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**NATIONAL
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News & Reports

September 2009

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[*NMS T-Shirt Models*](#)

2008-09 ~ What a great year!

MAP

- ~ Hosted 38% more service members and families ~
- ~ Increased VFW participation 16% ~
- ~ Saved 24% in expenditures over 2007/08 ~

OPERATION UPLINK

- ~ Connected 1.6 million troops ~
- ~ 31% increase in connections versus 2007/08 ~
- ~ 50% decrease in costs versus 2007/08 ~
- ~ Connected the **3 MILLIONTH** call through FCD's ~

UNMET NEEDS

- ~ Provided 390 military families over \$610,000 in grants ~
- ~ Assisted 2000 military families with over \$2.9 million in grants since 2004

As a team we can provide even more support to the troops & their families in the coming year.

NMS Deadlines

MONTHLY REPORTS

Please click on the links below to download the monthly reports:

[NMS Budget/Expenditure report August,](#)
[NMS Budget/Expenditure report YTD,](#)
[MAP Grant report, Adopt-a-Unit Report,](#)
[NMS Chairman report,](#)
[FCD and YTD](#)

Don't forget to return your **NMS Chairman Report** to Darcie's attention by the 15th of the month. Your report due should cover your *prior month's* activity.

The Chairman Report spreadsheet is provided to the VFW Adjutant General, Gunner Kent as of June 1st.

Veterans and Family Support Dept. Chairman: you are not required to complete a monthly report but we would love to hear from you regarding activities in your Dept.

For all forms and program information visit

<http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org/>



Administrative



NEW NMS Fundraising Opportunity

As introduced at Convention - ordering NMS "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" T-shirts and/or Koozies through our office will fulfill the required donation to NMS for All American.

Click below to obtain an order form

[NMS T-shirts & Koozies](#)

2 Upgrades to Memorial Commendations:

* NMS Chairman will be included in the emails regarding casualties by department & the Memorial Commendations available from MAP.

* New FAQ created to enhance the program and acknowledge more of America's troops who make the ultimate sacrifice during the current conflicts.

Click on the link below for the *new* Memorial Commendation FAQ.

[Memorial Commendation FAQs](#)

NEW Military Unit Commanders Packet

We have created a NMS information packet specifically geared towards the Commanders of the military units you work with.

Information will be included with:
Adopt-a-Unit Certificate packets
MAP events with Unit Commander present
NMS User brochure requests with Unit Commander present at event

Contact Carla, MAP coordinator for packet information

Operation Uplink

August connections: 92,862

Free Call Days: 89,812
Phone Cards: 3,050
The August 16th Free Call Day
(FCD) provided **89,812**
connections and over **1 million**
minutes of talk time.

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*September FCD*  
*September 29th*

*VFW Salutes the Armed Forces*  
*Sponsored by*  
*Life Lock*

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~**Brand new** pocket sized Free
Call Day post cards with our
complete 2009-10 schedule
are now available for you to
download at:

www.vfwdepartmentresources.org/

These are great for deployments,
care packages and Adopt-A-Unit's
stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan and
Kuwait!

MAP

Military Assistance Program

Grants:

of Events: **27**
of Attendees: **14,036**
Departments participating: **17**

Adopt-a-Unit:

18 New Units & 18 Posts
15 Departments participating

Memorial Commendations:

of Casualties OIF/OEF: **58**
of Commendations requested: **7**

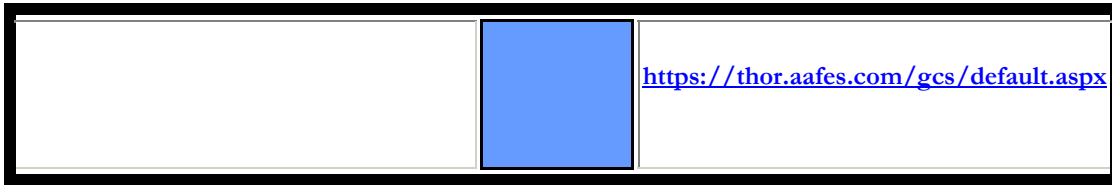
Unmet Needs

Families assisted: 28

Financial Aid Provided: \$45,035

Helpful Website:

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**AAFES** (Army & Air Force  
Exchange Service) is a great  
resource for providing gift cards,  
as opposed to care packages for  
the military.



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**Through your hard work, 1,925,205 military members and their families were supported through NMS Programs in 2008-09....
VFW NMS makes a difference in military lives everyday!**

National Military Services is a department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW). If you have questions about this e-mail, please contact Michael Penney, National Military Services Director, at mpenney@vfw.org or 816-756-3390.

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