

Each year the Military Friends Foundation will adopt a National Guard or Reserve Unit based in Massachusetts. The Military Friends Foundation is proud to have an opportunity to directly recognize the service of our local Service Members. As part of the Adopt-A-Unit program, the unit will receive \$10,000 grant to support mission of togetherness.

Funding for this program comes from Question 32E on the Mass. State Tax Form (Mass. Military Family Relief Fund voluntary contributions check-off box) and the generosity of private donors.

The Adopt-A-Unit program is designed to lend support directly to Service Members in a particular Unit throughout a 12 month period. The 2011 Adopt-A-Unit recipient will receive a pledge of \$10,000 in Military Friends Foundation Grants.

The 2011 Adopt-A-Unit recipient Commander will assign military personnel to serve as a coordinator between the Unit and the Military Friends Foundation. The coordinator and Foundation will work together on a monthly basis. They will work in conjunction to identify ways to expend the grant to serve the Unit as a whole and that are consistent with the Foundation's mission. The grant will typically be expended for three or more programs throughout the year. The Unit's Command will reach out in various ways to the Unit and their family about the Adopt-A-Unit program to raise awareness and education about the program.

The 2011 Adopt-A-Unit recipient will be responsible for securing their family, friends and supporters to attend an awards ceremony in February 2011. The Adopt-A-Unit recipient will serve as the public face of this program for the next 12-months and work to support future Adopt-A-Unit recipients.

ELIGIBILITY *(Must meet all criteria listed below):*

- Massachusetts National Guard Unit or Reserve Unit based in Massachusetts. A preference may be given to Units who have a majority of members who reside in Massachusetts.
- The Unit will be currently deployed or have been deployed since September 11, 2001 in a force protection mission.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- A Service Member, family of a Service Member, military leader, community leader, or other Unit supporter may nominate a Unit.
- Please complete the two (2)-page Military Friends Foundation "Adopt-A-Unit" nomination application. Please attach additional documents as needed.
- The 2011 application deadline is February 1, 2011. All applications must be received by this date.



ADOPT-A-UNIT NOMINATION FORM

APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name:	First Name:	
Daytime Phone (10-digits):	Evening Phone (10-digits):	The best phone to contact me on is: <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime <input type="checkbox"/> Evening
Primary Email Address:	Are you currently a "Friend/Fan" of the Military Friends Foundation on Facebook? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you suggested the "Military Friends Foundation" Facebook page to you friends? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Explain your relationship to the Unit that you are nominating:

GENERAL UNIT INFORMATION

Official Name of Unit:		
Address of Unit:		
This Unit a (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts National Guard Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve United based in Massachusetts		
Branch of Service:		
Is this Unit <u>currently</u> deployed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<i>If <u>yes</u>, where is the Unit deployed?</i>	<i>Start date of deployment:</i>	
<i>Is this Unit part of another Unit for the deployment?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If yes, please list the other unit:</i>	
<i>If <u>no</u>, has the Unit deployed since 9/11/2001?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<i>What was the location:</i>	<i>and date:</i>	<i>of most recent deployment?</i>
Approximately how many service members belong to the Unit?		
Name of Unit Commander:		
Commander Phone (10-digits):	Commander Email Address:	



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NOMINATION QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions (attach additional documents as needed):

1. There are many Massachusetts Guard and Reserve Units who have given tremendous service. Please explain in your own words why this Unit should be selected as the Military Friends Foundation 2011 "Adopt-A-Unit" recipient?
2. The MFF "Adopt a Unit" program and other Military Friends Foundation programs receives funding from voluntary contributions given by taxpayers through Question 32E (Mass. Military Family Relief Fund) on the Mass State Tax Form. How would this Unit work to raise awareness, visibility and promote Question 32E on the Mass. State Tax Form?
3. This year we are looking to get creative! Please tell us how this Unit's interactions with the MFF will "stand out" from the rest. Do you have a Unit family member wants to do a monthly blog about the Adopt-A-Unit program on our website? Is there a runner who wants to run a marathon to benefit MFF programs and tell the "Adopt-A-Unit's" story? Does a photographer want to provide a pictorial about the adopted Unit and their families throughout the year for the MFF website? Is there a social media guru who wants contribute through the MFF Facebook or Twitter? Do you have a great Massachusetts email network that would like to join our e-community? Do you have a special FRG project to tie to the MFF Adopt-A-Unit program?
4. (Optional) You are welcome to submit any letters of support for your Unit's nomination. Please make sure each letter has the person's contact information.

SPECIFIC CONTACT INFORMATION FOR UNIT SUPPORTERS

Name of Unit's Rear Detachment Commander:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Name of Unit's Family Readiness Group Leader:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Name of Unit's Family Assistance Coordinator:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

SIGNATURE

I certify to the best of my ability that the above information is true and accurate. If my unit is selected, I look forward to working to bring friends, family and supporters of the unit to attend the award ceremony.

Name (please type or print):

Signature:

Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2011