



MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The VFW MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) was established in 2003 by the National VFW as a program to help service members and their families with “Operation Uplink” phone cards, “Unmet Needs” due to loss sustained during deployment and “Unit Grants” to assist military unit Family Readiness programs with pre and post deployment events as well as support during a units deployment.

In 2007, the MAP program was put under the National Military Services (NMS) Division at VFW National Headquarters and all military programs were consolidated under NMS. With this consolidation and changes in technology several important changes have been made.

VFW “Operation Uplink” phone cards are no longer distributed on an individual basis or to units in Iraq/Afghanistan. Instead, agreements were developed with phone providers to provide “Free Call” days for military personnel in Iraq/Afghanistan at least once a month at over 900 locations for a fraction of the cost of Uplink phone cards. “Operation Uplink” phone cards are still available for other countries, like Korea and Germany, as well as domestic cards for inpatients at VA hospitals.

NMS is preparing for the financial grant that supports the “Unmet Needs” program to reach its maturity by establishing guidelines for Departments, Districts and Posts to provide a financial donation to support MAP programs so that the VFW can continue its legacy of supporting veterans, the military and their families.

The Department Quartermaster has established an account for the MAP program. When sending your contribution for MAP please indicate in the memo section of the check that it is for the “Unmet Needs” program or for “Operation Uplink” to support a Texas VFW “Free Call” day (in addition to those provided by National) so that we may properly credit your District/Post on the status sheet as well as at National. Minimum donation is \$100.00 and must be made no later than March 31, 2010. \$25.00 of each donation is sent to National Military Services in the name of the Post to satisfy National All-American requirements.

All monies must be sent to Department Headquarters. Monies sent directly to the National VFW or the National Home for Children will not be credited. National VFW has authorized the use of “Post Relief Funds” for this donation.

2009-2010 VFW “MAP” Donation

Post/Aux #: _____ Location: _____

District #: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____
Minimum donation is \$100.00

For: Unmet Needs or Operation Uplink (Please circle one)

Send this form and contribution to:

**Texas VFW
P.O. Box 14468
Austin, Texas 78761**