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The Hon Alan Griffin MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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DIG DEEP FOR LEGACY WEEK

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Alan Griffin encouraged Australians to give generously during Legacy Week, 30 August – 5 September 2009.

Minister Griffin said the annual nation-wide fundraising week was an opportunity for Australians to support a worthy cause that has been helping Australian Defence Force families to cope with life after the loss of a loved one in service since 1923.

"I encourage Australians to buy a badge during Legacy Week and support an organisation providing invaluable support to the families of Australian Defence Force personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country," Mr Griffin said.

Legacy Week will be launched in Sydney tomorrow with a Remembrance Ceremony attended by the Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, the Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, representatives of Legacy, widows and their families.

Legacy is a non-profit organisation established by the ex-service community in 1923 to support and care for the families of those lost in war.

"Legacy supports more than 115,000 war widows from both World Wars, Korea and Vietnam as well as the families of those who have lost a parent or partner in more recent deployments," Mr Griffin said.

Legacy provides support in many forms including assistance to individuals tailored to their needs such as welfare services, advocacy, medical and education support.

"Legacy representatives are often among the first people to approach grieving families after the loss of a loved one and their support and guidance are vital during these difficult times," Mr Griffin said.

"I am proud to support the annual appeal – Legacy and my Department share the same goals of providing the best care possible for the veteran community. By supporting Legacy and the work of its volunteers this Legacy Week, you will help this valuable work continue."

For more information on Legacy or to donate visit www.legacy.com.au or call 1800 534 229.

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