



Press Release

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Bob Woodruff Foundation Bestows Grant to SemperMax Support Fund, *Training in Support of Sexual Health and Intimacy Clinic at WalterReed Enabled*

Dumfries, VA (Feb. 8, 2013) - The [Bob Woodruff Foundation](#) has awarded a substantial grant to [SemperMax Support Fund](#) to underwrite costs associated with a professional, continuing education training program for a multidisciplinary team of practitioners, working to establish a Sexual Health and Intimacy Clinic at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The clinic and supporting staff members will work to address the sexual health and intimacy needs of service members and veterans with traumatic brain injuries (TBI), post-traumatic stress (PTS), and/or genitalia injury and/or loss and their families.

“The sexual health and intimacy of wounded service members is one more casualty of war for which the needs far outweigh current services,” says Shannon Maxwell, Co-Founder of SemperMax Support Fund, “This grant from the Bob Woodruff Foundation allows us to take one step forward in offering emotional and therapeutic support to the wounded, ill, and injured community and improve their quality of life despite catastrophic injuries.”

Records indicate that over 1,500 service members have suffered combat related genital wounds since 2005, with the number of genital injuries per year almost doubling between 2009 and 2011. Dwarfing that staggering figure, are the number of service members and veterans with TBI and PTSD who suffer from altered libido and sexual function, due to physical, behavioral, or emotional impairments and medication side-effects.

“We are delighted to support SemperMax and the work that the multidisciplinary committee is doing to launch a Sexual Health and Intimacy Clinic at Walter Reed. We believe this innovative approach is a critical step towards healing the mind, body, and spirit” said Anne Marie Dougherty, executive director of the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

To learn more about SemperMax Support Fund, its mission, and programs, visit www.sempermax.org. For more information about the Bob Woodruff Foundation, visit www.ReMIND.org.

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About SemperMax Support Fund

SEMPERMAX Support Fund works to enhance morale and welfare of service disabled veterans and their families through the support of a team, in the hope of reducing isolation, disenfranchisement from society, and suicide among veterans and their family members. SemperMax Support Fund is a civilian organization with 501 (c) (3) status, is not a government agency and is supported by the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations committed to the welfare of our nation's wounded heroes. Federal Tax ID#27-1063578

For more information about SemperMax, visit www.sempermax.org or e-mail Shannon Maxwell at shannon@sempermax.org.

About Bob Woodruff Foundation

The Bob Woodruff Foundation is the nonprofit dedicated to ensuring injured service members and their families are thriving long after they return home. A national organization with grassroots reach, the Bob Woodruff Foundation complements the work of the federal government — diligently navigating the maze of more than 40,000 nonprofits providing services to veterans — finds, funds, and shapes innovative programs, and holds them accountable for results. To date, we have invested more than \$13 million in 80 organizations, reaching more than a million service members, support personnel, veterans and their families. The Bob Woodruff Foundation was co-founded in 2006 by award winning anchor, Bob Woodruff, and his family, whose own experiences inspired them to help make sure our nation's heroes have access to the high level of support and resources they deserve, for as long as they need it.

For more information about the Bob Woodruff Foundation please visit www.ReMIND.org or email info@remind.org.