

Military Assistance Program

VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) is the outstretched hand between the VFW and the local military, offering our support to you and your family before, during and after deployment.



This innovative program connects you and your family with VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members who understand exactly what you are going through to share information about VFW benefits and the support we offer.

Conducted through local VFW channels, **MAP** sponsors morale boosting events such as homecoming celebrations and send-offs to unit picnics. **MAP** provides the support you and your unit deserve. To get started, contact your VFW Department or local Post.

Is your unit interested in being adopted? VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary adopt hundreds of military units around the world. We develop supportive, ongoing relationships with your unit and your family to help deliver the vast network of resources VFW has available for the military community. Let us know if your unit is interested in learning more by emailing map@vfw.org today!

VFW NMS Troop Support

Communication Tools
uplink@vfw.org



Financial Assistance
unmetneeds@vfw.org



Morale-Boosting Events
map@vfw.org



Toll Free: 1-866-789-6333



We're Here to
Help



National Military Services

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nms@vfw.org

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Founded in 1899, the **Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)** is the nation's oldest veterans organization. We are proud combat veterans dedicated to helping our military members and their families.



Where do you turn for help?

You have answered the call to duty selflessly, without hesitation. But all too often, deployments can be incredible financial and emotional hardships for you and the family you leave behind. You can turn to VFW National Military Services for the support your family needs to weather long deployments.

What is VFW National Military Services?

VFW National Military Services unites three longstanding, successful programs: **VFW Operation Uplink™**, **VFW Unmet Needs** and **VFW Military Assistance Program**.

These initiatives provide support for you and your family before, during and after deployment.

Please take a moment to read about our programs, and then let us know what we can do for you, your family or your unit.

**We've been there. We understand.
"We're Here to Help."**

VFW Unmet Needs

VFW Unmet Needs helps service members just like you who face unexpected financial difficulties as a result of your military service. **Unmet Needs** assists with basic life needs such as: mortgage and rent, home and auto repairs, insurance, utilities, food and clothing. You can apply for a financial assistance grant up to \$2,500 to help cope with emergencies and get through tough times.

To qualify you must have served on active duty within the past 36 months and your hardship must be directly related to your military service.

Natural Disasters

VFW Unmet Needs program proudly stands ready to assist you when you are burdened with a situation out of your control. Grants varying from \$300-\$500 for natural disasters are available.

Email: unmetneeds@vfw.org

Call Toll Free: **1-866-789-6333**

Grants can be used for?

Mortgage and rent
Home and auto repairs
Insurance
Utilities, food & clothing

Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

Credit cards—personal, military or store
Loans—personal, student or payday
Bank fees
Legal or educational expenses
Cable, internet or secondary phone
IRS or military debt, or debt owed to a friend/family member
Bills due to excessive use or personal mismanagement



VFW Operation Uplink™

VFW Operation Uplink was launched in 1996 with one goal: to connect you with your loved ones during long deployments. VFW utilizes the latest technology to offer Free Call Days to troops stationed in Afghanistan, Kuwait and other Middle East countries. Through over 600 MWR SPAWAR internet cafés, **VFW Operation Uplink** offers unlimited calls home two days each month throughout the year.

2012 Free Call Day Schedule

Jan—1st, 22nd	July—4th, 22nd
Feb—14th, 26th	Aug—5th, 19th
Mar—11th, 25th	Sept—2nd, 29th
Apr—8th, 29th	Oct—7th, 21st
May—13th, 17th	Nov—11th, 22nd
Jun—3rd, 17th	Dec—2nd, 25th

If you're deployed Afghanistan or Kuwait, Free Call Days will help you keep in touch with your family during the long months away.

Contact **VFW Operation Uplink** at uplink@vfw.org if you are hospitalized or stationed outside of Afghanistan and Kuwait as other options are available.

