



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) – Connection between the local VFW and the military community
 - 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.
 - Must provide receipts and detailed description

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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!!!!
 - Make a Big Deal about it.
 - What kind of activities can you plan?
 - Welcome Home, Deployment, Yellow Ribbon, Family Day, Meetings, CoC, 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 (Between 1 July and 30 June)
 - Minimum of 1 after action report must be submitted annually per adopted unit.
 - Can submit a report after each event.
 - Can be found at www.vfw.org/troopsupport

Troop Support

We're here supporting our troops day in and day out. Our members offer support to the military community in many different ways, whether that means helping military families get through long deployments or hosting send-off and welcome home events. The VFW knows how important troop support is because all of our members have been there.

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

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 more than 3.4 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.

If you are a service member or a Family Readiness Group leader interested in participating in this program, [contact the MAP office](#) today.



MAP Resources

[Adopt-A-Unit FAQ](#)[Adopt-A-Unit Application](#)[Adopt-A-Unit for Military](#)[Adopt-A-Unit Report](#)[How to Find a Unit](#)[MAP Grant FAQ](#)[MAP Grant Guidelines](#)[Donate Today](#)

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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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Updating the Dashboard

- What type of activities should we / can we report?
- Update the Dashboard before the end of the month.
- Brag on your Post!!!

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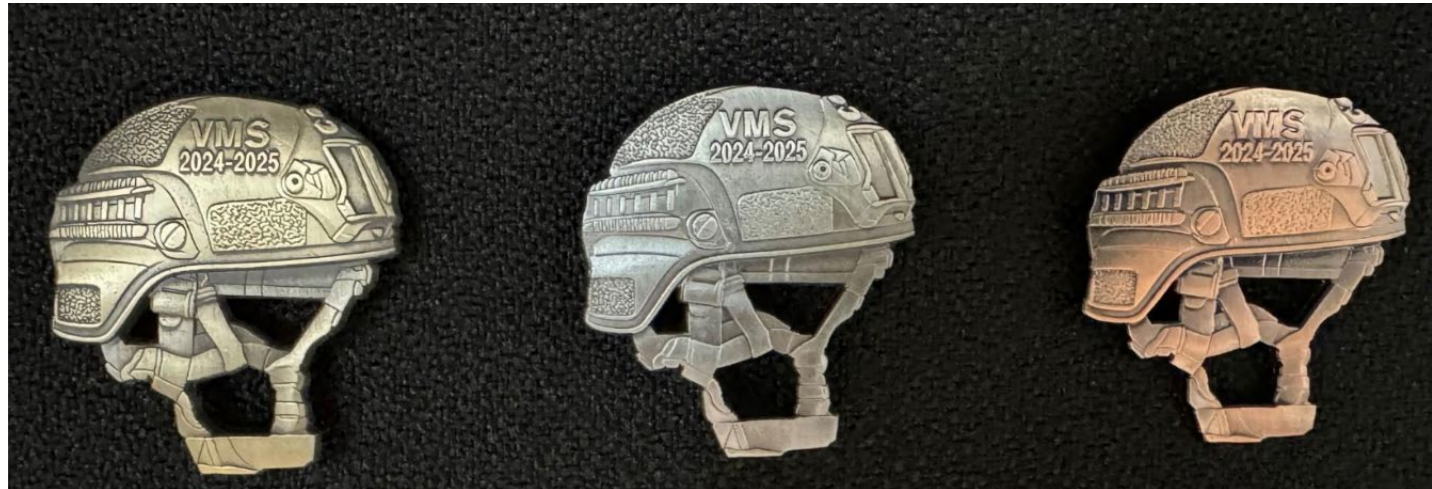
- 2023-2024 Department of SC VMS statistics
 - 914 VMS events held. (-36% from 2022-2023)
 - \$115,166.83 donated or contributed to Veterans. (-13% from 2022-2023)
- Adopt a Unit – 2023-2024
 - Began with 11 Post's participating
 - Ended with 5
 - 6 AAU events held
 - \$3,200 obtained from National (-32% from 2022-2023)

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- What do posts need to do?
 - Accurately 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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- 2024-2025 Lapel Pin Fundraiser
- Money raised directly supports VMS
- Gold - \$20
- Silver - \$10
- Bronze - \$5



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Questions?