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Boise community welcomes home local hero wounded in Afghanistan

Boise, ID – It has been seven months since Boise native Marine Sgt Thomas Linville was injured in Afghanistan. On Thursday, August 25, the Boise community will be welcoming him home for the first time with party to show their thanks for his service to our country. Since his injury Sgt Linville has been recovering in San Diego, California. The homecoming will take place at The Lift Bar and Grill in Boise. During the festivities, family members and friends will be hosting a fundraiser to raise support for all those who serve with proceeds being donated to the Semper Fi Fund.

Marine Sgt. Thomas 'Charlie' Linville served as an Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. In January of 2011, during his second tour of duty, Linville was severely wounded when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was detonated near him. He was airlifted out of Afghanistan to the United States where he received extensive treatment for his injuries. Sgt Linville has received several surgeries on his right foot and right hand, with two fingers being amputated. He is also being treated for minor traumatic brain injury.

Sgt Linville will be accompanied home by his wife Mandi, and his two young daughters, Taylor and Dyllan.

Please consider covering Sgt Thomas Linville's homecoming and fundraiser!

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.

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:** Wounded Marine Sgt. Thomas Linville, family, friends and members of the community
- **What:** Welcome home party for Sgt Linville and fundraiser for the Semper Fi Fund
- **When:** Thursday, August 25, 2011, 5:30-8:30 PM
- **Where:** The Lift Bar and Grill, 4091 W. State St., Boise, ID
- **Web:** <http://semperfund.org/updates/welcome-home-thomas-linville/>