



VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT

Department of Washington



Veterans & Military Support (VMS) Overview

Veterans & Military Support unites four successful, longstanding VFW programs: **Military Assistance Program (MAP)**, **Unmet Needs**, **VFW Communications Assistance**, and **VFW “Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship”** program. These initiatives provide an incredible support network for our troops and their families before, during, and after deployments. All Veterans & Military Support Programs information is available behind the login at www.vfw.org.

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

- MAP is the link between the VFW and the military community
 - Program helps fund Farewell and Welcome Home gatherings for military units
 - MAP Grants promote VFW involvement and interaction with the local military community
- Adopt-A-Unit program pairs a VFW Post with a military unit
 - Besides sending "care packages" to the troops, posts work on the local level to offer morale support to the dependents left behind when a unit deploys
 - Complete adoption application and submit annual report to keep adoption active
- Memorial Commendations
 - Program honors military members killed in current operations
 - Citation produced at National HQ upon request from a local VFW post or Department that will be handling the presentation to the next-of-kin

VFW Communications Assistance (Replaces Operation UPLINK)

- The VFW purchases blocks of time from phone providers for use at deployment locations around the world for “Free Call Days” at MWR (NAVWARSYSCOM) Internet Cafes

Unmet Needs

- Provides financial grants for qualified service members and their families experiencing hardships due to deployment, injury, illness or wounds caused by military service
- Grants paid directly to creditor – not to the service member
- More information and On-line applications at vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants

VFW “Sport Clips Help a Hero” Program

- Scholarship of up to \$5K for ranks of E-5 or below
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- Enrolled in a VA-Approved program or school
- Scholarships awarded twice a year in August & January
- Must be a citizen of the United States
- More information at vfw.org/Scholarship

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