



## Marine Continues Fundraising Effort

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SAND CREEK, Mich. —

A Lenawee County Marine is two-thirds of the way to his goal of raising \$1,500 for a nonprofit group that helps those on the front lines.

Tim Turner is hoping to raise the money for the Tough Mudder event on Nov. 20-21 at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park, Englishtown, N.J. The money will be used by the nonprofit organization [America 4R Marines](#).

“So far, we’ve raised about \$1,000 for me and a couple of hundred for each of my buddies who are competing,” he said.

Ten of Turner’s fellow Marines, who call themselves Team Apocalypse Now Syndrome, are training, and he expects several more to join them soon. Videos of the training are posted on his website and contributions can be made at [firstgiving.com/america4rmarines](http://firstgiving.com/america4rmarines).

On Nov. 20, Turner and his fellow Marines will run the Tough Mudder — a 12-mile, 18-obstacle event some consider to be the toughest event in America, he said. All funds raised will go to the marines and sailors on the front lines.

Turner is a prior-service Marine who served with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, for two deployments to Iraq. He also served one deployment to Afghanistan with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines.

“The team doing this are all former Marine vets who have been supported by this organization during their combat deployments, and now that we are out, we have decided to pay it forward and do our part to help support our brothers still fighting the fight,” Turner wrote on his website. “Speaking from experience, this organization has had a huge impact on the morale of the troops overseas, whether it be from the stocking stuffers, helping with our homecomings or — most importantly — the memorials for our fallen brothers.”

Turner was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder due to his service experiences. He has been working to overcome that obstacle, he said, and helping others is one way he has found. He said Moms 4R Marines (also known as America 4R Marines) is such a big help to the service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan that he wanted to help them as much as he could.

The organization does not do individual care packages for Marine and Navy personnel, but supplies units with such items as microwave ovens, ready-to-eat foods, snacks, bug repellent and other personal items. According to its website, the group is focused on lifting morale as well as providing basic needs for the Marines and sailors stationed in combat areas.

In preparing for their November ordeal, hard-core workouts are standard for the group, Turner said, but he had to modify one part of his training.

“I had to cut back on running with weights in my pack because I was having trouble with my back and my knees,” he said.

Information on the course itself can be found at [toughmudder.com](http://toughmudder.com).