning at Foxborough Stadium in Boston, Massachusetts and ending at the Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, Florida in February 2005. The coast to coast trip will span 150 days and surpass 27,000 miles traveled. All proceeds from the trip will go toward the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (www.fallenheroesfund.org), which raises funds for and offers unrestricted grants for families and children of fallen soldiers in need of immediate assistance.

As of October 25th, McInerney has driven his Buell motorcycle to thirteen stadiums on his journey, which has been coined as Motorcycle Ride 2004. The journey website, www.motorcycleride2004.com, charts his progress and posts photos and stories from the ride.

When reflecting on the long journey still ahead, McInerney says, with a tone of determination and reverence, "This ride hasn't been easy, but every time I want to quit, I think of those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq every day of this war."

So far McInerney has received overwhelming support from local International Brotherhood of Electrical Worker unions in each city he has visited, as well as Harley-Davidson and Buell dealerships who have helped him stay safe on the road. Many continue to wish him well on the journey and appreciate his effort to raise awareness and financial support for the families of the men and women in the armed forces who lost their lives in service of the United States of America.

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