

Adopt-A-Unit FAQ

The Adopt-a-Unit Program assists in building relationships between the VFW and our military members.

Who is Eligible to Adopt-a-Unit:

- VFW Posts
- VFW Auxiliary
- Combination of Both

Why you should Adopt-a-Unit:

- To support your local military members and their families. As VFW/Auxiliary members, you understand the challenges military members and their families face and the support they need.
- To help connect military members with the vast network of resources the VFW has available. Conducting Adopt-a-Unit activities is a great recruiting opportunity.

How to find a military unit:

- Contact your local National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty units.
- Access the “Find a Unit Flyer” which is available at vfw.org/TroopSupport/
- Speak with other VFW Posts and Veterans Organizations who may have knowledge of units in the area.

When to adopt a unit:

- There is no time like the present and our military members and their families need your assistance now more than ever. Your assistance is equally important whether the unit is home or deployed overseas.

What kind of activities should you plan:

- Welcome Home, Deployment, Yellow Ribbon, Family Day, Dinner/Picnics, Holiday Parties, Meetings/Briefings and Funeral/Memorial Services to name a few.
- You are only limited by your imagination when it comes to supporting our troops and their families.

Where to get assistance for Adopt-a-Unit Questions:

Call the Military Assistance Program Office at 816.756.3390

Email the MAP Office at m.a.p@vfw.org

How to Apply:

Submit an Adopt-a-Unit Application to the MAP Office, the form is located on the VFW website at www.vfw.org/TroopSupport/

When to Report:

Submit a minimum of one AAU Activity Report annually per adopted unit.

Your first report is due at least one year from the date the application was received. You can also submit a report after every event that you conduct with your adopted unit.

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- ❖ Over **121,000 military and family** members are being actively supported by VFW Posts and Auxiliaries through the VFW Adopt-a-Unit program.
- ❖ Popular examples of Adopt-a-Unit activities:
 - **Family Days**- VFW understands the importance of family to the military member and their mission
 - **Welcome Home & Deployment events**
 - **Holiday events**
 - **Meetings and Support Seminars**
 - **Community Projects**- Annually, VFW posts *donate \$45 million dollars* and *5 million volunteer hours* to community activities.
 - **Direct assistance**- lawn care, auto repairs, renovations to help accommodate a newly wounded service member
 - **And much more.....**
- ❖ VFW Posts work with unit commanders and senior enlisted personnel to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments. We offer a vast network of free resources and a variety of direct support for military members and their families.
- ❖ If your unit is interested in being adopted:
 - Check if someone in the unit is already a member of a local VFW Post.
 - Use the “Find a Post” locator on VFW’s website: vfw.org/FindaPost
 - Contact VFW National HQs: m.a.p@vfw.org or 816.756.3390

