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- Heroes' Week 2023: November 7-12
- Heroes' Welcome Event: November 7 / 3:30 PM / Huntsville International Airport

HUNTSVILLE, AL – The Semper Fi Community Task Force (SFCTF) of North Alabama is proud to announce it is hosting the 16th Annual Heroes' Week, to be conducted November 7-12, 2023. The SFCTF all-volunteer staff is excited to host our guests – military and first responder Heroes, and their spouses or caregivers.

These Heroes represent various branches of the military and will come from across our Country to enjoy a week of relaxation and recognition. Heroes' Week provides a unique opportunity for the Tennessee Valley/Northern Alabama Community to show its deep appreciation and recognition to these men and women for their humbling sacrifices while defending our Nation and the freedoms we enjoy each day.

Our guests will be honored with Welcome Ceremonies at the Huntsville International Airport and the Westin Hotel. Other events throughout the week include a parade of boats on Lake Gunterville and a visit to historic aircraft on display at the Space and Rocket Center, as well as lunches, dinners, and special entertainment hosted by local organizations, churches, and sponsors.

Guests will be greeted by a variety of local community and military leaders as they walk through a flag line supported by the Patriot Guard Riders and extended by many community members, community partners, and volunteers. **We invite the community, our community partners, volunteers, and the media to join us at the Huntsville International Airport on Tuesday, November 7, to welcome our guests. Please arrive by 2:45 pm so we are all in place before our guests proceed through the flag line.**

Following the Welcome Ceremony, our guests will be given a full law enforcement, first responder, and motorcycle escort to the Westin Hotel at Bridge Street, where they will receive another welcome from more members of the community, as well as additional community partners and volunteers.

The subsequent welcome opportunity at the Westin will take place approximately 30-45 minutes after the airport welcome.

Please be advised that *all times are subject to change due to the nature of air travel.*

The Semper Fi Community Task Force is a 501(c)3 non-profit all-service, all-volunteer organization. Task Force members apply the core values of courage, honor, and commitment to their community in support of Veterans, military, first responders, their families, and Gold Star families. We assist the military-connected community through direct engagement programs, community service, and action. Our five (5) signature programs are *Heroes' Week*, *Outdoor Adventures*, *Semper Fi Racing*, *Veteran Outreach*, and *Youth Engagement*. Learn more about the Semper Fi Community Task Force at semperfictf.org.