



Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund
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More than 30 injured service members will attend special screening of "Dolphin Tale" in New York City to benefit the Semper Fi Fund!

New York, NY – In conjunction with the upcoming release of Alcon Entertainment's "Dolphin Tale," the makers of the film are hosting a special screening for the Semper Fi Fund (www.semperfund.org) Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the AMC Loews Theatres, 19th Street East 6, New York City, NY.

Approximately 200 supporters of the Semper Fi fund will be in attendance, to include more than 30 injured service members from the Semper Fi Fund's "Team Semper Fi" who will be in town for this weekend's "Tunnel to Towers" race in Brooklyn.

In this inspirational movie, based on a true story, an injured service member receives inspiration from *Winter* the dolphin, whose tail was amputated but has now been replaced with a prosthetic tale. The makers of the movie also realize the incredible inspiration our injured service members provide to us all in their recoveries, and they provided this screening to the Semper Fi Fund to help highlight our efforts and their stories.

- **Who:** 200 supporters of the Semper Fi Fund to include more than 30 injured service members from the Semper Fi Fund's "Team Semper Fi" and other special guests
- **What:** Special screening of "Dolphin Tale" to benefit the Semper Fi Fund
- **When:** September 22, 2011, 7:00 PM
- **Where:** AMC Loews Theatres, 19th Street East 6, 890 Broadway, New York City, NY
- **Web:** <http://www.semperfund.org>

Day of Inspiration Contest – The makers of *Dolphin Tale* are also sponsoring a contest with the Semper Fi Fund to send one lucky U.S. military family (up to 5 people) on an all-expense paid trip to the Clearwater Aquarium, in Clearwater, FL for a "Day of Inspiration" with *Winter* the dolphin and several of our injured service members from the Semper Fi Fund.

The random drawing will be held on September 30, 2011, and the verified winner announced shortly thereafter. The drawing is open to qualified military families who have a child that is fighting to overcome a significant disability or debilitating disease. To enter the drawing and find out more about the contest's rules and regulations, please visit: www.semperfund.org/inspiration

About Dolphin Tale – Alcon Entertainment's "Dolphin Tale" is inspired by the amazing true story of a brave dolphin called *Winter* and the compassionate people who banded together to save her life. Swimming free, a young dolphin is caught in a crab trap, severely damaging her tail. She is rescued and transported to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, where she is named *Winter*. But her fight for survival has just begun. Losing her tail may cost *Winter* her life. It will take the expertise of a dedicated marine biologist, the ingenuity of a brilliant prosthetics doctor, and the unwavering devotion of a young boy to bring about a groundbreaking miracle—a miracle that might not only save *Winter* but could also help scores of people around the world. "Dolphin Tale" is a heartwarming, fun adventure about the healing bonds of family, both human and animal. The real *Winter*, who plays herself in "Dolphin Tale," today serves as a symbol of courage and hope to millions of people—especially those facing their own physical challenges—who have been touched by her remarkable story of recovery and rehabilitation.

The film stars Harry Connick, Jr., Ashley Judd, Nathan Gamble, Cozi Zuehlsdorff, Kris Kristofferson, Austin Stowell and Oscar® winner Morgan Freeman ("Million Dollar Baby"). Charles Martin Smith directed "Dolphin Tale" from a screenplay by Karen Janszen and Noam Dromi. The film is produced by Alcon Entertainment's Andrew A. Kosove and Broderick Johnson (Oscar® nominees for "The Blind Side") and Richard Ingber. Robert Engelman and Steven P. Wegner served as executive producers.



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DOLPHIN TALE has been rated “PG” by the Motion Picture Association of America for “mild thematic elements.”

www.dolphintalemovie.com

Presented by Alcon Entertainment, **DOLPHIN TALE** will be distributed in 3D and 2D on Friday, September 23, 2011, by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company.

About the Semper Fi Fund (SFF): 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 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.

SFF has awarded over 33,000 financial grants totaling more than \$52 million in grants given to our injured and ill service members and their families.

About Team Semper Fi (TSF): Team Semper Fi www.semperfund.org/team-semper-fi/ is an athletic sports team made up of more than 270 injured service members who compete in athletic events across the country. With their motto “Recovery Through Sport” Team Semper Fi is a rehabilitative sports program offered by the Semper Fi Fund. The team is made up of servicemen and women who have overcome significant challenges and refused to let their injuries prevent them from competing in athletic events.

About the Tunnel to Towers Run: The Tunnel to Towers Run www.tunneltotowersrun.org is organized by the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The run memorializes all who perished on September 11, 2001 and follows the heroic footsteps of firefighter Stephen Siller, who raced on foot from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Towers and laid down his life for others that fateful day.

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