Making a Difference in the Lives of Our Veterans, Soldiers and their Families
Background on the Founder and Honorary Co-Chairman

A family tradition of Serving and Giving Back
America’s Adopt A Soldier® desire and goal is to make a difference in the lives of our Military Family. You will find that most everyone would like to make a difference - they just need to know that what they give (time, skills, talents, and resources) does just that: “Makes A Difference”. We can do this together - by reaching out, informing, educating, enabling and empowering our Nation to “Give Back”.

A former U.S. Army officer, Ms. Keeser has also served in key executive positions with Northrop Grumman, Booz Allen Hamilton and SRA Corporation. She later launched a government consulting firm, KEMSS, LLC a Woman Owned-Service disabled Veteran Small Business (WO-SDVOSB). As a fifth generation military service member, she supports multiple diversity and volunteer initiatives for Military Service members, Veterans and their Families. She’s an active Board member of: Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP), Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness Governing Board, America’s Freedom Foundation, Women in Defense Capital Chapter (WID-DC) and is an active volunteer for National Guard Family Readiness Group, a past President of Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, board member of the National Guard Association of United States Corporate Advisory Panel, NGBAA Executive Board, and SRA International -Volunteer of Year and nominated for the Medal of Freedom, selected as finalist for March of Dimes 2013 Herons in Technology, Ms. Keeser is also Founder and Chairman of America’s Adopt A Soldier®, a certified 501c3 organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our Service members, Homeless Veterans, Veterans and their Families and the National Capital Area Veterans Service Foundation (NCAVSF) – dedicated to serving the missions of the DC Veterans Medical Center serving over 80,000 Veterans in (MS/DC/VA). Ms. Keeser is the recipient of two Patriotic Civilian Service Award’s and holds a Presidential Appointment as an active S.S. Board Member.
It is truly my privilege to be able to give back and hopefully make a difference in the lives of our Veterans, Service members and their Families. Through both my military and corporate careers I have been afforded the opportunity to meet, work with and learn from extraordinary individuals. These experiences coupled with life have enabled me to build the relationship, network and knowledge capital that I depend on every day to give back.

My Dad served 33 years in the Army (Korea, Vietnam, Others) and is now the Commander of 423rd MOPH in CO. My Mom Volunteered as a Gray Lady, Army Community Service Volunteered. Between my Mom and Dad, they volunteer 90 hours a week for their Community and were recently honored as Fountain CO volunteers of the year. One of my brothers served over 20 years in the Army (Vietnam, Others), came back from retirement and now works as a government civilian with the 4th ID, currently deployed to Iraq. My other brother served 30 years in USMC, my one sister is a nurse at Ft. Campbell and my other sister volunteers with MOPH and a Animal placement and care organization. We all realize just how fortunate we are and how many others sacrifice every single day for our way of life.

Why give back? Perhaps we should ask ourselves, why not give back of our time and talents to make a difference.
Lee Harvey founded Lee Harvey Consulting, LLC in early September, 2009 upon his retirement from the U.S. Army - culminating a successful career spanning over 33 years.

Prior to his retirement - Lee was appointed as one of the Deputy Program Executive Officer’s, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS). Since early January 2004, Mr. Harvey was responsible for the management of business information systems development, integration, and overall program implementation functions including the acquisition, personnel, medical, distance learning, installation management and reserve component domains. Prior to becoming a DPEO EIS, Mr. Harvey served as the Program Director for Army University Access Online – eArmyU, reporting to the Army’s Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He was directly responsible for all aspects of program management for the $450 million program.

Mr. Harvey previously served as the Director of Acquisition Management for the Army’s Communications Electronics Command Acquisition Center - Washington. In that capacity he was responsible for awarding $500 million in new contracts each year and managing approximately $2 billion in existing contracts.

Mr. Harvey has over 33 years of experience as a leader in the Information Technology Management and Government Contracting fields, is a veteran of the United States Army, a graduate of the IAC partners program and a current IAC Fellow.
Ms Davis has served in the US Air Force and US Army as a contracting officer both as an active duty airman and as a Civil Servant. She now is a business partner in 2 small woman owned businesses, TMCI-The McVey Company Inc. and Valytics, LLC. She’s an active member for National Guard Bureau Alumni Association (NGBAA), National Contract Management Association (NCMA) and American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). Robin spent many years supporting the NGBAA and various breast cancer charity organizations.

Ms Davis’s over 30 years of business – financial and contract management expertise is activity used to oversee the entire spectrum and financial posture of Americas Adopt A Soldier ®

Treasure
Chief Financial Officer

Robin Davis
We are proud to announce Captain (ret) Anna King has volunteered to lead our Wounded Warrior and Veterans outreach programs. Anna enlisted in the Army on Oct 2001, and graduated from Edinboro University with a BA in Sociology and Criminal Justice. She was commissioned on December 2004 as an Air Defense Officer. Her first duty station was in Killeen at Fort Hood where she later was transferred to a Support Battalion and deployed with the First Cav in 2006. Assigned as the XO for a fuel and water platoon she was stationed at Taji, Iraq with a unit of 80 soldiers. Her assignment included being Convoy Commander, running supplies between Balad and Baghdad. She also was responsible for training and securing Iraqi Police forces, working alongside the Iraqi Army and police running many joint missions. Her unit was also responsible for emergency recovery of downed aircraft for both US and Allied forces.

Anna was later transferred to Forward Support Troop as XO which allowed her to pass a milestone in her career by being the first female officer to ever be assigned to a line unit. But on May 26, 2007, her unit was unexpectedly hit by mortar fire where Anna’s wrist was broken, dislocated her jaw and received a head injury. Anna was hospitalized for a total of 19 months as a result of her injuries. She was awarded the Purple Heart Medal at Fort Hood in December 2007 and was later medevac’d to BAMC in San Antonio for further hospitalization.

Anna joined Alamo Chapter 1836 in February 2008 and the Chapter feels very lucky to have Anna King as part of our growing membership. Senior members have already identified her as an active member not only by her attitude but by her attendance at membership meetings, functions and participation in Chapter business.
Honorary Advisory Board

We are proud of our esteemed Board of Honorary Advisors and Military Liaison Representatives

- Anthony Principi (past)  
  Secretary of Veterans Affairs

- Lieutenant General (retired) H Steven Blum,  
  Past Deputy Commander, United States Northern Command, Chief National Guard Bureau

- Lieutenant General (retired) John Conaway, Past Chief National Guard Bureau

- Lieutenant General (retired) Daniel James III, Past Director Air National Guard

- Rear Admiral (retired) Don Loren and  
  Past Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security Integration

- Lieutenant General (retired) John Caldwell, Past ASA-ALT

- Gabrielle and Aiden Levy, Founders  
  Caring Kids Cards

- Brigadier General (ret) Robert V. Taylor, past  
  Chairman of the Board of NGAUS and Assistant Adjutant General of Michigan, General

- Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) (retired) Jack Tilley, 12th SMA

- James Sims, (past) National Commander of the Military Order of Purple Heart

- Dr. Stan Sloane, (past) President & CEO SRA International

- Dr. Andrew Wise, Chief Family Medical Center

- Michael T Pagliarulo, "Pags"  
  Former Major League Baseball Player

- Brigadier General (ret) Stephen Joyce, past Deputy Chief of Staff Stability, and Deputy Director Allied Command Europe, Headquarters International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, Kabul, Afghanistan
SUMMARY: 100% Volunteer Organization – 100% of all donations go directly to support our projects and programs. Our projects and programs:

Informing and Educating - Outreach (PTSD-TBI workshops, Speaking, Events) / Care Packages and Care Letters (Nationally - Community based) For our Deployed and our Veterans in Veterans Homes and Hospitals / Path To Strength - Computer Training Program (Provide Training/Certifications, -laptop-software-broadband) / Care-Respond to our Service Members, Homeless Veterans, Veterans, and Family members (Training, Job Placement, Furniture, Housing, Food, Transportation, Financial Support, Clothing and Household Items) by working with our social organizational networks, State, Federal and National Organizations. Task Force Smile: Ensure every critically Ill Military Child receives a Toy or Game while undergoing treatment in Military Hospital (Year-Round)

MISSION AREAS

RESPOND/CARING: Respond to and/or facilitate the stated needs of our Service Members, Homeless Veterans, Veterans, and Family members by providing: Job Placement, Training, Furniture, Housing, Food, Transportation, Financial Support, Clothing and Household Items) by working with our social organizational networks, State, Federal and National Organizations. Task Force Smile: BRINGING A SMILE TO OUR SICK and CRITICALLY ILL MILITARY CHILDREN Through remodeling-revitalizing treatment/play areas, entertainment, ensure every sick; critically Ill Military Child receives a Toy or Game while undergoing treatment in Military Hospital (Year-Round).

CARE PACKING/CARE LETTERS: Annual year-round support and Challenge America (National Packing events). Our goals are to ensure every deployed Service Member, Veteran in a VA hospital or VA home receives a care package, through regional and local partnerships.

PATH TO STRENGTH COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM: (WWPTS): A classroom / bedside computer program for our Wounded Service members – It is a partnership developed with Dell, Microsoft, Verizon and Sprint. Through the maturity of this program we are able to provided Hardware Capital (Dell Laptop-with MS Office and Windows OS), Knowledge Capital (Four Days of MS classes from certified Microsoft Instructors) and Social Capital (Active broadband-AT&T, Verizon or Sprint) used to access the internet anywhere - connect to Family, Unit, Case workers and the Microsoft on-line academy to complete the individual course modules to receive Microsoft Certifications. These are critical tools for our Service members to continue their training and education, and stay connected with family, social and professional networks/organizations.

INFORMING AND EDUCATING: Keeping visibility on and addressing the needs of our Service members, Veterans and their Families through the hosting of or participation in Special Events/Workshops (PTSD-Trauma Workshops) Concerts,
Looking Back - Planning Forward

WE CAN ONLY CONTINUE TO “MAKE A DIFFERENCE” THROUGH YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS: www.americasadoptasoldier.org

With your help we can continue to positively impacted the lives of tens of thousands of Active, Reserve, Guard, Retired, Homeless, Wounded Service members and their families around the world. We want to keep this momentum – with your help we can do just that. Looking back we have: Provided through local and national care packing’s over 30,000 Care Packages, Over 200,000 Care Letters, Trained thousands of Wounded Service Members through our Computer program. We have relocated and provided over 7,000 Furniture items to hundreds of Wounded, Active, Reserve, Guard, Homeless Veterans and their Family members. We have had the honor of providing a much needed break through developing, coordinating and organizing thousands of events from entertainment, to speaking, care packing’s, house cleaning, child care, education and outreach, we have identified the change that needs (needed) to be done to improve the environment and lives of our Wounded Service Members, Homeless Veterans, Service members and their Families and have changed-impacted that change; from a total remodel of the Family and Military Lounge at the Augusta International Airport, to our Military Children’s projects to remodel the play rooms - ensuring a more comfortable kid friendly environment to ensuring every hospitalized child receives a game or toy, we have located and placed hundreds of our Wounded and Homeless Veterans in Jobs, provided food and shelter, clothing,
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Jobs – Training
Partnerships with Industry
+
Outreach to Veteran and Military Community

RESULTS
Employed Veterans - Homeless and At Risk Veterans
Vehicle Donation

We received a call from SGT Hill asking if we could help his family obtain a desperately needed vehicle, not a donation, minimal payments. We reached out to our network hoping to obtain a good used vehicle. As no vehicles were offered, we reached out further to our industrial/corporate network. We received a call from Lindsay Automotive Group offering to assist and soon began fundraising.

From SGT Hill:
"Mary the van looks absolutely awesome and I cannot believe that my family and I are getting this kind of support. Besides marrying my wife and having my children this will go down as one of the best days in my life as well as my family!!!!!!!....

Wanda Hale, PFCU, Kate Kohler PFCUF, Jason Fischbein Lindsay Ford, Mary Keesper, SGT Hill and Lee Harvey thank SGT Hill for his service and present him with the Keys to his families new transportation.
Homeless - Veteran and Family Community Day

Thank you to our Awesome Volunteers who ensured we provided a warm, safe, and inviting Holiday environment for our Homeless Community - Veterans and their families
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Initial Entry Way

Benjamin Moore Athens Blue (797)

Benjamin Moore Nova Scotia Blue (796)

Opportunity for art connected with ocean theme and arts Children's Center @ Walter Reed logo

Place wall art/stuff figures consistent with initial entry way art theme (Ocean)

SUPPLY STORAGE DISTRIBUTION

CLINICS / WARDS

MTPs are Mobile Transport Carriers. They are secured to the Bunkers and are detached from these bunkers by authorized hospital staff, who then distribute the items (toys/games) to the designated patients (Kids) in the clinics and wards.

BEVERLY'S BUNKERS

B.B.s contain toys stocked by age - gender from the AAA8 warehouse and refurbished by volunteers as required from the warehouse stock. These Bunkers are stationary-secured. They are accessed by authorized hospital staff only. NOTE: Beverly's Bunker may also be a designated room - location.

Mobile Toy Pods (MTP's)

MTP's are mobile transport carriers secured to Beverly's Bunkers and are detached by authorized staff. The staff stocks the MTP and distributes the items to the designated patients (Kids) clinically/wards. The MTP's are returned (EMPTY, CLEAN) and re-secured to Beverly's Bunker. NOTE: in the case where Beverly's Bunker is a ROOM, the same process applies.

ROOMS - PLAYROOMS

CURRENT

Play Room
Play area
Toy Distribution
Game Playing
Art Class

FUTURE - samples
BRINGING A SMILE TO OUR SICK, HOSPITALIZED and CRITICALLY ILL MILITARY CHILDREN

Children's Center at Walter Reed – CCWR

“BIG HUGS” To Lockheed Martin and all of Our Volunteers (Container Store, Paxton Van Lines, Hasbro) for who steeped up to: Loading Up, Un-Packing, Separating all the Toys-Assembling the Shelves, Delivery carts and setting up the Bunkers – ensuring all of our Critically Ill and Hospitalized Military Children receive a Toy. Several more Task Force Projects to go..
Military and Family Lounge Augusta Regional Airport

"Be the change you want to see," AGS Military Lounge was in critical need of an entire makeover—Working with our Community Partners – We Got It Done

BEFORE

Soldier Lounge

The Augusta Regional Airport is scheduled to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for a newly renovated lounge at 10 a.m. Nov. 25, to unveil a stateoftheart lounge area to provide a professional and relaxing space for Soldiers and families while awaiting their transportation to or from the airport. America's Adopt a Soldier founder, Mary Keener initiated the makeover and teamed up with airport leaders, local AFCEA leaders, and the 442d Signal Battalion Warrant Officer Advanced Course to renovate the lounge, which includes new paint, carpet, desks, chairs, lounge chairs, computers, and television.
MINUTEMAN ALERT BEGINS
CHAPTER’S HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

On November 19, 2010, the chapter received an appeal to assist a military family with two children that lost their household goods and clothing in a house fire while the husband was deployed. A Minuteman Alert was issued to chapter members and contacts.

The response was immediate and overwhelming. A recent partnership with St. Marks Catholic Church in Vienna resulted in an offer of twenty-two household items from lamps to twin beds from the church’s community outreach program and clothing from the Thanksgiving clothing drive. Paul Remar, clothing drive chairman, offered to purchase new children’s underwear. Jim McQuary distributed the appeal to VFW Post 1177 members and friends. Chapter member assistance ranged from assorted household good donations to cash and gift card donations. These responses occurred within 24 hours of the initial alert. Mary Keeter, of America’s Adopt A Soldier coordinated the collection and delivery of the donated items to the military family. The chapter provided two $50 gift cards to Unique Thrift Store.

The chapter wants to thank all participants that responded to this urgent appeal, especially since the father was deployed and the tragedy occurred so close to the holidays, a time of joy and celebration. As those brave citizen-soldiers responded to their Minuteman Alert at Concord and Lexington in 1775, our response continued this proud heritage and fulfilled our founding principle, “Never Again Shall One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another!”
Homeless Veteran Assistance

Working with VASH/HUD

- We provide furniture and household goods for our recently placed homeless Veterans
  - We collect household furniture and items
  - We refurbish, if necessary
  - We deliver and set-up
  - Conduct Winter coat drive
  - Collect and distribute needed items
Homeless Veteran Assistance (Cont)
Service member Assistance

Working with Service member volunteers – Providing much needed furniture and household goods to our Service members
Service Member Assistance

Answering the call to quickly move Wounded Warrior back to his home state. Thank you Paxton
Sponsoring SSG Dennis Cline

Olympic Hopeful Trap Shooting

Currently Stationed with CBWTU Fort Carson

Raised in Memphis, TN Dennis was determined to join the military from an early age. He fulfilled that dream in February 2000 and headed to Ft. Benning for basic training. After completing basic training and AIT he was on the move. Serving at Fort Campbell, KY where he met and married his wife and had his first daughter. His follow on assignments: Camp Casey, Korea. Fort Carson, CO. He deployed with the 3rd ACR to Iraq in March 2003. After completing his first tour he was selected and attended PLDC and Airborne training. His follow-on assignment was Fort Drum, NY where he deployed to Afghanistan with the 10th MTN DIV. Seven months into the deployment his convoy was ambushed and an RPG took off his left hand at the wrist. Several surgeries, extensive rehabilitation, and two years later he is still going strong. SSG Cline decided to continue serving his country by remaining on active duty and is now working at Fort Carson in the Wounded Transition Unit assisting other wounded soldiers through their own rehabilitation and MEB process. He plans to continue serving his country and working to better the lives of fellow injured veterans.
Wounded Warrior Path To Strength

WWPTS is a partnership developed over many years with Dell, Microsoft, Sprint, Verizon and AT&T. Through these collaborative partnerships, this program provides

- **Hardware Capital** (Dell Laptops-with MS Office and Windows OS),

- **Knowledge Capital** (four days of MS Office, Web and Social media training provided by certified Microsoft instructors)

- **Social Capital** (Active Broadband provided by Verizon) used to access the internet anywhere. This training enables Wounded Warriors to connect to family, unit, case workers, and the Microsoft on-line academy, to complete their individual course modules and receive specific Microsoft Certifications. These tools are critical for our Soldiers to continue their training, education, and stay connected with family, social, and professional networks/organizations.
Wounded Warrior Path to Strength WWPTS

Enabling Strength through Mobility, Training, Family, Social and Professional Networks

at&t  DELL  Sprint  Microsoft  verizon
Wounded Warrior Pathway to Strength (WWPTS) 4 Days of Classes

• Hardware Capital - Dell Laptops
  • Program started in 2007
  • Mobility
  • Quality of Life, Social Outreach to Family and Friends
  • Continue Education, Training
  • Ability to adjust appointments from anywhere with mobile technology

• Knowledge Capital – Microsoft Certificates
  • Certified Microsoft Volunteer Trainers
  • Receive Microsoft Academy Certificate of WWPTS Attendance
  • Receive Microsoft Certification Upon Successful Course Completion
  • Ability to Continue Education-Training
  • Career (Military / Civilian) Progression

• Social Capital – Broadband
  • Provide Aircard (Broadband Connection) for 6 Months
  • Quality of Life, Social Outreach to Family and Friends
  • Mobility
  • Ability to adjust appointments from anywhere with mobile technology
Mike Mason, Sprint
Provides instruction on the Sprint Aircards

Nisah Nance, and Jeff Hograth, Dell
Provide introduction to the Dell Laptops

Blake Badolato, Microsoft
Provides Introduction to the Course

COL Steve Joyce, 48th BDE (R) CDR
Stopped in to visit CPL Anthony Landowski, 48th BDE GANG who is in the class

Thanks Mary Keeser, Founder America’s Adopt A Soldier
WWPTS Class
Max Peterson Dell Area VP
Address the Graduation Class

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Nisah Nance, Dell WWPTS Senior Executive
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Blake Badolato, Microsoft WWPTS Dean
Addresses the Graduation class

Lee Harvey, Honorary Co-Chairman
Americas Adopt A Soldier
Address the Graduation Class

Dr. Carl Buising, Microsoft Executive Director
Public Sector Healthcare, Microsoft
Address the Graduation Class
WWPTS Class
Volunteer Instructors from Microsoft, Dell, and AT&T and National Guard
SMA Tilley, Volunteer Instructors from Microsoft, Dell, and
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This was a great opportunity and I intend to make the most of it. The MS certifications will really help me as I transition to civilian employment.

Thanks this training has been great. I hope many other wounded warriors are able to take advantage of this opportunity. This computer is going help me a great deal in my current and future classes at the university of Maryland and at perusing my second major in Homeland Security. Thank a lot to: You, your organization, and your team of Microsoft and Dell
Believe me this is greatly appreciated

Thank you and Americas adopt a soldier for your generosity and effort to continue to assist us warriors with our transitioning process. These laptops and educational opportunities serve great purposes in both the civilian and military world. I will be certain to take full advantage of all that you and your sponsors provide to us. Thank you Mary, n god bless your hearts.
Testimonials

“Thank you for all your help and to the people from Microsoft and Dell and Sprint for all there time with use showing use how to get started on our new computers. I hope that the military keeps up the program for other soldiers who are coming in to go to this program. Again thanks for all your help. SFC Young, Army “

“It was really great learning about computers and learning about Microsoft products and getting more learning time on computers. It should be offered to other wounded warriors to help them become more market able. Thanks for everything. SPC Chapman, MANG”

“I really enjoyed the class and learned a lot about the Microsoft office. I believe that this program should even be offered to soldiers who aren't wounded. I see myself using what was taught and what I'll learn. The only suggestion I've got is that maybe on the first day make it a little bit longer just in case the internet problem/s happens again. Thank you for this opportunity. SPC Landowski, GANG”
Thank you so much for the love and support you all have shown me in the short time I have been at Walter Reed. It was a Blessing to receive a laptop and phone cards from the sponsors. I really wanted to take classes on line but I never got around to doing it because I got deployed. While I was deployed I got very sick which cause me to get hospitalized and sent to Walter Reed. Now I am on my way to a full recovery, and receiving a gift like that from you, not only made my day but it made my life.

It feels great for people to actually show us (soldiers) support instead of just saying it and that’s what you did, keep up the great work and I hope God will continue to Bless you in all the contribute.

Thanks again,

PV2 Toliver, Roderic
101st Airborne Division
Ft. Campbell, Ky
Informing and Educating

Addressing the needs of our Service Members, Veterans, and their families through the hosting of and participating in special events, workshops (including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – PTSD and Trauma), concerts, speaking engagements, and Military Support Events (including sporting events and Challenge Games.)

Special Events
Workshops (PTSD-Trauma)
Concerts
Speaking
Our Message

Making a difference in the lives of our Service members, Veterans and their Families. You will find that most everyone would like to make a difference regardless of how they feel or what their opinion is about our current or past military operations, actions or politics. We can do this together by reaching out, informing, educating, enabling and empowering our Nation to Give Back.

A few examples of giving back:
- Host an event or activity that focuses on Veterans, Service Members and their Families
- Ensure you reach out and inform local Veterans, Service Members and their Families of these activities or events
- Collect Items for donation
- Listing of recommended items is located in the Hosting an Event section
- Check in on a neighbor who is a Veteran, Service Member, or Deployed Family member
- Ask how they are doing and if they need anything: lawn mowed, essential repairs, school supplies, other
- Host a Veteran, Service Member or their Family
- Coffee, soda, meal or just conversation
- Reach out and say, “Thanks for Serving” to a Service Member or Veteran
- Reach out and say, “Thanks for your Support” to a Service Member’s or Veterans family for their support
Deployed Soldiers can sign up on-line to be “Adopted” for National Care Package distribution. We reach out through: Communities, Local and National Industries, Local Military Installations (Base, Post, Depot, Arsenal, Command’s…, CBWTUs, Bases, Family Readiness Groups, SFSS, VFW, MOPH, VA, USO, Retired and Active professional Military associations.  By registering the event/activity on America’s Adopt A Soldier web site, we will light up our Nation with the glow of caring.

Light Of A Nation “Giving Back”

Our Goal – Light Up the Nation by the glow of those giving back
National Outreach

Alliance with Nashville Country Entertainer Brittini Black
DOD Army Community Covenant
U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)
Warrant Officer’s Association
  – Military – Federal Magazines
  – Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH)
    • Sponsorship
    • Magazine Articles
National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)
  • Sponsorship
  • Magazine Articles
American Freedom Festival
  – www.americanfreedomfoundation.org
Military Conferences

National Re-Distribution of DVDs
  • Paramount Motion Picture Sponsorship
    – From Warehouse to registered America’s Adopt A Soldier Chapters/Partners Nationwide
Campaigns /Events

- CAMPAIGN: Challenge America Care Packing event’s
- CAMPAIGN: Give Forward America (Donate Gift Cards)
- CAMPAIGN: We Care (Notes, Cards, Letters) to our Veterans
- EVENT: America’s Adopt A Soldier ® Gala TBD
- EVENT: America’s Adopt A Soldier ® Golf Tournament
- EVENT: America’s Adopt A Soldier ® 5-10 k Fun Walk/Run
- EVENT: WWPTS Monthly Computer Lab(s)
Mary Keeser, briefs the AGAUS at their 2010 meeting in Louisville KY on the concept and urgency of the National Guard Memorial Project.

National Guard Memorial Project

Tribute to our Fallen
Giving a Face to our Fallen and a Voice to those left behind

www.nationalguardmemorial.org
We are proud to announce Nashville Recording Artist Brittini Black has stepped forward and embraced an active role as our ambassador and partner. Her commitment to not only providing awareness but also critical financial support, speaks to her true charter as a person who stands behind wanting to make a difference. Her commitment to making a difference is so strong that she is donating $1.00 for every CD sold at live events, in support our programs. Through our partnership with Brittini we will not only accomplish awareness of the challenges our Veterans, Service Members and their Families face every day, but how by supporting America's Adopt A Soldier's mission of Giving Back we can make a difference.
Brittini joined Sam Tate (Songwriter of the Year) and several other Nashville songwriters at the WTB "Ho Down" Picnic where they performed a concert for the soldiers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center as part of the "America's Adopt a Soldier" benefit on April 25th!

This was one way for Brittini to give back to the many soldiers and their families.

"I was so touched by meeting the soldiers and hearing their stories... It was my pleasure to be there and be a part of such a special weekend. Performing and hopefully taking their minds off of all they’ve been through even for the afternoon is the least I could do for their amazing bravery and service. Thanks to everyone for having me!"

"Good Happens" Impacting Radio Now!
For more information about Brittini visit:
www.brittiniblack.com
www.slugfestrecordsnashville.com
Brittini Black reaches the heart of our youth with a performance of “Life Is Good” from her debut record *Good Happens* at the National Guard Youth Challenge Gala (an organization that gives high-risk teens a second chance with a military based rehabilitation and learning program). *Performances by BNA recording artist Craig Morgan and other Nashville artists were among the evening’s lineup.*

As an ambassador for *America’s Adopt A Soldier*, Brittini also performed the National Anthem and her current single "America" at a special *changing of the guard event* for The National Guard and then brought smiles to our "Wounded Warriors" with a special visit and performance at Walter Reed Hospital.

Brittini wrapped up her trip with an in-store appearance and performance at the *Tyson's Cole Haan Store* for a fundraiser benefiting *America’s Adopt A Soldier*.

Visit [www.brittiniblack.com](http://www.brittiniblack.com) for more info and show dates!
Honoring Our Military Family
4 July Celebration
Walter Reed SUMMER FEST 2010

Sam Tate entertains the crowd as Greg and Jenney provide an assist.

Billy Dean and Greg Barnhill take time to talk to Wounded Warriors and their Family members.

Sam Tate, Billy Dean, Greg Barnhill, and Jenny Boyle give their time and talents to support the Annual Walter Reed Army Medical Center Summer Picnic.
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Wounded Warrior Transition Bde. (WTB)
National Guard Volunteer Workshop

2010 National Guard Volunteer Workshop
New Orleans, Louisiana
August 3-4, 2010
Colorado State Veterans Home
Army Ball Care Packing
69th Military Police Ball

69th Anniversary
Military Police Corps Ball

Featuring Guest Speaker:
General Peter W. Chiarelli
Vice Chief of Staff of the Army

Menu Choices

1. Chicken Paillard
   Tomato Onion Relish, Herb Butter

2. Roasted Salmon
   Maple Soy Glaze

3. Roasted Sliced Tenderloin of Beef
   Sherry Mushroom Sauce

4. Roasted Vegetable Strudel

All meals include the following:
Roasted Garlic Red Bliss Potatoes, Squash and Zucchini Curls and Baby Arugula Salad

Price:
For soldiers, civilians and their guests: $70 (per person) payment received by September 3, 2010

Make checks payable to: OPMG Special Events Fund
70th Military Ball
JIMMY LANGE BOXING
SATURDAY, NOV. 6 • 7PM • PATRIOT CENTER

MAIN EVENT
JIMMY LANGE vs JOE WYATT
NABA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FIGHT • DIVISION OF WBA

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JIMMY Lange Boxing proudly supports AMERICA'S ADOPT A SOLDIER
Day At The Ball Park

Wounded Warriors, Family Members WTB (MD, DC, VA) enjoy the Washington Nationals vs NY Mets with Pags (former MLB Player)
“The Jenny Boyle Band is truly an American gem. Jenny and her Drummer Mike were so gracious and made the event a very personal and intimate performance for the Soldiers of the conference. I would highly recommend them for any future events of any size and scale as they can truly put on a great show as a duet...and I can only say the whole band would have been awesome!”
Military Order of Purple Heart
Issue

Purple Heart
For Combat Wounded Veterans

CHAPTER 563 In Bel Air, Maryland, took part in a military ceremony that presented a belted Purple Heart to Army Sgt. Eric Scherer, who was wounded in Iraq in 2006. The ceremony itself was a gathering of community members at Forte U.S. Army Health Clinic where he is assigned as a medic in the trauma medical section. From left, MOI DSO Committee Chairman Sam Columbus, Vice Commander Joe Peraudin, Sgt. Scherer, Adjutant C/O Don Williams, and Sgt. at Arms Nick Kyrizakis. Full story on Page 29.

INSIDE:
Convention Registration Forms, Hotel Information

‘America’s Adopt A Soldier’ Program Supported by MOPH

LEFT, Mary E. Keeseer, founder of America’s Adopt A Soldier program. ABOVE, from left, MOI Mr. Vice Cmdr. Clayton Jones, Mr. Vice Cmdr. Jeff Hoy, Keeseer, and Cmdr. Jeff Hoy. (Photo by Angelique Herroz)

The MOPH has announced it is supporting the America’s Adopt A Soldier organization, founded by Mary E. Keeseer. The mission of the group is to make a difference in the lives of U.S. veterans, soldiers and their families. The goal, said Keeseer, is to “Light up the nation with the glow of giving back.” She said the mission is accomplished through strong community and corporate partnerships, via outreach to generous donors and through the assistance of thousands of nationwide grassroots volunteers giving back.

Chapters are being established throughout the country and will serve to raise public awareness by hosting events to pack items for soldiers, to collect funds for postage and event support, and to sponsor local and national events that focus on soldiers, veterans, and their families. It was noted that while there are several “Adopt A Soldier” organizations, there is only one America’s Adopt A Soldier. “Our name is our integrity,” Keeseer explained.

“Light up the nation with the glow of giving back.”

— Mary Keeseer

Recently the organization solicited and distributed school backpacks for children of deployed soldiers, and held several events that solicited funds and donations to carry on its mission. They also worked with employment, with Keeseer saying “We use our extensive network to assist wounded veterans, their families and caregivers.” She said some of the corporations that provide various forms of assistance include Dell, Microsoft and Veterans. The group is also commemorating the public through music. It coordinates with the American Freedom Foundation annual fund raiser concert scheduled for Nov. 7, and works closely with country superstar Blake Shelton. During the recent Country Music Association Festival in Nashville, Blake pledged to donate one dollar from the sale of each of his CDs to Keeseer’s organization. Blake can be contacted through his website blakeshelton.com.

For more information on Adopt A Soldier, go to www.americasadoptasoldier.com or visit 1000 E. St., Suite D, P.O. Box 10465, Springfield, VA 22151.

July/August 2010
Purple Heart Magazine
One of the many programs America's Adopt A Soldier has spearheaded is the Wounded Warrior Pathway to Strength; Enabling Strength through Mobility, Training, Family, Social and Professional Networks. Through this partnership with Dell, America's Adopt a Soldier delivers laptop and desktop systems to our Wounded Warriors at the Walter Reed Medical Center. In addition, Microsoft is donating software for the laptops and training for the Soldiers who receive them. Verizon is contributing mobile broadband access as well. Their generosity not only lifts the spirits of our Service members in their time of need, but computer-based rehabilitation programs also enable a more speedy recovery. Thanks to all of these generous gifts, our Soldiers can reach out to friends and family and even learn new career skills.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is unique among Veteran Service Organizations in that all its members were wounded in combat. For this sacrifice, they were awarded the Purple Heart Medal. With grants from the MOPH Service Foundation, the MOPH and its Ladies Auxiliary promote Patriotism, Fraternalism, and the Preservation of America's Military History. Most importantly, they provide comfort and assistance to all Veterans and their families, especially those requiring claims assistance with the VA, those who are homeless, and those requiring employment assistance. MOPH volunteers provide assistance to Hospitalized veterans at VA sites and State Veterans Homes.

To learn how you can make a difference to our Veterans, Service Members and their Families, visit www.americasadoptasoldier.org. America's Adopt a Soldier would like to hear from you, whether you are an individual looking to volunteer, an organization looking to partner, or just interested in a bit more information. Please contact:

Mary E. Keeser Chairman & Founder America's Adopt a Soldier P.O. Box 1049 Springfield, VA 22151 Tel: 703.405.9956 Fax: 703.321.4925 email mary.keeeser@americasadoptasoldier.org

Or

MOPH National Public Relations Director, John Bircher, 352-753-5535 Email: PublicRelations@Purpleheart.org Web: www.purpleheart.org
Mary Keeser and Brittini meet with the Mayor of Rogers AR. Mr. Steve Womack.

Arkansas Senator Pryor, Mary Keeser and Brittini Mary discussed the upcoming packing at the Senate building and support to our Veterans, Soldiers with Senator Pryor.

Brittini Opens the Conference signing the National Anthem, a recording of this event was used every day to start the session.

Frank Keeser, Cmdr 423rd MOPH Chapter, Lucille Keeser, Past President of LAMOPH 423, Mary Keeser and National LAMOPH President Jane Stoel.

COL Steve Womack, ARNG and Mary Keeser discuss supporting our National Guard Deployed Soldiers.

Clayton Jones, Jr Vice Cmdr, Mary Keeser, Jim Sims National Cdr, and Jack Leonard, National Adjacent talk before the Start of the Conference.
Brittini Black, America’s Adopt A Soldier Ambassador opened the Convention singing Nation Anthem. Signed autographs at the booth. Our

Brittini later entertained during Social Hour

Mary and Brittini provided interviews at KURM radio station with discussing the Mission of America’s Adopt A Soldier and their alliance
National Guard Association of the United States
132nd NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition
National Guard Association United States – NGAUS

Location: Nashville TN (Gaylord Opryland Hotel)
Date: September 11-13, 2009
American Freedom Foundation supports Americas Adopt A Soldier through event and leadership sponsorship and Non-Profit support. Mary Keeser is on the American Freedom Foundation Board

American Freedom Foundation (AFF)
www.americanfreedomfoundation.org

Description: American Freedom Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed to help our Service members, Veterans and their families. The American Freedom Festival is a concert featuring country music performers, actors, athletes, dignitaries and other supporters, joining together to help support and fulfill the mission of the American Freedom Foundation, Inc.
The National Guard was a major participant in 2007, a Major participant and sponsor in 2008.
Formed in 2004
Founded by SMA (Ret.) Jack L. Tilley and Ted Hacker
Location: Patriot Center, George Mason University
Fairfax, VA (10,000 venue)
Event Date: 7 November 2009
JACK LEONARD, NATIONAL ADJUTANT OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF PURPLE HEART INDUCTS MEMBERS OF GANG 48th IBCT AS LIFETIME MEMBERS OF MOPH
Salute To Veterans
Service Organizations Providing Support to Our Wounded Warriors and their Family Members

PART I

America’s Adopt-A-Soldier
“Making a difference in the lives of our Veterans, Soldiers and their Families”

PRESENTED BY
Mary E. Keeser, Founder
Lee H. Harvey, Honorary Co-Chairman

Wednesday, 3 February 2010, 0900-1030 hours
Radiology Clinic VTC Conference Room, 1st floor, Heaton Pavilion, WRAMC
Social Work VTC Conference Room, Borden Pavilion, Bldg. #6, WRAMC

America’s Adopt-A-Soldier has a desire and goal to make a difference in people’s lives, to make things better by reaching out, informing, educating, enabling and empowering our Nation to Give Back.

The Department of Social Work, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, maintains responsibility for this continuing educational activity and has been granted automatic authorization from the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners to sponsor this series for 3 hours of Category I Continuing Education Credit.
CHALLENGE AMERICA
5k Fun Run – Walk

WHERE: Lake Fairfax Park
400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA 20190
WHEN: 13 November 2010
TIME: 10:00 – 1:00 pm

REGISTRATION OPENS ON LOCATION AT 0800
FEE: Bring an item or letter to be placed in a care package
Wear Red - White - Blue show your support for our Troops

OUR OBJECTIVE Raise awareness for our Challenge America 2010 Care Package Campaign
PLEDGE TO PACK / DONATE ON LINE: americasadoptasoldier.org

From A Deployed Service Member: “The care packages were well-received and believe me when I say it is most inspiring to observe a Soldier, when he or she, receives a care package. The immediate awareness that someone out there is motivated and passionate enough to take the time out of their day to select and package these items with such care brings instant smiles and a very real sense of pride. There are times such as these in which I am reminded that our separation and our sacrifices are not ours alone but rather shared. Our commitments to the values of freedom will never waver and as this bedrock of our nation is challenged around the world, it will always be the continued support and patriotism of our communities that will make the difference in Victory.”
IT WAS COLD - RAINING - GOOD DAY TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

THANK YOU
National Campaigns
Honor our Veterans
Veterans Day’s of Service

DEAR VETERAN
Thank you for your service

[Heart and American flag]
Winter Coats

– Our Goal: 500 warm winter coats for our Homeless Veterans - cleaning tag must be attached

• Mail To:
  Americas Adopt A Soldier
  PO Box 1049 Springfield VA 22151
Honoring our Deployed Service Members and Veterans this Holiday Season

ANNUAL

CARE LETTER
Join Us in Saying, “Thank You” to our Veterans and Deployed Service Members for their Service and Sacrifices

and

HOMELESS VETERAN COAT DRIVE
"Giving Back"

DATE: 19-20 December
TIMES: From 10pm to 5pm
LOCATION: Fort Belvoir and Joint Base Myer Henderson Exchanges

Accepting “Thank You letters” for our Deployed and Veterans in Veterans Homes and Hospitals,
Accepting Tax Deductible gently used or new Winter Coats for our Local Homeless Veterans

Thank You for Giving Back and Truly “Making a Difference”.

AMERICA'S
ADOPT A SOLDIER
OUR OBJECTIVE
Send a Care Package to every deployed Service members

NATIONAL PACKING DAYS: July - November

YOUR CHALLENGE: Get the word out. Sponsor all or part of one or more packages

PLEDGE TO PACK: americasadoptasoldier.org

DONATE ON LINE: americasadoptasoldier.org

MAIL TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATIONS: Americas Adopt A Soldier, P.O. Box 1049, Springfield VA 22151

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Annual Veterans Care Letters

Join Us in Saying, “Thank You” to our Veterans and Deployed Service Members for their Service and Sacrifices

We Care!
Please join us as we thank our Veterans and Deployed Service Members for their service and sacrifices. We need your help to ensure our deployed service members and even Veterans in a Veteran’s Home or Veteran’s Hospital receive their thanks for their service. A pack of crayons and copy paper is just perfect to draw a note of thanks and encouragement. No need to seal in an envelope; we’ll package them up and send directly to the Veteran’s Homes and Veteran’s Hospitals.

We need your help to make this happen, please send financial support to address below or visit our website (americasadoptasoldier.org) to donate directly.

Thank You for Giving Back and Truly “Making a Difference”

Please mail your cards, letters and notes to:
Americas Adopt A Soldier®
P.O. Box 1049
Springfield, VA 22151
TAX ID 26-508497

Veterans Care Letters – Cards

Help Us Honor Our Veterans and Deployed Service Members on Veterans Day
By sending a card or letter saying, “Thank You” for your Service and Sacrifices

Please join us on this Veterans Day, 11th November 2014, as we thank our Veterans who are in a Veterans Home or Veteran’s Hospital and our Deployed Service members for their service and sacrifices. Today we have over 57,000 Veterans in VA Homes and Hospitals; we need your help to accomplish this. Please send your cards and letters thanking Veterans to the address below. We are a 100% Volunteer organization, with 100% of all donations going directly to support our projects and programs.

Donate online through the donation link on our website: www.americasadoptasoldier.org

A pack of crayons and copy paper is just perfect to draw – write a note of thanks and encouragement.

MAIL TO:
Americas Adopt A Soldier®
P.O. Box 1049
Springfield, VA 22151

Heroes Don’t Always Wear Capes

Dear Soldier:
You are my hero!

Thank you for your service.

[Card or letter image]
Honor our Deployed Service Members and Veterans this Holiday Season

Cards, Letters, and Winter Coat Drive

Please join us this holiday season as we thank our deployed service members and our veterans in a Veterans Home or Veterans Hospital and our Deployed Service Members for their service and sacrifices. Today we have over 57,000 Veterans in VA Homes and Hospitals; we need your help to accomplish this.

Please send your cards and letters thanking our Veterans to the address below. A pack of crayons and copy paper is just perfect to draw or write a note of thanks and encouragement. We also welcome and appreciate online donations.

Another main goal is to receive, via donations, 500 warm winter coats for our Homeless Veterans (cleaning tags attached).

We are powered by Volunteers, with 100% of all donations going directly to support our projects and programs.

Mail To:
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Springfield, VA 22151
Care Packages

Our Goal:
Ensure every deployed Service Member receives a care package

Annual year-round support and Challenge America National Packing events
Dear Service Member,

We thank you for sacrificing your time and talents by serving your country in harms way. It is truly our privilege to be able to provide you with these little comforts from home.

Our “care package” events are sponsored and conducted at grass roots efforts – within your communities. Your feedback is very important to our learning how our nationwide efforts better support you. Please let us know if we should include other or different items or provide any other recommendations. Your testimonials and photos are very important as well, looking forward to hearing from you.

“Making a difference in the lives of our Veterans, Soldiers and their Families”

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www.americasadoptasoldier.org
Hosting a Packing Event

All information required to host your event can be found on our website: www.americasadoptasoldier.org

- Registering your local chapter (point of light on the map)
- Fundraising Tips
- On Line Donations
- Media Support
- Event Sample Station Floor Plan
- Processing Station Position Descriptions
- Processing Station Badge Templates
- Ordering No Cost Supplies
- Event Schedule Template
- Much More
Packing Events
Honor our Deployed Service Members and Veterans this Holiday Season

THIRD ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DAY
"Giving Back"
Join Us in Saying, “Thank You” to our Veterans and Deployed Service Members for their Service and Sacrifices

DATE: 25 December
TIMES: From 1pm to 5pm
LOCATION: Kilroy's - Ravensworth Shopping Center 5236 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA

SEE EVENTSTAB [www.americasadoptaasoldier.org]
VOLUNTEER POSITIONS - NO AGE RESTRICTIONS - NO TIME SLOTS

We will be packing Care Packages for our Deployed Accepting “Thank You letters” for our Veterans in Veterans Homes and Hospitals Accepting "Tax Deductible" gently used or new Winter Coats for our Local Homeless Veterans.

Thank You for Giving Back and Truly "Making a Difference."

Please mail your cards, letters and Tax Deductible Financial Support to:
Americans Adopt A Soldier
P.O. Box 1049
Springfield, VA 22151
CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL NATIONWIDE VOLUNTEERS
COL Susan Kolb-OSD-RA, Nancy Boyda - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (Manpower and Personnel), Linda Smyth-Providence District Supervisor, Mary Keeser-Founder Americas Adopt A Soldier and CSM Victor Angry, Army National Guard. Take time out to pause for a photo. Mrs Boyda rolled her sleeves up and joined the Customs Form station. Mrs Boyda also took time out to address the group of community Volunteers on the impact of their efforts to our deployed service members and their families.
Lee Harvey Co-Chairman America’s Adopt A Soldier thanks Sharon Bulova –Fairfax County Chairman, Rosemary Ryan, Senior Legislative Aide Braddock District and Karen Gasper for hosting the event at Little River Glen Senior Center, Fairfax Va. Lee thanks the over 130 Volunteers for support this most important mission of America’s Adopt A Soldier. Major Sippert, 25th ID stops in during a home visit from his deployment to address the Volunteers and to help with activities.

Chairman Bulova rolled her sleeves up and joined the Thank You letter station. Chairman Bulova also took time out to address the group of community Volunteers on the impact of their efforts to our deployed service members and their families.
SUPER VOLUNTEERS

Berniece helps out a volunteer

Karen addresses the volunteers prior to the event, as Major Zerfas looks on

The Donation station is busy

Lee inspects NG baseballs at the donation station

Donation station volunteers separate the many donations

The Inspection station is working hard

Volunteers discuss their progress at the Customs Forms Station
Thank You Letters and Cards
I received box yesterday and am very grateful for your organizations support. Thank you and your team for keeping us in mind. Thank you again …C OPERATIONS NCOIC Engineer Troop RSS, 2CR KAF
I really appreciate everyone's kindness by taking the time to put together these care packages. I was truly surprised and grateful when I received them today. It means plenty being here away from home. I haven't looked through the entire boxes, but I do see several items, some wonderful cards and handwritten words of encouragement and thanking us for what we do - those thoughts alone make it well worth the tour. This mission is more than me and my career, it is what I would do again and again for my Family and my Country. I can't thank you enough for your coordination and all those who have assisted the, America's Adopt a Soldier Organization. Again I say, "Thank You" Always Forward! …Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
It means a lot to myself and the Soldiers to receive a package. It also keeps us going when we know that there are patriots back home that have our back. Everything in the package will be used, especially the white ankle socks...perfect!
God Bless!
Big Thank You

to

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE
Army Ball Care Packing
Army Reserve Teen Panel Service Project (Care Packing)
Operation Military Kids
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Resolution

WHEREAS, the freedoms and security we enjoy in the United States have been made possible by the service, sacrifice and support provided by our service men and women who are deployed throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, America’s Adopt A Soldier was founded in 2009 to combine ongoing support activities to serve and respond to the needs of veterans, soldiers and their families; and

WHEREAS, Challenge America is an ongoing national program of America’s Adopt A Soldier to provide care packages to service members on active duty and respond to the needs of veterans, soldiers and their families; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, urges all residents to donate items for care packages and volunteer to participate in Packing Day on Saturday, October 23, at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

September 28, 2010
Date
Testimonial (samples)

On behalf of the Soldiers of HHB, 1-113th FA, we would like to extend our deepest and most sincere gratitude. I am humbled with appreciation and filled with great admiration for your support to our troops. The thoughtfulness and generosity that you have expressed to us is nothing short of unbelievable. The care packages were well-received and believe me when I say it is most inspiring to observe a Soldier, when he or she, receives a care package. The immediate awareness that someone out there is motivated and passionate enough to take the time out of their day to select and package these items with such care brings instant smiles and a very real since of pride.

There are times such as these in which I am reminded that our separation and our sacrifices are not ours alone but rather shared. Our commitments to the values of freedom will never waver and as this bedrock of our nation is challenged around the world, it will always be the continued support and patriotism or our communities that will make the difference in Victory.

Thanks again for sharing your generosity with my troops; you all are true American Heroes!!
Thank you for the packages delivered to my Soldiers here at FOB Echo. It is always great to get these packages. As you know they end up with Soldiers who are single and not receiving a lot from home. Once the boxes from different organizations is opened the trading begins, each comparing what they got. Each looking for what they need, be it the candy that aren't sold here or the toothbrush that our small PX seems to be out of. Soldiers will slip the box under their bunk and pull it out before a mission to carry some items with them and then again upon their return when it is time to relax. It is nice to know we have the backing of so many people back home. These packages will forever be a part of our good memories of our deployment here.

“Thank you for the phone cards, now I can call home more often to check on things.”

“Thanks for your efforts in making the American Freedom Foundation 2008 Festival, a huge success. On behalf of National Guard, thank you for hard work and time sacrificed on behalf of our Soldiers, the concert was absolutely incredible. Over 9,000 attended, 1,000 tickets donated to our Soldiers, Airman and Families, over $400,000 given back (on-stage) to programs supporting our Soldiers, Veterans’ and their Families.”

“Thank you so much for the love and support you all have shown me in the short amount of time I have been at Walter Reed. It was a blessing to receive a laptop and phone cards. Now I am on my way to a full recovery, receiving a gift like that not only made my day but it made my life.”
Each SKU includes:

+ Greeting Card, Envelope, Instructions

Retail Strategy:

- Consumer Buys
- Consumer writes message on the card, places in the pre-addressed envelope with the program DVD and mails
- DVD envelopes arrive at warehouse, accounted (location mailed from) and packed for shipment

America’s Adopt A Soldier Chapters
Family Readiness Groups
Wounded Warrior Programs
ALTHOUGH THIS ADDRESSED TO ME, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THIS HONOR TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS WHO GAVE BACK IN 2009.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME, TALENTS, RESOURCES, ENERGIES AND PATIENCE - TOGETHER WE MADE A DIFFERENCE.
Summary

ORGANIZATION: Americas Adopt A Soldier ®
ADDRESS: 5400 Shawnee Road, Suite 300 Alexandria, VA 22312
ADDRESS FOR PACKAGES: P.O. Box 1049 Springfield, VA 22151
PHONE: 703-278-3718
WEBSITE: www.americasadoptasoldier.org

SUMMARY: 100% Volunteer Organization – 100% of all donations go directly to support our projects and programs. Our projects and programs: Informing and Educating-Outreach (PTSD-TBI workshops, Speaking, Events) / Care Packages and Care Letters (Nationally - Community based) For our Deployed and our Veterans in Veterans Homes and Hospitals/ Path To Strength-Computer Training Program (Provide Training/Certifications, -laptop-software-broadband) / Care-Respond to our Service Members, Homeless Veterans, Veterans, and Family members (Training, Job Placement, Furniture, Housing, Food, Transportation, Financial Support, Clothing and Household Items) by working with our social organizational networks, State, Federal and National Organizations. Task Force Smile: Through remodeling-revitalizing treatment/play areas, entertainment, ensure every sick; critically Ill Military Child receives a Toy or Game while undergoing treatment in Military Hospital (Year-Round).
HOW CAN WE HELP?

POC: contact@americasadoptasoldier.org

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