



The Soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the Soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. –
...Douglas MacArthur



It's summertime and hot...but not nearly as hot as in the Middle East where our Troops are in full battle rattle as they continue to fight for freedom. **THEY NEED TO KNOW WE STAND BEHIND THEM!**

We are still in an urgent situation right now with newly deployed Troops arriving in dangerous areas in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as many Platoons, and they are signing up for support quickly. They are just asking to receive mail from back home – their America – our America -- so please help us let them know we care about them and think about them, and send our thanks for all they sacrifice. We need to let them know we are concerned about them and won't ever let them be alone.

A LETTER....A CARD....A POSTCARD....is all they ask for. They want to hear from you back home....any news is welcomed...and if you are able to put together a small care package, that would be an extra blessing to them. Many are single, young, and away from their families for the first time, in a war-torn area. Please consider writing (pen-pal), or adopting (writing & a monthly care package) to another Service Member (up to four) by forwarding this e-mail today to info@adoptaplatoon.org with 'CURRENT - WILL SUPPORT MORE' in the subject line. *****PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WE ASK FOR BELOW SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WRITE BACK TO YOU AGAIN:**

- **NAME**
- **AGE**
- **MARITAL STATUS**
- **YOUR E-MAIL**
- **What kind of support** you want to give (adopt -- weekly letters/cards plus a monthly care package); OR pen-pal -- weekly letters/cards).
- **NAME & ADDRESS** of your **CURRENT Service Member**
- **Any changes** in your information – be sure to include the old and then the

new so we can correct our records.

We work as quickly as possible to process all requests, BUT if you don't send all the information we ask for, it slows us down because we have to write back to you and ask again, so please be sure to include everything before you hit the SEND button!
THANKS.

Also, please ask your family, friends, and co-workers to sign-up to support a Service Member by going to our website, www.adoptaplatoon.org, and filling out the application at the LEFT side of our website. THANK YOU!

BELOW is a quick update on ways to support our Troops:

- 1) **Pen-pal** (weekly correspondence) or
- 2) **Adopt** (weekly correspondence AND monthly care packages) with an individual Service Member;
- 3) **ADOPT A PLATOON**: Request Small for platoons 25 to 35 members and request a large for platoons up to 50 members;
- 4) **Participate** in one of our annual **Campaigns** with Arline Grant, our campaign director – aapcampaign@yahoo.com.
- 5) **Participate** in one of our ongoing Campaigns from the Campaign List

REMEMBER, if you are already a current, approved supporter with AAP, it is NOT necessary to submit a new application if you wish to support a new Soldier(s). Please forward this e-mail to info@adoptaplatoon.org, put **CURRENT SUPPORTER** in the subject line, and include your name, address, marital status, and age and if you want to ADOPT, PEN-PAL, how many (up to 4); or wish to support a small or large Platoon, and if you will do this as a one-time or for the remaining course of their deployment.



AMERICANS NEEDED FOR PLATOON SUPPORT!

Americans can send support to platoons either on an on-going basis or by sharing a platoon with other supporters or by sending one-time or occasional care packages. One box of goodies a platoon of Soldiers or Marines can share makes a huge difference in their lives as they serve under difficult conditions. Please sign up today at info@adoptaplatoon.org and let our Troops know that YOU STAND BEHIND THEM! Request Small for platoons up to 35 members and request a large for platoons up to 50 members. Thank you for being a dedicated AdoptaPlatoon Team Member.



CAMPAIGN UPDATES

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION CAMPAIGN

What better way to celebrate our freedom than to celebrate it with our deployed Troops. This annual campaign is down to the basics where we let our Troops know how much we appreciate them with cards from family and friends. This is a great way to start a family tradition!

AAP "DON'T BUG ME" CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!

The summer months are brutal on our Troops. Biting flies attack our soldiers and Marines in droves and you can make a difference by participating in the "DON'T BUG ME" campaign. The enemy already aims at our Heroes as they serve in our behalf...Participating in the "Don't Bug Me" campaign gives you the opportunity to make a dent in a totally different kind of attack so please help keep our Troops focused on the battle at hand and stop the biting bug attack this summer!

If you are a **current approved supporter** and would like to participate in the either one of these campaigns, please send an e-mail with JULY 4, or DON'T BUG ME in the subject line to Arline, AAP Campaign Director at:

aapcampaign@yahoo.com with the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Marital status AND age
- Name of last Soldier / Address you supported

If you have someone who hasn't been approved by AAP and would like to participate, please ask them to fill out an application form located in "New Supporter" Application on the AAP website at www.adoptaplatoon.org.



IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

HONOR FLIGHT Network is our way of paying a small tribute to those who gave so much—a memorable, safe, and rewarding TOUR of HONOR!!! Please check out their website: <http://www.honorflight.org/>.



GUARDIAN ANGELS for DEPLOYED SOLDIER'S PETS

AdoptaPlatoon is a proud supporter of Guardian Angels for Soldiers' Pets. To learn what you can do to assist U.S. Troops with their pets when they leave for a deployment, visit www.guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org.



MESSAGE FOR CURRENT SUPPORTERS: AdoptaPlatoon provides AAP supporters with military Points of Contact (POC) so that more support can be sent if desired to deployed Troops for special projects, Chaplain Campaigns, and on-going campaigns. Our POC / Campaign lists are constantly changing and to prevent sending a care package to a POC representing a military unit who may have moved to another location or whose POC was changed, please contact Cheryl **for an updated POC / Campaign list at aap_poc_list@yahoo.com**. Please do not share this list with anyone. The safety of our Troops is paramount. Be sure to put CURRENT SUPPORTER in the subject line, as only approved supporters will receive this list.

DO NOT SEND ANYTHING TO THE FOLLOWING POCs AS THEY HAVE DEPLOYED HOME:

- IRAQ Operation Underwear -- **Todd, SGT Jeremy**
- MWR Afghanistan -- **Nicole Nicholas**
- TO Iraq W Love -- **Chaplain (CPT) Lands, Kehmes**
- CH (MAJ) **Thomas Vaughn**



If you would like to help with the cost of postage or help fill a care package to our Troops, you can make a tax-deductible donation via credit card (pay pal) at www.adoptaplatoon.org, or you can mail your donation made payable to AdoptaPlatoon and send to:

AdoptaPlatoon Headquarters
P.O. Box 234
Lozano, TX 78568



YES, these are difficult times for all of us, but please don't forget our Troops! As they fight for our Nation, your cards, post cards and letters help raise their

spirits, and your care package help to ease their load. Our military families also carry a heavy burden and your package with a pair of socks, lip balm, candy and travel hygiene items (suggested items) not only serve our Troops but also eases the strain on military families. Your continued support of our Troops through AdoptaPlatoon means more to them than words can say. Please help all that you can so that our Heroes will never be forgotten.

THANK YOU!!!

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