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a 501 (c) (3) organization

Adopt-A-Battalion is a 100% volunteer based organization that started in 2004, and in 2009 became a registered non-profit 501(c) (3) organization. AAB was organized to create, form and establish an organization to collect and send care packages to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and to wounded and disadvantaged war veterans and their families; to show support and gratitude for their sacrifice; to provide toiletries and other necessary items to military personnel who otherwise would not have access to such items; and, to offer moral support to military members who are defending the freedom of our country.

AAB ships care packages to our military personnel currently serving in Afghanistan, and also during the years our troops were deployed to Iraq. The packages contain donated personal items such as baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries, sunscreen, and snacks such as granola bars, beef jerky, and coffee singles. Books, recent magazines, and stationery items also go into the packages as do cards and letters from school children and ordinary citizens thanking our troops for their service and sacrifice. Any donated goods that cannot be shipped overseas augmented by other personal items are donated to our local U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital.

All monies donated to AAB are spent as follows: postage (by far our largest expense); to purchase items to send to our troops during the slow donation seasons; and, a small portion is spent on 'awareness' or getting the word out about AAB. Since its inception, Adopt-A-Battalion has shipped over 40 tons of goods valued at approximately \$420,000, sent over 20,000 letters and cards from school children and others, and paid for the shipping costs of the care packages (approximately \$80,000). During 2012, AAB shipped over 600 care packages with a value of \$30,000 to our military personnel serving in both Afghanistan and Iraq (the shipping cost for these packages alone came to almost \$10,000), and approximately \$6,000 in donated items was provided to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northport, LI.

For additional information on AAB, please visit our website at www.adoptabattalion.org. You can also contact us by email at info@aabsupports.org or call 516 342-5557.

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