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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Marine's "Ride Across America" has important mission on Mother's Day**

**Tulsa, OK** – Marine Major Bill Conner is cycling across America to raise funds for his fellow service members. His ride, "Semper Fi Fund Ride Across America," will make an important stop this weekend to honor one of his heroes, his mom.

Maj Conner, an Oklahoma native, returned from a tour in Afghanistan in March and within a month has set off on an 6 week journey across our nation to raise support for the Semper Fi Fund. He felt it was important to raise funds and awareness for those that served and sacrificed so much for our country. Having not seen his mom since returning from his recent deployment, Maj Conner is also using this opportunity to stop and honor her and thank her for the support she has given him. He will be making a surprise visit to her along his route on Mother's Day.

Maj Conner will finish his ride on May 30, Memorial Day in Ocean City, Delaware. Find out more about Maj Conner and the Ride Across America at [www.semperfund.org/updates/semper-fi-ride-across-america](http://www.semperfund.org/updates/semper-fi-ride-across-america).

### **Please consider covering Marine Maj Conner as he honors our troops and his mom on this Mother's Day!!**

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 over 26,000 financial grants totaling more than \$48,000,000.00!**

The ***Semper Fi Fund*** was founded by Fresno native 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 Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund in May of 2004.

**Who:** Maj Bill Conner and his mom

**What:** Maj Conner with Semper Fi Fund Ride Across America will be surprising his mom on Mother's Day

**When:** May 8th Please contact Bob Conner for specific time and place: 918-277-9955

**Where:** Tulsa, Oklahoma