

News & Reports

October 2009

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NMS Deadlines

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

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

ALL-AMERICAN qualifier

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

Please allow 30 days for fulfillment of generic orders.

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[NMS T-shirts & Koozies](#)

MAP Grants

We've seen remarkable improvements in the MAP Grant applications submitted. Previously only 10% of the MAP Grant applications submitted were "ready" to be presented to the NMS Director.

FY 2008/2009 4th quarter was much better - 40 % came in ready!

Please click below to review the new **MAP FAQ** to assist you in submitting a "ready" MAP grant application

MAP FAQ

NOW is the time to start planning for upcoming Holiday Events

~Many military units have Holiday Events in November & early December.
~Start gathering donations and community support for items such as gifts, gift cards, etc. ~See the new MAP Grant FAQ for more details.

Operation Uplink

September connections: 77,291

Free Call Days: 73,781
Phone Cards: 3,510
The Sept. 29th Free Call Day (FCD) sponsored by LifeLock provided **73,781** connections!

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***October FCD  
October 18th***

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

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Free Call Day post cards with our complete 2009-10 schedule are now available for you to

MAP

Military Assistance Program

Grants:

of Events: **23**
of Attendees: **52, 815**
Departments participating: **14**

Adopt-a-Unit:

23 New Units & 21 Posts
13 Departments participating

Memorial Commendations:

of Casualties OIF/OEF: **48**
of Commendations requested: **24**

Unmet Needs

Families assisted: 45

Financial Aid Provided: \$68,884

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**download at:**  
[www.vfwdepartmentresources.org/](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org/)

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



***Helpful Website:***  
*Homefront America Inc* is a  
great starting place for  
assistance with children,  
scholarships, **Christmas** &  
back to school.  
<http://homefrontamerica.org/>

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VFW NMS makes a difference in military lives everyday!
130,151 military members and their families were supported through
NMS programs in September