Semper Fi Fund
"Serving Those Who Preserve Our Freedom"

Sgt Gabriel & Kayla Martinez
USMC
“We’re thankful for their service to our country, and we’re inspired daily by their incredible determination and perseverance.”

SSgt Jesse & Kelly Cottle
USMC
OUR MISSION

The Semper Fi Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and its program America’s Fund, are set up to provide immediate financial assistance and lifetime support for injured and critically ill members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. We direct urgently needed resources to post 9/11 service members from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Reserves, who meet our criteria for assistance.

The Semper Fi Fund was created by a group of Marine Corps spouses nine years ago, and those same women run the Fund today alongside other spouses from all service branches and retired service members, all of whom intimately know the needs of our military families. We have been by our injured and ill service members’ sides from day one, helping them as they navigate lengthy recoveries and rejoin their communities.

We help post 9/11 service members with amputations, spinal cord injuries, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), burns, blindness, other physical injuries, or from life-threatening illnesses. We also help spouses and children of our active duty service members who face life-threatening illnesses.

HOW WE ARE UNIQUE

The Semper Fi Fund is unique among veteran charities: We pledge to stay by the service member’s side throughout his or her recovery and to help that service member transition back home.

Our streamlined structure keeps overhead as low as possible because we realize every dollar saved can be put to better use serving those who have served us all in the ongoing job of preserving our nation’s freedom.

Tax-deductible contributions from people like you are our lifeblood. Every donation—whether large or small, individual or corporate, one-time gift or ongoing endowment—makes a real difference. The Semper Fi Fund is forever grateful to each of our supporters who share in our ongoing mission.

A+ charity rating continues with Charity Watch May/June 2013 report

- At fiscal year’s end, only one of two veteran nonprofits to earn their highest rating
- Of 46 total veteran charities reviewed, only seven others received an A or A- grade

“4-star” rating announced by Charity Navigator

- Fourth consecutive 4-star rating
- Only 6% of rated charities achieve four or more consecutive 4-star evaluations
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD’S MESSAGE

In 2013, “change” seemed to be the ongoing theme. The Marine Corps underwent many changes, including the draw-down of its overseas forces along with “bone-cutting” fiscal reductions across all aspects of the Corps.

One constant, however, remained: the continued needs of our critically injured Marines and fellow Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, wounded during the nearly 12 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. These wounded continue to fight every day for a new normalcy in their quest for a fulfilled life in their homes and communities. They wrestle with the challenges of adapting to their bodies altered by the visible wounds of war, navigating with wheelchairs, artificial limbs, and homes and community environments not yet modified for their physical needs. Some have traumatic brain injuries from improvised explosive devices. They face financial shortcomings, out-of-network medical needs, wheelchair replacements, vehicles requiring maintenance, and the stresses of their immediate families adjusting to their loved one’s altered situation. Many will require lifetime care and support. We owe it to them to be there when they need us.

They also deal with wounds that can’t be stitched up or covered with a bandage, the invisible wounds from actions experienced during repeated deployments in war causing post-traumatic stress. They need our assistance to get the help from their families, their communities and, when possible, their units.

The Semper Fi Fund is there to deal with that constant so that the injured, critically ill, and their families can get help. You are part of the Fund’s ability to give it to them. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of the injured and ill. I hope you are proud of the Fund’s work—recognized by two CBS News stories in March and by CharityWatch as one of only two veterans charities with an A+ rating, and with a four-star rating by Charity Navigator—because a large part of every dollar donated is directly applied to help those service members. Thank you for your sustained support!

For all of you, take care of yourselves and take care of each other. God bless, and Semper Fidelis.

Al Gray, Marine
Chairman

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SEMPER FI FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

REVENUE & EXPENSES

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Source: The above Financial Statement Summary was derived from the Semper Fi Fund’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. A complete copy of the audited statements along with the Fund’s Form 990 are available on our website.
THE NEED CONTINUES TO GROW...

The Semper Fi Fund has been successful with our mission over the years thanks to our loyal supporters, both individuals and corporations. Yet our challenges continue to intensify due to the level of severity of injury, illness, and post-traumatic stress unique to the length of war on terrorism. These critical injuries are brought home and often call for a lifetime of assistance.

GROWTH PER YEAR OVER THE PAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year 2013: Impact

- 5,472 service members & families touched
- $14,559,793 assistance provided
- 15,545 grants delivered
...WE CONTINUE TO BE THERE

Your generous gifts have made an impact on the lives of our service members this past fiscal year.

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Tim & Sandy Day
Canine Companions

160
Campers & Mentors
Semper Fi Fund
Kids Camp at Outdoor Odyssey

16
grants issued
Adaptive Home Purchase Assistance

198
grants issued
Handcycles granted

541
grants issued
PTS/TBI Devices

564
grants issued
Critical Illness Support

86
grants issued
ActionTrack® Chairs

170
service members
Semper Fi Odyssey
On April 7, 2004, Corporal Eddie Wright was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade during an ambush in Fallujah, Iraq. The citation for Eddie’s Bronze Star, with Valor Device, reads in part:

“Despite losing both hands and sustaining severe injuries to his leg, Corporal Wright was the epitome of composure. Understanding the severity of his own injuries, he calmly instructed others on how to remove the radio, call for support and render first aid. He also pointed out enemy machine-gun emplacements to his fellow Marines, assisting in the demise of 26 enemies killed in action.”

After months of recovery and rehabilitation, Eddie was promoted to Sergeant and later returned to active duty, making him the first double amputee to serve on active duty. He served as an instructor at The Basic School in Quantico, VA, where he remained until he medically retired in 2006. Throughout his recovery process, the Semper Fi Fund assisted Eddie with family support grants, adaptive housing and vehicle grants, as well as the purchase of a computer for school.

After retiring, Eddie settled in Conroe, TX, where he met and fell in love with his wife, Cody. The couple now has three children. Eddie spends his time enjoying his family and friends as much as possible while attending school full time.

LIFE-CHANGING EVENT
Staff Sergeant Eric Myers, a U.S. Army field artilleryman with the 82nd Airborne Division, will always remember the date: May 12, 2012. That’s when the improvised explosive device claimed both his legs during his third deployment in Afghanistan. Eric was on patrol as provisional infantry when he stepped on the IED. He sustained several serious injuries in the explosion—and both legs needed to be amputated above the knees.

ROAD TO RECOVERY
Eric’s months at Walter Reed were characterized by a difficult rehabilitation process. Bolstered by the support and motivation provided by his wife Laura, daughter Kinley and his family—and relieved of the stress that comes with financial concerns—Eric was able to focus on prosthetic care and learning to walk again. He completed his inpatient and outpatient physical therapy programs in less than a year.

AMERICA’S FUND ASSISTANCE
America’s Fund, a program of the Semper Fi Fund, met with Eric and Laura shortly after he arrived at Walter Reed. We assisted with grants that not only helped cover their loss of income, but also enabled them to purchase an adaptive vehicle, make home repairs and obtain an ActionTrack® chair that allows Eric to better navigate his large backyard—and helps him enjoy the outdoors again.
TEAM SEMPER FI

544
Team Semper Fi
Team Members

14
Team America’s Fund
Team Members

11
Team National Events

5
National Elite events
for qualifying athletes

Thank You
Team Semper Fi
Sponsor

Foley Cat

MARINE CORPS MARATHON

WOUNDED WARRIOR GAMES

CUTTING HORSE CLASSIC

ALPINE MOUNTAIN SKI CAMP

Jinx McCain
Horsemanship Program

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Horsemanship Program
America’s Fund was created as a self-funded program by the Semper Fi Fund in March 2012 to direct urgently needed resources and financial support to post 9/11 injured and critically ill service members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Reserves and their families.

As the support provided by the Semper Fi Fund to Marines and Sailors continued to grow, we continued to receive more requests for assistance to service members from all branches of the military. We are excited to have begun filling these requests by providing family support grants that enable families to spend time at that their loved ones’ hospital bedsides. Free from the financial pressures of travel, temporary lodging and lost wages, service members can focus on what matters most: recovery.

With continued overwhelming support from our donors, we have been able to quickly expand our range of services to include assistance for specialized and adaptive equipment (such as ActionTrack® chairs), adaptive housing and transportation, therapeutic furniture, education and career transition, therapeutic arts, and iPads for assisting service members with PTS and TBI. We also want to continue building programs that have proven beneficial to rehabilitation and recovery, such as team-based athletics and the Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companion Program.

BOSTON STRONG

When the horror of the Boston Marathon bombing shocked the nation on April 13, the Semper Fi Fund immediately received a great number of phone calls, texts and emails from veterans who wanted to reach out and help the victims—many of whom found themselves on the same road to recovery as so many service members.

Just days after the bombing, a group of veteran Marines and Sailors from the Semper Fi Fund, including several amputees who deeply understand what the Boston amputees were experiencing, traveled to Boston to share their experiences and lend their support. The instant connections among these veterans, the hospital staff, the EMS staff, patients, families and friends made a profound difference in the recovery of many who were traumatized by the attack.

Three mentor trips were made within the first two months to provide support. Not only did the experience help those in immediate need, it resulted in the Semper Fi Fund setting up the self-funded Boston Marathon Relief Fund through our America’s Fund program, raising funds to directly assist survivors of the Boston bombnings.

For almost a decade, Americans have enabled the Semper Fi Fund to provide support to our service members in need. With the Boston Marathon Relief Fund, our service members are providing support to Americans in need.

That’s not just Boston Strong—that’s America Strong.
2013 and Beyond

As the war in Afghanistan winds down, it may seem that the need for the Semper Fi Fund isn’t as critical. Nothing could be further from the truth. The need is greater than ever—and the Semper Fi Fund is busier than ever—as the following questions and answers demonstrate.

How will our work change as our forces withdraw from Afghanistan?
- We need to increase our focus on assisting service members as they transition to civilian life.
- Our work cannot end, as many of our service members will need help for the rest of their lives.
- We continue to receive applications daily and remain devoted to the 9,400 wounded who are part of the SFF family.

How is the Semper Fi Fund helping with post-traumatic stress?
PTS is at the forefront of our case managers’ approach. As they work cases, we are continually formulating new ways to meet our service members’ needs. This assistance includes:

- **Veterans 2 Veterans (V2V) Program**—veterans helping other veterans
- **Alpha-Stims**—handheld devices that use cranial electrotherapy stimulation to relieve pain and symptoms of anxiety including insomnia and depression
- **Counseling**—augmenting VA assistance as needed, such as through marriage counseling
- **Sleep machines**—devices that provide soothing sounds for a good night’s sleep
- **Gas cards**—defraying travel costs for doctors’ appointments
- **Loss-of-income grants**—for spouses and service members who must miss work
- **Exercise equipment**—for relieving stress and staying healthy
- **Team Semper Fi**—athletics and camaraderie
- **emWaves**—devices that enhance relaxation by changing heart rhythm
- **Vet reunion events**—camaraderie with other wounded service members
- **Spa days and retreats**—relaxation techniques, stress relief and companionship
- **Service dogs**—assistance with canine care; Tim and Sandy Day gift cards for food, kennels, etc.
- **Beds**—for a restful night’s sleep
- **Music and painting therapy**—classes and private lessons

How is the Semper Fi Fund helping with transition?
We are easing the stress of transition and setting service members up for success as they enter the civilian world and work environment with:
- Connections to possible jobs, resources and our own V2V Program
- Grants to defray expenses as service members wait for VA pay to start
- Transition classes that teach job interview and other transition skills
- Gas cards to help with travel expenses for VA and transition-related appointments
- College assistance such as laptops, iPads, textbooks, etc.
- Trade school assistance such as woodworking, cooking, pilot training, landscaping, etc.
- Relocation assistance to offset travel and lodging startup expenses such as deposits, etc.

“Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the Purple Heart has given of his blood in defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen.”

Gen George Washington
August 7, 1782
“Thank you so much for everything you have done for me. You have provided plane tickets and so much support since the time of my injury and over the two years I’ve been a wounded warrior. Without you, I would never have got my service dog. He has changed my life in so many ways. I don’t know how I lived without him. I can’t thank you enough.”

“There are not nearly enough “thank yous” in the world to express to you how much we appreciate all of your help. When this all began I don’t think we realized what we were getting into or how long it would go on. Because of the help we received from the Semper Fi Fund, I was able to focus on my husband and family. The expenses really began to sneak up and add up! We couldn’t have made it through without your help. Thank you so much for checking on us and for your genuine concern and compassion - it really made a huge difference to know people really cared.”

“The Semper Fi Fund has been there since the beginning, helping me through everything. I don’t truly know how to thank you enough or repay you. I do know that because of the help you guys have given me, I am taking one day at a time and my stress, financial and mental, is being resolved because of your help.”

“First and foremost, thank you so much for contacting me. The work you and your organization do is incredible, and no words can ever express the gratitude we feel as those receiving the benefits for your hard work.”
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CEO, FOUNDER

The Semper Fi Fund has celebrated its ninth anniversary. As we enter our 10th year of helping our service members who have been injured in training accidents or combat, or face life-threatening illnesses, we want to again thank you for remaining by our side. You have made it possible for the Semper Fi Fund to be there when it has been needed most. Since we began our work in 2004, we have been able to affect the lives of more than 9,400 service members and their families with $77 million in assistance as a direct result of your generous support and love for our military. Today, our work continues.

Our 20-year-olds who have lost limbs, suffered catastrophic traumatic brain injuries, been paralyzed, are now legally blind or have been crippled by post-traumatic stress; they will continue to need us for decades to come. Those wounded veterans face not a year, not even 10 years, but a lifetime of needs. We began at their bedside and promised we would be there for them as long as they needed us.

We will continue to support combat casualties and provide hospital support for readmissions, training accidents and those who return home only to face a life-threatening illness such as cancer.

We will provide specialized equipment, adaptive transportation and housing, as well as maintenance and replacement.

We will assist with job support, education, preparation to re-enter the workforce and the establishment of small businesses.

We will attend to the invisible wounds, post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury. Untreated veterans too often end up on the streets, even hopeless to the point of taking their own lives.

And, through our self-funded program, America’s Fund, we will do this for all branches of the service.

Public support will undoubtedly wane as the images and stories of combat fade from the headlines, but our veterans will continue to need our help navigating their lengthy recoveries and rejoining their communities.

It is critical that we continue to raise awareness for the continuing needs of America’s injured and ill; that we remain faithful to those we serve and to our donors who make it all possible. We are dedicated to the good stewardship of your contributions and proud of our fourth consecutive four-star Charity Navigator rating and our A+ rating from CharityWatch, one of only two veterans charities to receive that rating.

It’s your incredible generosity and financial contributions that make it possible to help our wounded heroes in their times of need. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our wounded and critically ill service members and their families.

With warmest appreciation,

Karen Guenther
President, CEO, Founder
Semper Fi Fund