Veterans and Military Support Program

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Why do we have this program?

- - Post requirement for All-State and All-American
  - - $100.00 minimum donation

- - Recruiting Tool

- - Connects our Comrades with current service members, veterans and potential members of the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary

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What is VMS?

- Comprised of Troop Support and Military Assistance Program (MAP)

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- Troop Support Program

  - Assist troops and their families during deployments, send off events and welcome home events.

  - Engage with military units in your area.

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- Military Assistance Program (MAP)

  - MAP Grants – What are they?
    - Financial assistance given to a Post or Auxiliary for troop support activities.
    - Who can apply?
      - Departments, Posts or Auxiliaries
    - What type of events can the MAP Grant be used for?
      - Family Days, Picnics, BBQ's, Welcome Home and Deployment Ceremonies, Holidays and Festivals
      - Cannot be used for public events or formal military events.
    - What can be purchased with MAP Grant Funds?
      - Basic food and non-alcoholic beverages for current military members and their families ONLY.

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- Military Assistance Program (MAP) continued….

  - Where can you get a MAP Grant application?
    - www.vfw.org, my VFW tab and then VFW Training and Support under General Member Tools, select Veterans and Military Support.
  - When should you submit a MAP Grant application?
    - No earlier than 14 days prior to the event.

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- Adopt-A-Unit
  - Who can adopt a unit?
    - Posts and Auxiliaries or combination of both.
  - Why adopt a unit?
    - Supports local military and their families
    - Connects military members to the VFW
    - Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!
  - What kind of activities can you plan?
    - Welcome Home, Deployment, Yellow Ribbon, Family Day, Meetings, Funeral/Memorial Services
    - Only limited by your imagination.

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- Adopt-A-Unit continued
  - How do you apply to Adopt-A-Unit
    - Make contact with the unit you wish to adopt.
    - Make contact with VMSP Chair if need be.
    - Complete the Adopt-A-Unit application at www.vfw.org/troopsupport
  - Annual Report
    - Minimum of 1 after action report must be submitted annually per adopted unit.
    - Due 1 year after the unit was approved for adoption.
    - Can submit a report after each event.
    - Can be found at www.vfw.org/troopsupport

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- Adopt-A-Unit continued
  - 9 full time bases in SC to adopt
    - Midlands: Ft. Jackson, Shaw AFB, McEntire JNGB
    - Charleston: NWS Charleston, Charleston AFB, Charleston Naval Hospital
    - Beaufort: MCAS Beaufort, MCRD Parris Island, Beaufort Naval Hospital
    - Statewide: Multiple SCNG Armories

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- What do posts need to do?
  - Update the Dashboard with their events and contributions.
  - Get out and meet our military members.
  - Contact me with any questions or concerns.
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Questions?