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MEDIA ADVISORY

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General Al Gray is special guest at USNA Class of 1971, 11th Company September 11th Commemoration

Great Falls, VA –The United States Naval Academy Class of 1971, 11th Company will be hosting a night of remembrance and camaraderie at The Tavern in Great Falls, Virginia. The night is to commemorate the 10th anniversary of September 11th and to support America's heroes who have sacrificed so much in the name of freedom.

During the evening, guest will be provided service from "guest" bartenders Gen Al Gray, the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen John Sattler, former Commanding General of 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, and Bill Hoover, President and CEO of AMERICAN SYSTEMS. All tips for the evening and 10% of all drinks sales from The Tavern for the evening will be donated to the Semper Fi Fund.

The Class of 1971, 11th Company will celebrate their 40th anniversary of graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in October 2011. For the past year the 11th Company committed to raising \$71,000 for the benefit of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund through fundraising and personal donations.

Please consider covering USNA Class of 1971, 11th Company September 11 Commemoration!

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 \$52 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:** Gen Al Gray, the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen John Sattler, former Commanding General of 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, and Bill Hoover, President and CEO of AMERICAN SYSTEMS
- **What:** USNA 1971, 11th Company September 11th Commemoration event
- **When:** September 8, 2011, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- **Where:** The Tavern, 9835 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA



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