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The Semper Fi Fund Celebrates 7 years of providing more than \$49.5 million in assistance for our nation's wounded

Camp Pendleton, CA –On May 17, 2011 the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund will celebrate 7 years of supporting injured and critically ill service members and their families!

The Semper Fi Fund (SFF) was founded in May of 2004 by Karen Guenther, who at that time was a registered nurse at the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital and spouse of an active duty Marine. While working as a nurse, Karen saw first-hand the challenges wounded Marines and Sailors returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, and their families were facing. She, along with a dedicated group of military spouses began to organize “Welcome Home” activities in the Spring of 2003 but as they realized they need for their services, they expanded their team and their efforts and set the goal of becoming a nationwide nonprofit. On May 17, 2004, they were officially incorporated as the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.

“It is through the incredible love and support of a grateful nation that we have been able to assist over 6,000 wounded service members and their families since our first day of operations (May 17th, 2004) with over **\$49.5 million in assistance and 30,000 grants!!**” said Karen “It is truly proof of the love our country has for our Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen!”

Thanks to the support of very dedicated donors, the SFF has been able to assist over 6,000 wounded service members and their families since their first day of operations. The SFF will continue to be there for the many newly wounded service members returning from Afghanistan as well as maintain support for those assisted in the past 7 years. Since injuries are often severe, and the road to recovery or rehabilitation can be long and costly, the SFF’s goal is to continue serve those who have given so much in the name of freedom.

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.

Who: Semper Fi Fund
What: Celebrating 7 Year Anniversary
When: Tuesday, May 17 2011
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