



VFW NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES

VFW OPERATION UPLINK™ • VFW UNMET NEEDS • VFW MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Need Continues ...

- By the end of June 2007, requests for cards were more than 15% above the total requests for the entire fiscal year 2005-06.
- Longer deployments put an even greater strain on military families who desperately miss their heroes.
- The holidays are right around corner – requests spike especially between now and the New Year.

Please help with your generous gift to VFW National Military Services today.



We're Here to
Help.

627 Posts Rally in Support of VFW Operation Uplink

Over \$200,000 raised to send free phone time to troops!

Without fail, the VFW comes through for America's men and women in uniform. When Adjutant General Allen "Gunner" Kent personally reached out this past summer to request emergency assistance for **VFW Operation Uplink**, he knew VFW members would rise to the challenge.

"We were in a tight spot," explained Kent. "There were two major requests for phone cards that we didn't have resources to fulfill. I knew the men and women of the VFW would not stand idly by and let the needs of our troops go unheeded."



Requests for **VFW Operation Uplink** phone cards skyrocketed in 2007 averaging 10,000 a week – a nearly impossible demand for the program to handle.

In response to the funding crisis, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW offered a matching gift challenge to the VFW to help raise even more money to put phone cards in the hands of our defenders.

"I'm very proud of – and grateful for – every Post that sent in a contribution," Kent continued. "The Ladies Auxiliary VFW also deserves our deepest thanks for doing their part with the matching gift challenge they extended."

Yet as the war continues and the holidays approach, the demand will continue to increase. Michael Penney, VFW National Military Services director, is sure **VFW Operation Uplink** supporters will remain steadfast in their dedication to our troops.

"As long as troops and veterans need us, we'll be there," he said. "I'm confident the Posts and Auxiliaries feel the same."

Read the complete listing of generous contributors on pages 2-4.

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

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2007 CHALLENGE CONTRIBUTORS

\$35,000	Post 3331	Post 1230	Post 709	Post 3783	Post 961
Post 6450	Post 3345	Post 1231	Post 7227	Post 401	Post 9619
	Post 3361	Post 1471	Post 7706	Post 4031	Post 9919
\$5,000	Post 3863	Post 1815	Post 781	Post 4107	Southern
and Above	Post 428	Post 1924	Post 7943	Post 4153	Conference
Post 2301	Post 4305	Post 2010	Post 8053	Post 4303	
Dept of TX	Post 4374	Post 2179	Post 888	Post 4343	\$249 and
Post 144	Post 451	Post 2246	Post 8885	Post 4379	below
Post 6027	Post 4766	Post 2256	Post 8947	Post 4820	Dept of AR
	Post 5118	Post 230	Post 9094	Post 494	Dept of CO
\$2,000-4,999	Post 5791	Post 2374	Post 9281	Post 4999	Dept of NC
Dept of DC	Post 63	Post 2461	Post 9469	Post 5018	Dept of PAC
Dept of Europe	Post 6590	Post 27	Post 9503	Post 5084	Dist 11 FL
Dept of KS	Post 6602	Post 3185	Post 9862	Post 5278	Dist 13 CA
Dept of KY	Post 7035	Post 3186		Post 5555	Dist 21 PA
Post 1463	Post 7264	Post 3243	\$250-499	Post 6056	Dist 24 TX
Post 4372	Post 7564	Post 329	Dept of NM	Post 6073	Dist 6 VA
Post 451	Post 7686	Post 3373	Post 10281	Post 6330	Post 10001
Post 628	Post 7788	Post 3430	Post 10336	Post 6467	Post 10004
Post 7424	Post 856	Post 3649	Post 10529	Post 6863	Post 1002
Post 7865	Post 8616	Post 3991	Post 1060	Post 6913	Post 1003
	Post 8686	Post 4114	Post 10840	Post 6992	Post 10033
\$1,000	Post 8867	Post 434	Post 10893	Post 745	Post 10052
1,999-	Post 9473	Post 466	Post 11115	Post 7564	Post 10081
Dept of GA	VFW of Ohio	Post 5137	Post 1377	Post 7638	Post 10135
Dept of IN	Charities	Post 5151	Post 141	Post 7729	Post 10194
Post 101		Post 519	Post 175	Post 7755	Post 10216
Post 1055	\$500-1,000	Post 5343	Post 1806	Post 7755	Post 1026
Post 1166	Dist 10 CA	Post 5479	Post 1817	Post 7763	Post 10293
Post 1330	Dist 3 Korea	Post 5744	Post 1838	Post 7807	Post 103
Post 1810	Post 10097	Post 5839	Post 1873	Post 784	Post 10373
Post 2527	Post 10159	Post 6141	Post 1879	Post 7842	Post 1038
Post 2632	Post 10454	Post 6223	Post 2260	Post 8065	Post 10380
Post 2920	Post 1066	Post 6362	Post 2550	Post 8092	Post 1039
Post 2987	Post 1066	Post 6522	Post 2555	Post 8217	Post 10416
Post 3020	Post 1067	Post 6695	Post 2778	Post 8663	Post 10436
Post 3280	Post 1108	Post 6740	Post 2866	Post 9365	Post 10441
Post 3285	Post 11208	Post 6859	Post 3282	Post 9433	Post 10452
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Post 1056	Post 1332	Post 1966	Post 2540	Post 3021	Post 3825
Post 10584	Post 1333	Post 1999	Post 2543	Post 3023	Post 388
Post 10643	Post 1367	Post 2015	Post 255	Post 3030	Post 3912
Post 1068	Post 1376	Post 2043	Post 2559	Post 3035	Post 3956
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Post 11156	Post 1607	Post 2214	Post 2793	Post 3392	Post 4290
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Post 11362	Post 1688	Post 2238	Post 2823	Post 3471	Post 4357
Post 11390	Post 1695	Post 2245	Post 2825	Post 3489	Post 4393
Post 11402	Post 1697	Post 2275	Post 2828	Post 3504	Post 4406
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Post 1238	Post 1839	Post 2421	Post 2948	Post 3658	Post 4743
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Post 4902	Post 5933	Post 7037	Post 8218	Post 9521
Post 5001	Post 5941	Post 7056	Post 8256	Post 9550
Post 5008	Post 5954	Post 7122	Post 8283	Post 9573
Post 5042	Post 5976	Post 7181	Post 8285	Post 9575
Post 5073	Post 5981	Post 720	Post 8337	Post 9648
Post 5097	Post 6005	Post 7208	Post 8352	Post 9650
Post 5107	Post 6054	Post 7213	Post 837	Post 9665
Post 5145	Post 6063	Post 7267	Post 839	Post 9787
Post 5160	Post 6067	Post 7315	Post 8402	Post 9802
Post 5172	Post 6240	Post 7333	Post 85	Post 9822
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Post 5659	Post 6671	Post 7907	Post 9084	
Post 5694	Post 6689	Post 792	Post 9127	
Post 5705	Post 6691	Post 7924	Post 9148	
Post 5711	Post 6771	Post 7925	Post 9197	
Post 5727	Post 6783	Post 8008	Post 9202	
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Post 576	Post 6815	Post 8074	Post 9264	
Post 5789	Post 6821	Post 8101	Post 929	
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