



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

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### **Land of the Free Veterans Day Golf Classic supports Semper Fi Fund on Veterans Day!**

**CITY OF INDUSTRY, Calif.** – The Land of the Free Foundation will once again host their annual Veterans Day Golf Classic on Friday, Nov. 11 at Industry Hills Golf Club at the Pacific Palms Hotel and Conference Center. The goal of this year's golf classic is to raise more than \$1 million for those who serve our country. The Semper Fi Fund is honored to be one of several veteran charities supported by this patriotic event.

There will be fifty foursomes participating in the Land of the Free Foundation Veterans Day Golf Classic. The event will feature breakfast, lunch catered by In-n-Out Burger, dinner, cocktails, an awards reception, and tee prizes.

Several service members who have benefited from the Semper Fi Fund will be attending. One of the Semper Fi Fund's recipient and American hero, Marine veteran Corporal Ronny Porta will share his story during the evening dinner. Ronny was injured in 2007 when his Humvee hit a roadside IED, severely burning his body and face and causing the amputation of his right arm. His strength and positive spirit is an inspiration to everyone.

The event will conclude with a keynote address from this year's guest speaker, Retired Major General Geoffrey C. Lambert of the United States Army.

### **Please consider covering the Land of the Free Veterans Day Golf Classic and Veterans of Semper Fi Fund that will be attending!**

- **Who:** Semper Fi Fund injured veterans and Wendy Lethin, Community Outreach Director available for interviews
- **What:** Land of the Free Foundation Veterans Day Golf Classic
- **When:** November 11, 2011 8:00 AM
- **Where:** Industry Hills Golf Club at Pacific Palms Hotel, Industry Hills, CA
- **Links:** Semper Fi Fund – <http://semperfund.org/>

**About the Semper Fi Fund** - 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.



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**The Semper Fi Fund has awarded over 34,000 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.

**About the Land of the Free Foundation Veterans Day Golf Classic:** The Land of the Free Foundation Veterans Day Golf Classic, which takes place one day after the U.S. Marine Corps' birthday, is the primary fundraising event for the Land of the Free Foundation, which was founded by decorated Marines and Vietnam Veterans Ed Roski, Jr. and Kent Valley and former Navy fighter pilot John Semcken. The foundation was started to recognize the men and women of our armed services past, present and future and their families who work and sacrifice every day to ensure that we will always live in the "Land of the Free."