



Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund  
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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **5th Annual Major McClung Memorial Run to benefit Semper Fi Fund**

**Whidbey Island, WA** – On Saturday, August 13 runners will be participating in the 5th Annual Major McClung Memorial Run. The race is dedicated in memory of Marine Major Megan McClung, the first female Marine Corps officer killed in combat during the Iraq War.

Major McClung was serving as a public affairs officer in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, when she was killed by an improvised explosive device. The blast destroyed her Humvee and killed two other occupants in the vehicle.

Major McClung's parents started the run to remember their fallen daughter and to raise support for injured service members and their families. Donations from the race will be given to the Semper Fi Fund. Additionally, in honor of Megan's love for the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), McClung's parents will award the first place Male and Female 10K runners entries into the 2011 MCM in Washington, DC.

At the same time that runners are participating in Washington state run, more than 240 of Megan's brothers in arms will be running on the same day in the second annual Major Megan McClung Memorial 5K run at Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan. Donations from the run will also be donated to the Semper Fi Fund. The run at Camp Leatherneck was initially organized by Megan's Naval Academy classmate and friend, Marine Major "Wild Bill" Conner.

### **Please consider covering this event and their accomplishments!**

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.

**The Semper Fi Fund has awarded over 32,000 financial grants totaling more than \$51 million in grants given to our injured and ill service members and their families.**



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The SFF 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 Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund in May of 2004.

- **Who:** Run participants and Maj McClung's parents
- **What:** 5th Annual Major McClung Run
- **When:** Saturday, August 13, 2011, 10:00 AM
- **Where:** NAS Whidbey Island, Washington
- **Web:** <http://semperfund.org/updates/5th-annual-megan-mcclung-run/>