

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- only one Post may adopt a unit. Multiple Posts cannot adopt the same unit.

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 Appreciation Program Office at 866.789.6333

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.

Grant Information regarding Adopted Units:

Adopting a larger (Parent Unit) does not entitle a Post to a MAP grant cap for each of its subordinate units: if the adoption paperwork names the Parent Unit, the Post files one MAP grant application under the Parent Unit, subject to a single cap. To file for subordinate units individually, the Post must complete separate adoption paperwork for each subordinate unit it wishes to adopt, then submit a separate MAP grant application per unit each adoption requires its own paperwork.

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