

# Veterans & Family Support

Do you know what the Military Assistance Program aka MAP is?

MAP consists of Adopt-A-Unit, Unmet Needs, and the Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship.

With Adopt-a-Unit, your Auxiliary and/or Post can apply for a grant to help put on an event for local Military and their families such as troop homecomings, send-offs, or get togethers. The grant can be used for food and drink for the event. Additional info and applications can be found on MALTA under "Member Resources."

Unmet needs is also a grant for up to \$1,500 to help military and their families help pay for unexpected financial hardship for basic needs. It is only available to eligible applicants whose hardship is a direct result of deployment or injury related to service. To check eligibility or find a grant application, see MALTA under "Member Resources" or [vfw.org/assistance](http://vfw.org/assistance) and click Financial Grants.

The VFW has partnered with Sport Clips to create the Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship. The program is about 80% funded by donations and the rest by corporate sponsors. Over 2,000 scholarships have been awarded to service members and veteran to help pay for education tuition and fees. Applicants can be eligible for up to \$5,000 and can apply each semester. Additional info and applications can be found on MALTA under "Member Resources" or [vfw.org/assistance](http://vfw.org/assistance) and click Student Veteran Support.

As with most Auxiliary programs, these are largely supported by donations. I encourage every Auxiliary to come up with a way to raise funds for one of these parts of the Veteran & Family Support Program. You could take donations at bingo, hold a raffle, have a dinner, vote on a auxiliary funded donation, etc., the sky's the limit!

**I hope to see everyone at the Department School of Instruction coming up quickly on August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.**

Happy Birthday Coast Guard! Established Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 1790 by Alexander Hamilton.

Purple Heart Day is observed yearly on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. The Purple Heart is the oldest military award and was first given 1782 by George Washington.

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