

# From the Veterans & Military Support Programs Chairman



Comrades,

We are two months into the new term and the only 3 posts and 1 District I have on record who have submitted their V&MSP donations are Post 10217, Post 1054, Post 9612 and District 2. Please send me the email you received from National stating your POST or DISTRICT has made its donation. As stated previously, "PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR V&MS DONATION NLT 31OCT18 and use the form located at [https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/programs\\_donation\\_form](https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/programs_donation_form). Be sure to indicate where the donation is coming from: Post, District, Department or Individual. If you, as an individual make a donation and indicate as such, it is therefore an INDIVIDUAL donation.....and well received! You if are making the donation for the POST, then please state so. Then forward a copy of your email receipt to (<mailto:mapdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org>). I'll have you updated on the tracker before you can say "Bob's your Uncle!"

This is what a donation email looks like when you use the form:

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## Programs Donation Form - Confirmation and Receipt



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CDRD2@VFWDEPTPACIFIC.ORG

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:38 PM

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On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Programs Department we would like to extend our gratitude for your recent donation in support of our programs.

You can save this email for your records and as a receipt for this one time donation.

VFW Department of Pacific Areas

District

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Michael Lutman

Voice of Democracy Donation \$

Patriot's Pen Donation \$

Teacher Award Donation \$

Veterans & Military Support Donation \$50.00

**Total Donation Amount \$50.00**

If you make donations to the VFW via some other link, form or manner, I have no way of knowing what the application of the donation is for or even what Post or District. Apparently, this has been a problem in the past with regard to validating who has or has not (again Post or District) donated to the V&MSP let alone VOD, PP or Teachers Programs. I don't plan on going

down that road. If it doesn't say Post or District on the donation, or you don't go to some length to make me understand who it is for, I presume it is an INDIVIDUAL donation. To be clear, I also want to capture all of our individual Comrades who DO make individual contributions. It all adds up in the grand total at the end of the term.

Bottom line: The electronic form (link shown above) is the EASIEST and BEST way to donate!

Regarding OPERATION UPLINK (Connecting those who serve, With those who care) and the OCONUS free dialing number initiative, I believe it is getting due consideration. Recently I was asked to submit a formal paper outlining “[phones we are looking to use the pins on](#)” so there is no confusion. Clearly this makes sense in that if it is to happen, then there must be a reckoning within the stated budget for the year to accommodate it. I have already run into one situation where a Veteran could have used the minutes here in Japan and I remain hopeful we shall eventually achieve our goal. My plan is to state the use of commercial phones (not DSN) for use with the OCONUS number (DSN phones remain an option). I believe this gives us the broadest opportunity to make the best use of this program using indigenous infrastructure in various countries. I can't overcome any local charges associated with that infrastructure, but it will significantly lower costs for those that use the “free” minutes calling stateside.

As Paul Harvey would say; “Standby for NEWS!” For those of you who really like filling out, scanning and emailing forms, I've got some potentially bad news for you. Hot off the press, I pass from Comrade John Linstra, VFW National [MAP, Adopt -A-Unit &Community Service VFW Programs coordinator](#):

“You are receiving this email because at some point in the past your email address was associated with a military unit adoption through the VFW Adopt a Unit Program. If you are no longer the contact for AAU please forward it to the appropriate person.

In order for adoptions to be considered “Active” VFW National Headquarters requires an annual report from the Post or Auxiliary recording what has been done with the unit in the past 12 months. It is **NOT** necessary to readopt a unit.”

*Ok...All Stop. What that means is that if you have not conducted an event with a unit in over 12 months, no problem. You do not need to “readopt” them. Heck, if you take a birds eye view of that statement, then any unit you have Adopted in the past is good to go; even if it is outside of 12 months. That said, let's be real. If you have NOT participated with an Adopted Unit nor submitted an activity report on them in the last 12 months, then clearly it is high time you reengage. This is not just for MAP, but to provide them with the latest and greatest updates on VFW programs and member benefits and services.*

*Just so we are clear, reengaging with a previously Adopted Unit does not meet the DPA ALL STATE option to “OR 3. Adopt A Unit and report it to the Department VMS Chairman.” Should that reengagement be part of the “OR 2. Hold a Deployment or Welcome Home event (Department will help fund via the Department Veterans & Military Support Chairman).” then you are good to go for meeting one of the three DPA ALL STATE Post Participation options.*

Ok, back to John's email: "The VFW Programs Department has started a move to online reporting. This will ease reporting for the posts and streamline the process for the VFW National Programs Dept staff. Although the changes are not posted on the VFW.org web site yet they are available for you to start using. I have attached the links for your convenience. Please destroy any old copies of reporting forms (**not the forms needed to request a MAP event**) that you may have.

For reporting your activities please use:

[https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/adopt\\_a\\_unit\\_report](https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/adopt_a_unit_report)

For adopting NEW units please use:

[https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/adopt\\_a\\_unit\\_application](https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/adopt_a_unit_application) "

He goes on to say that any questions can be directed to him at:

(816) 756-3390, Ext 6211

(816) 968-2779, FAX

I see this as a quantum leap for AAU and MAP. Comrades like John Linstra, Linda Ferguson (Manager, Special Programs & Projects, Veterans & Military Support) and Lynn Rolf III (Director of Programs, Veterans of Foreign Wars ) are doing their best to "MAKE IT HAPPEN." Now, it is your turn to "GET IT DONE."

I'll launch the details for the disbursement of this year's 30 pin V&MSP fund raiser in our next report.

Good Day!!

**"VFW – Make It Happen, Get It Done"**

Yours in comradeship and service,

Mike Lutman

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

## 2018-2019 VMSP TRACKER (All donation entries must have email verification)

Our Military Assistance Program (MAP) is the outstretched hand between the local VFW and military community, offering support around the world. Since 2005, MAP has sponsored events supporting over 2 million service members and their families. A large part of MAP is the Adopt-a-Unit program, providing VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries the opportunity to adopt hundreds of military units around the world. Adopt-a-Unit's goal is to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments to help deliver the vast network of resources the VFW has available to the military.

	<b>As of 5SEP2018</b>					
Post	V&MSP Donation	Donation Date	MAP Function	AAU		
124						
1054	\$50.00	4 SEP 18				
1509			YES			
2485						
2917						
3457						
8180						
9555						
9612	\$50.00	5 SEP 18				
9723						
9876						
9892						
9951						
9957						
9985						
10033						
10217	\$50.00	9 JULY 18				
10223						
10249						
11447						
11575						
12074						
12130						
12146						
12147			YES			
12163						
D1						
D2	\$50.00	4 SEP 18				
D3						
D4						
D5						
D6						
D7						
DPA	\$1,500.00					

**TOTAL \$1,700.00**

## **Military Assistance Program Grant Guidelines (1/18/18)**

Purpose of MAP: To provide financial assistance to VFW Posts/Depts. and Auxiliaries who sponsor events with their local military community. These funds are meant to build relationships and provide information on VFW programs and services.

How to apply for a MAP Grant:

1. Only a VFW or Auxiliary member may submit a MAP Grant Application.
2. The application must be signed and dated by the Post/Dept. Commander, Quartermaster or the Auxiliary President or Treasurer.
3. The grant is limited to basic food items and Non Alcoholic beverages for currently serving military and their family members only.

It does not cover equipment/venue rentals, gifts, decorations, entertainment, etc.

4. The grant does not cover public or formal events such as: Military Dining In/Out, Military Balls, Change of Command/Responsibility Ceremonies, etc.
5. The grant application must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the event. Any exceptions to this must be submitted in writing to the Director VFW Programs for approval.
6. An After Action Report along with eligible receipts must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Non submission will result in the Dept./Post/Auxiliary being billed for the grant amount.
7. If the event receipts total less than the grant amount provided, the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be required to refund the difference within 30 days.
8. If the event is cancelled a full refund is required. If rescheduled for a later date, a written explanation must be submitted to the MAP office detailing the new dates. It will be determined by the MAP office and VFW Program Director whether a refund will be requested or the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be allowed to keep the grant amount.
9. MAP Grants may be submitted by the following:

- Email: [map@vfw.org](mailto:map@vfw.org)
- Fax 816-968-2779
- Mail to:

VFW National Headquarters  
ATTN: MAP  
406 W. 34th Street, Suite 902  
Kansas City, MO 64111

Note:

1. "Shopping Lists" are no longer required. Funds will normally be approved at \$5.00 per person unless the event is catered. Catered events require you submit an estimate with your request and are limited to \$4.00 per person.
2. Prior approval of similar events does not guarantee future approval. All applications must be signed and dated.

For questions or concerns please contact the DPA V&MSP Chairman at [MAPDPA@VFWDEPTPACIFIC.ORG](mailto:MAPDPA@VFWDEPTPACIFIC.ORG) OR +81-9093966628. You may also contact the VFW National MAP Office by phone at (816) 756-3390.