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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Semper Fi Fund hosts Purple Heart Ornament Packing Party**

**Dale City, VA** -- The Semper Fi Fund will be hosting a “Purple Heart Ornament Packing Party” on November 20 at VFW Post 1503 in Dale City. The local community as well as staff from the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment will be coming together to package over 9,500 ornaments for post 9/11 Marine Corps Purple Heart recipients.

This is the third year that the Semper Fi Fund has had the privilege of providing these special ornaments for Purple Heart recipients. The ornaments contain a rendering of the Purple Heart medal on the front, and the Semper Fi Fund logo and motto “Serving Those Who Preserve Our Freedom” on the back. Volunteers will spend a full day preparing and packaging the ornaments for shipment to Marines and Sailors so that they receive them in time for the holidays.

Volunteers are still needed between 8:00 AM AND 6:00 PM. Please contact Janine Canty at [Janine.canty@semperfund.org](mailto:Janine.canty@semperfund.org) for more information.

**Who:** Interview are available with participants (military and civilian) and Semper Fi Fund staff.  
**What:** Purple Heart Ornament Packing Party  
**When:** November 20, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
**Where:** VFW POST 1503, 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, VA  
**Website:** <http://semperfund.org/updates/purple-heart-christmas-ornament-packing-party/>.

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 36,000 financial grants totaling more than \$55 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.