

I am a fellow Marine that is a member of the South Central Detachment. I actively participate in running a few marathons annually to bring awareness for various charities. This year, I will be running in the 2009 New York City Marathon on behalf of the Injured Semper Fi Fund to raise awareness of the need for support of our fellow service members, coupled with raising funds for the excellent charity.

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, located in Quantico VA, provides financial assistance and quality of life solutions for Marines, Sailors and other military personnel assigned to Marine Forces, injured in post 9-11 combat, training, or with life threatening illnesses, and their families. Our fund provides relief 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 organization is primarily staffed by spouses and folks that have direct involvement with someone in the Marine Corps. What I found most impressive is that 92% percent of donations go directly towards helping our fellow Marines. Furthermore, as we know the Wounded Warrior Detachment relies heavily on donations from charitable organizations and a high portion of donations are indirectly funneled to the detachment.

I would greatly appreciate your taking the time to let league members know about my efforts and ask that every member take a moment to donate a few dollars to this just cause. For simplicity, I have set up a website to make it easy for league members to make a donation to the Injured Semper Fi Fund.

Additional Information on Injured Semper Fi Fund:

<http://www.semperfifund.org>

To make donation:

<http://www.active.com/donate/semperfifund09/INGNYC2009>

In closing, I will send out a follow up email upon completion of the marathon to let everyone know how I made out (survived).

Thank you in advance for your support.
Semper Fi!

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