



# Adopt-A-Unit FAQ

The VFW consists of 7,034 active posts and since the Adopt-a-Unit Program was established in 2007 we currently have over 2300 military units that have been adopted worldwide. The Adopt-a-Unit Program assists in building relationships between the VFW and our military members and assisting them in many different ways.

## **Who is Eligible to Adopt-a-Unit:**

1. VFW Posts
2. VFW Ladies Auxiliary
3. Combination of Both

## **Why you should Adopt-a-Unit:**

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

## **How to find a military unit:**

1. Contact your local National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty units.
2. Access the "Find a Unit Flyer" which is available at <http://www.vfw.org/troopsupport/>.
3. Speak with other VFW Posts and Veterans Organizations who may have knowledge of units in the area.

## **When to adopt a unit:**

1. 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:**

1. There are many different types of events like: 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.
2. You can also access the NMS "100 Great Ideas" which is available at <http://www.vfw.org/troopsupport/>.

## **Where you can get assistance for Adopt-a-Unit Questions:**

1. Call the Military Assistance Program Office at (816) 756-3390
2. Email the MAP Office at [map@vfw.org](mailto:map@vfw.org)

## **How to Apply:**

1. Submit an Adopt-a-Unit Application to the MAP Office, the form is located on the VFW website at <http://www.vfw.org/troopsupport/>.
2. Ensure you also submit at a minimum 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.