



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

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### **Wounded Warriors participate in Cutting Horse Classic 2 Competition**

**Nokesville, VA** – As part of Semper Fi Fund's *Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program*, ten select wounded Marines from the Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) will be participating in the *Wounded Warrior Cutting Horse Classic 2* event at the D & M Cattle Company in Nokesville, Virginia this week.

The Cutting Horse Classic is a new program launched by the WWR earlier this year. At the inaugural event in July 2011, rider Marine veteran Lee Randles stated, "The Cutting Horse Classic is an activity that helps service members learn how to separate cattle through cutting horse techniques and it also helps them with their confidence, agility and ability to make quick decisions. It gives us a mental and physical challenge and the training to overcome it."

During this weeklong event, riders will enhance their horsemanship skills and be given the opportunity to strengthen themselves in their recoveries, both physically and mentally. On the last day of the event, Friday, October 21, the riders will participate in a competition. The top participant will be awarded a trophy and bragging rights as "top rider" for the event.

**Who:** Injured Marines; Team Semper Fi representative; Representatives from the Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Regiment

**What:** Media Availability during the *Wounded Warrior Cutting Horse Classic 2* competition on Friday, October 21.

**Where:** D&M Cattle Company, 11605 Parkgate Rd, Nokesville, VA

**When:** Friday, October 21, 2011 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The ***Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program*** (JMH) is a facet of the Semper Fi Fund's ***Team Semper Fi*** (TSF) (<http://semperfund.org/team-semper-fi/>). The program will provide horsemanship clinics across the nation to wounded service members and their families.

The TSF horsemanship program is dedicated in memory of Col Jinx McCain, USMC. Jinx was a 4-time Purple Heart recipient from Iwo Jima, Korea, and Vietnam. While stationed at Camp Pendleton, California in the 1960's, Jinx would host trail rides for the amputees from Vietnam. His daughter still works at the Camp Pendleton stables and carries on his legacy.

***Team Semper Fi*** is an athletic sports program made up of more than 270 injured servicemembers 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. Our team members are also given the opportunity to receive Olympic Training through our partnership with the US Paralympics.



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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 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.