

## Runners Take 'Old Glory' On Cross-Country Trip Promoting Patriotism

### ***Run Honors Crew, Passengers Who Died In Sept. 11 Attacks***

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CARY, N.C. -- Hundreds of people are running in a show of patriotism.



"Old Glory" is on the move in an effort to help the nation heal.

The [Americans United Flag Run](#) made its way to the State Capitol Wednesday morning. Runners are taking the flag on a symbolic month-long trek across the country. The goal is to show unity in the wake of Sept. 11.

"Everyone is asking when the patriotism is going to end and I'm doing my part to make sure it lasts forever," said

organizer Michael Burr. "I think this country is really coming out stronger on the other end of this tragedy."

The flag run started in Boston five days ago. Cary resident Todd Wissing, who helped to organize the national event, says the experience has been very emotional.

"People lining the roads, thousands of people cheering and clapping -- it's very emotional," he said. "It's a very emotional response, and we're very happy that we're getting such a good response."

The flag run has 1,500 runners on the road at any time. After the flag was handed off at the State Capitol, it was taken to Meredith College. Runners will head down U.S. Highway 1 to Sanford and eventually into South Carolina.

The flag run started in Boston on Oct. 11. It will eventually finish in Los Angeles on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

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