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Camp Pendleton Marine to Run in Marine Corps Marathon for wounded Marines

Camp Pendleton, CA – Marine and Milwaukee native John Adams is training for the 36th Marine Corps Marathon, an event that hits close to home for the Marine.

As an 81mm Mortar Platoon Commander for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, First Lt. Adams said he's participating in the marathon as a way to raise money for his fallen and injured comrades through the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. He has already raised nearly \$10,000 but would like to raise more for his fellow Marines.

"I find it easy to get motivated to raise funds and run a mere 26 miles for the sacrifices they have all made for me, both during our intense workup and our deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The men I serve with are great and this race and my money raised in support of them is the least I can do," he said.

The 2011 Marine Corps Marathon will host 30,000 registered participants. It starts in Arlington, VA, and winds through the nation's capital and across the Potomac River before heading back into Northern Virginia for the iconic finish at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Rosslyn.

Voted the best marathon for families, the Marine Corps Marathon honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Runners from all walks of life participate in the largest marathon not to offer prize money, earning the name, "The People's Marathon."

Many participants do more than just run the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon and dedicate their participation to a cause and register for the event through a MCM Charity Partner. These runners seek not only to finish the marathon, but to generate awareness and funds.

This year, the Semper Fi Fund has more than 800 runners and 50 Team Semper Fi injured athletes from across the nation participating and raising support on its behalf, making it the charity with the largest representation at the event.

Please consider covering John's Marathon Preparation and Fundraising Efforts

- **Who:** John Adams, Marine Corps Marathon runner and fundraiser
- **What:** 36th Marine Corps Marathon
- **When:** Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011
- **Where:** Arlington, VA
- **Web:** www.semperfifund.org

About the Semper Fi Fund: The Semper Fi Fund (SFF) (<http://www.semperfifund.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



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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 34,000 financial grants totaling more than \$54 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.

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.