



2011-2012

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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The VFW Military Assistance Program is designed to give support to Active duty, Guard, and Reserve troops and their families. The keystone of this program is the involvement of local posts with the military family or unit.

There are several sections of the program:

UNMET NEEDS: Emergency Financial Assistance Through this initiative, the VFW provides emergency financial aid to qualified military personnel or their dependents for the purpose of avoiding financial hardships resulting from military deployments. This aid is in the form of a one-time grant and can be for an amount up to \$2500. The military person must be within 36 months of active duty. This money is paid directly to the creditor or provider of the service to the military personnel or their family.

ADOPT-A-UNIT Program: This is an initiative by which local VFW Posts & Auxiliaries can become involved in sponsoring active military units or ships. The Adopt-A-Unit program helps to build a bond between service members and those back home. The adopting VFW post or Auxiliary will keep in touch with the unit and can assist with family and community needs. There is a form for annual reporting of this activity.

MAP GRANTS: Sponsorships For Post Activities With Military Units: MAP grants are available to assist VFW Posts and Auxiliaries with hosting family sponsored events for members of active duty military, local National Guard and Reserve units. Examples of events that qualify for such funding include, but are not limited to, family dinners for a returning unit, VFW Military Spouses Night Out, baby-sitting services to allow a spouse time to perform needed errands, and family picnics or Christmas parties for family members whose spouse has been deployed. There are many more options for unit or family events, but the primary theme here is to have local Post involvement with its military community. The designated State Membership recruiter should be invited to attend the event. To apply for a National VFW MAP Grant, please submit a MAP Grant Application form to your State MAP Chairperson for consideration.

This form is available from the resources listed below. Requests for funds greater than \$500.00 will require an itemized listing of requested funding events. The Adjutant General will personally approve grant requests of \$1,500.00 or higher. Receipt copies need to be kept and sent with the application form in order to apply for reimbursement.

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VET-JOBS – This is an excellent On-Line job bank that is offered at no charge to the veteran. Just click on - www.vetjobs.com

DONATIONS are needed for all these programs and VFW National Headquarters is encouraging posts to donate to National Military Services (MAP) from their Relief Funds. Posts giving \$500 or more will be recognized at the National Convention and in VFW Publications. All Posts must donate a minimum of \$50.00 to the VFW State Headquarters in order to receive credit on the State “X” Sheet.

RESOURCES: Remember www.vfwStateresources.org has all forms, support materials and applications for all NMS programs (MAP, Unmet Needs, and Operation Uplink).

Thank you for your continued support of the programs, all ideas and input are appreciated.

Remember, Donations are the foundation that keeps these programs providing for the troops.

With your continued support of our Military Services Program.....

“WE CONTINUE TO SERVE”

