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WILMINGTON, NC (WECT) – SSgt. Samuel Schoenheit, a highly decorated veteran in the Marine Corps, was given a specially adapted vehicle Thursday to help him get around.

Schoenheit was critically injured in June 2008 while serving in Afghanistan. A shot to the head left him paralyzed on the right side of his body.

[The Semper Fi Fund \(http://semperfund.org/assistance/\)](http://semperfund.org/assistance/), a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to Marines and Sailors, adapted a Chevy Colorado to suit Schoenheit’s body after his injuries. Some of the modifications include a spinner knob and a left foot accelerator.

“I am not out for fame and glory, ‘Hey look at me!’ but it is nice to have everyone supporting me,” said Schoenheit. “It feels nice.”

As of March 31, 2011, the Semper Fi Fund has provided nearly \$5 million to use towards buying and modifying vehicles for injured Marines and Sailors.

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