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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Semper Fi Fund helps provide specially adapted home to injured El Paso Marine **Ceremony for three day “Build Brigade” to construct home this weekend**

El Paso, TX – On Friday, April 29, 2011 at 8:30am Homes for Our Troops, Inc. will be kicking off a 3-day “Build Brigade” in which hundreds of volunteers will begin construction on a specially adapted home for injured El Paso Marine, Corporal Jose “Daniel” Gasca and his family. Under the lead of Omar Veliz of Veliz Construction, experienced tradesmen and volunteers will go from a “bare foundation” to a “weather-tight shell,” leaving the home appearing “finished” from the outside and ready for completion on the inside.

The Semper Fi Fund is providing an Adaptive Housing Support Grant of \$25,000 to be used towards the cost of the home. Our Fund has also provided Family Assistance Grants to Cpl Gasca and his family during his recovery. Sheryl Reid, a volunteer for the Semper Fi Fund, will represent the Semper Fi Fund in Friday’s ceremony.

Marine Corporal Daniel Gasca was left a double amputee after an IED explosion in Fallujah, Iraq in September 2008. He was driving an up-armored HUMVEE when it was hit by a control detonated IED. Cpl Gasca sustained spinal fractures, broken ribs, a ruptured spleen, and leg injuries so severe that both of his legs required amputation. Transported first to Ballad, he was later airlifted to Landstuhl, Germany and finally to Walter Reed where he remains at this time. Cpl Gasca, his wife, Angel, and their sons are looking forward to moving into their new home when it is completed.

The ***Semper Fi Fund*** (SFF) (<http://www.semperfund.org>) is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance and quality of life solutions for Marines and Sailors, as well as members of the Army, Air Force and Coast Guard who serve in support of Marine forces, when they become injured in post 9-11 combat or training operations, or they face life threatening illness or injury. Our fund provides relief to qualified Servicemembers and their families for immediate financial needs that arise during hospitalization and recovery, as well as perpetuating needs such as home modifications, customized transportation and specialized equipment.

SFF has awarded more than 26,000 financial grants totaling more than \$48,000,000.00!

The ***Semper Fi Fund*** was founded by Karen Guenther, a registered nurse and spouse of an active duty Marine who had first-hand knowledge of the challenges faced by wounded Marines and Sailors returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. She, along with a dedicated group of military spouses established IMSFF in May of 2004.

Who: Cpl. Jose “Daniel” Gasca USMC, Semper Fi Fund and Homes For Our Troops
What: Opening ceremony, for 3-day “Build Brigade”
When: April 29, 2011 – 8:30am
Where: 5913 Arbol Place, El Paso, TX 79932
Link: (<http://semperfund.org/press-releases/lyon-home/>)
(<http://www.homesfourtroops.org/JoseGasca>)