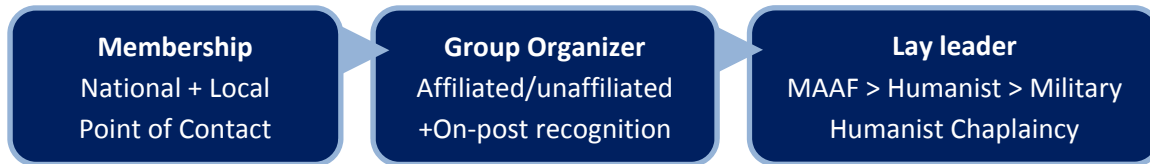


# The MAAF Network Local Leadership



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## I. Introduction

The following document lays out several options for local leadership in support of atheists and humanists in the military. As you review the steps you'll see being active as an individual, organizing a group, and being a chaplain-recognized lay leader. You can join others throughout the world. This is a voluntary association, with some controls on the use of the MAAF acronym, name, and logo.

## II. Official Positions

**All positions are open to active duty, guard, reserve, veteran, and retired, as well as those who were never military. Leader development is Member > POC > Organizer > Lay Leader > Chaplain, with Organizer building through levels of group development, and various levels of both lay leaders and chaplains.**

**Members** raise the visibility and respectability of all nontheists, associating military service with our movement. Membership with MAAF is a prerequisite for all other recognition. MAAF also encourages membership with at least one other national organization and membership in a local atheist/humanist group.

**Points of Contact (POC)** are publicly-identified members who are available to be contacted by interested members in the local area. This provides a foundation for others to meet informally for activities, but it does not require the effort of starting a local group or the formal application for a prospective lay leader.

**Organizers** are those willing to start a local group should register as an Organizer. By completing an Affiliate Agreement, the local group can operate independently while also affiliating formally with MAAF in order to benefit from MAAF/MASH branding, financial support, advertising, and other resources. MAAF maintains an Affiliate Development document that lays out types and levels of support. Organizers of other groups should coordinate with points of contact in the area.

**Lay Leaders** are formally recognized as representatives of humanism. This level of certification is commonly required to gain access to military chaplain programs and facilities. Note that lay leaders represent nontheists in general (atheist, freethinker, agnostic, humanist, pastafarian, etc) but are referred to by MAAF collectively as "humanist." Lay leaders must complete a formal application with MAAF first, and may seek higher levels of certification through humanist groups and the military. MAAF also recognizes Humanist Lay Leaders and Celebrants (of the Humanist Society) and Ethical Culture Leaders (of American Ethical Union) as Lay Leaders. Each branch of service also has methods of recognizing lay leaders, and MAAF can help with that process.

**Humanist Chaplains**, Just as other military chaplains for traditional religions, hold special endorsement to provide for humanists in the military. Humanist chaplains are common in the Dutch military and in many civilian chaplaincies. Meeting this requirement is no small accomplishment, but submitting lay leader paperwork is the first step.

### III. Be a Leader

- 1) **Join MAAF.** Connection with a national network is critical to ensure continuity and to help funnel resources and information from national to local and between local groups. Also review the MAAF FAQs for how to be more vocal and visible in your area.
- 2) **Contact MAAF** to discuss activities and to meet personnel in your area. By reviewing this document, you are learning about opportunities for local leadership. At this point, you may review regulations for your service (AFI 52-101, Navy TRP 1-05.1, or AR 165-1 which can be found at [militaryatheists.org/regulations/](http://militaryatheists.org/regulations/)).
- 3) **Sign up to be a local Point of Contact.** Stand up as a public face in your area. You need not put out all your personal contact information, but by being publicly identified, others will know they are not alone and MAAF can provide your information to other members. This is also facilitates collaboration with other groups in your area. **Note that all POCs, lay leaders, and group organizers agree to be identified publicly. This may be a big step for some, but we are moving out of the days when we have to hide who we are. Be proud and know you have support.**
- 4) **Start organizing** in your military community. If there is a military or civilian group, you should help to organize military-themed events. If there is not a military group, review this document and contact MAAF for information and our Affiliate Agreement.
- 5) **Establish a local group.** Identify a date, time, and location for at least one initial meeting, and preferably a location for meetings every 2 weeks in the same time and place. This regularity is something people can rely on and can start to show up at. Also set up an online presence. Consider an existing Meetup site of a local civilian group of nontheists in conjunction with a Facebook Page.
- 6) **Seek lay leader certification** to represent humanism and work with chaplain resources for your local community. The organizer and lay leader need not be the same person. The lay leader application provides you more insight into the humanist community and provides additional credibility for yourself as a leader. The lay leader works through the chaplaincy to support atheists and humanists. Note that a local group is not required for a lay leader application.
- 7) **Operate and improve.** Local community organizing is no easy task. Gaining official recognition to conduct operations and fundraising on post may require special paperwork that MAAF can help to advise on. Nearby civilian or military groups, and other national secular organizations can all add to the support MAAF provides. MAAF will help coordinate among group leaders to collect and publish best practices like frequency of meetings, discussion topics and events, contacting members, and growing the group. **(See Affiliate Development below)**

**5 & 6 Initial Approach breakouts:**

<b><u>Establish a local group</u></b>	<b><u>Certify a lay leader</u></b>
<p><b>5a) Choose a name and affiliation.</b> Using MAAF or MASH and the installation name is a good choice and requires completion of the Affiliate Agreement. Other choices with atheist, humanist, secular and the installation/ship name may also be good. Organizations like American Atheists, American Humanist Association, and Secular Student Alliance have other group setup and affiliation requirements that can be helpful.</p> <p><b>5b) Select a date, time, and location</b> for the first set of meetings. A simple meet-and-greet for new members is a good start. It should be an easily-accessible place that people know that is relatively quiet to allow for a discussion. Allowing 2 weeks before the first event and a regular bi-weekly meeting allows for enough time for people to plan and consistency to fit people's schedule.</p> <p><b>5c) Establish an online presence.</b> A Facebook page is a good, free start. Also consider piggy-backing on a local civilian group's meetup site. When establishing website URLs, trim unnecessary characters for simplicity. MAAF can help with fees for established Affiliates.</p> <p><b>5d) Advertise.</b> Once an event is scheduled and website is set up, MAAF will notify all MAAF members in the local area. MAAF will help with initial advertising to get the group started. Discussions and activity on the Facebook page will also gather attention. Laying out information in authorized areas also helps – check out MAAF brochures and flyers.</p> <p><b>5e) Hold your event(s).</b> Have some distinctive marker especially if this is at a public place – like a sign with the group name, magazines, or distinctive clothes. This will allow people to easily identify the group. Be sure to have a sign-up sheet with phone numbers and email addresses so you can get in touch later. There may not be many people at the first event, but even a small group makes a big difference and can form the foundation for future meetings.</p> <p><b>5f) Plan for the future.</b> From the first meeting, note who shows up, follow up to encourage attendance, and take notes on what people want to see from the group and start to tailor activities to build enthusiasm.</p>	<p><b>6a) Seek MAAF lay leader certification.</b> For your application, MAAF will have to attest to your suitability as a lay leader through a standard application process. MAAF will advise on the process including certification and what to discuss with the chaplains.</p> <p><b>6b) Contact the chaplain.</b> Ask to be recognized as a "lay leader" (Army DFGL, Air Force SRP, Navy RMLL). Request official support from the chaplains and work with MAAF to answer any questions. You may also provide the chaplain with MAAF brochures printed from the MAAF website. Make it clear that this is not an isolated request.</p> <p><b>6c) Request support.</b> The first meeting should be to confirm that humanists have positive values and a need for community, just like everyone else. You should ask for meeting space and advertisement for meetings. Remember to focus on supporting humanists in general not supporting the group itself.</p> <p><b>6d) Receive military lay leader certification.</b> MAAF will provide an official sponsor letter, either directly or in conjunction with other organizations, depending on the requirements the chaplains put forth. This may take several months, but each step is necessary to maintain the legitimacy of our efforts.</p> <p><b>6e) File military recognition paperwork.</b> This may not always be necessary, depending on the chaplain, but Army Reg 165-1, AF Instruction 52-101, and Navy TRP 1.05-1 provide lay leader requirements that include official sponsorship by an organization like MAAF. The formal recognition and review process may take months depending on chaplain cooperation and the applicant's diligence in the process.</p> <p><b>MAAF lay leaders can and should begin organizing even if military leaders are not cooperative.</b></p> <p><b>6f) Schedule meetings and advertise.</b> See Section 7: Operate and Improve. Set up meetings. The chaplains should be able to jump-start the effort with advertising and free, accessible meeting space. Again, the chaplain is not recognizing any local groups but rather "humanists" in general.</p>

# The MAAF Network Affiliate Development

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Being part of the MAAF Network is a great service to fellow service members and the humanist movement. It isn't easy, especially with the demands of military service and life. MAAF wants to make this process easier and recognize the hard work of local group leaders. Policy changes and national organization do little without execution and passion at the line level.

✪ **Team Requirements:** Maintain current Affiliate Agreement, Submit monthly reports in accordance with Affiliate Agreement, Establish group name and logo, Establish website for group, Link to MAAF on group website

- Starter Kit: Brochures, flyers, information, and other materials to get started
- MAAF IP: Authorization to use MAAF-owned logos and names
- Professional logo: Official MAAF or MASH logo or assistance with a custom logo
- MAAF site link: Listing on the MAAF Network webpage
- Referrals: Notification to MAAF members in the area of local events
- Web setup assistance: Assistance with online website setup
- Organizer calls: Invitation to bi-weekly national MAAF organizing calls
- Affiliate badge: Recognition for Affiliate Level (increasing for each level)

✪✪ **Squad Requirements:** Maintain Team requirements, maintain at least 15 MAAF members, schedule and conduct at twice-monthly events

- Banner: Custom banner with affiliate name and information
- Buttons: Button of choice for each squad member
- Email: militaryatheists.org email address for group leader(s)
- MAAF Grants: These can be for meetup.com fees, books, speaker fees or other local group use. \$50/mo max for Squad, higher levels for Platoon
- Organizer T-shirt: Free t-shirt of choosing from the MAAF store for the organizer
- Speaker referrals: Assistance with booking speakers (see grants for funding). Better speakers are reserved for groups that can provide larger audiences

✪✪✪ **Platoon Requirements:** Maintain Squad requirements, maintain at least 30 MAAF members, schedule and conduct at least weekly events

- Donation support: Assistance in collecting tax-deductible donations
- On-post recognition: Assistance in Constitution, By-laws, installation paperwork, and other information for official post recognition

# The MAAF Network

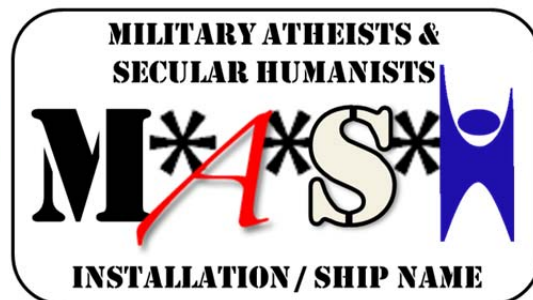
## Suggested Names and Logos



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Selecting a group name and logo can be difficult for many reasons, chief of which is the individualism of nontheists. It is also important to make a good choice early-on. Things can be hard to change later. It is helpful for the movement to hold to consistent branding of local organizations rather than being overly unique or creative. On the MAAF Network page, you can see a number of ideas and variety, but suggested names and logo options are below.

- Whatever logo and name you choose, keep in mind the following:
- Supporting the MAAF brand is helpful to the national movement
- Using the MAAF name makes it easier for to find your group
- Simple colors and graphics make for easy printing and understanding
- Using the installation name makes your location clear
- Using atheist, humanist, and/or freethinker makes the purpose of the group clear
- Democratic selection is the best method, but these provide a useful start



*Suggested Logo Examples: These logos and those with similar likeness and use are protected trademark/servicemarks and available only to certified affiliates. MAAF can provide potential graphic design assistance and high-resolution graphics to potential affiliates*

# The MAAF Network Affiliate Agreement



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## Section I Administrative Data

Affiliate Name: [Group Name] & [Acronym]

Agent: [Agent Name]

Address: [Agent Address]

Email: [Agent Email]

Phone: [Agent Phone]

List Alternate Agents and contact information:

## Section II Duration

Original Agreement: [Today/Original Date]

Dates Effective: [Today/New Date] through [One year from Start]

## Section III Agreements

Responsibilities: The Agent will act in accordance with MAAF policies and encourage all Affiliate members to join MAAF through the official MAAF website. The Agent will ensure the affiliate group and its related activities stay within the bounds of legal and regulatory requirements and that the affiliate members and activities create a positive perception of MAAF and the nontheist movement.

Updates: Monthly Activity Reports with the following information are required by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month: All scheduled and conducted events, All changes in leadership or contact information, Conflicts or concerns with members, the organization, or associated organizations, and pictures. Organizers must maintain current, signed affiliate agreements and notify MAAF of any changes in status.

Trademark/Service mark authorization: The Affiliate may use the MAAF name, acronym, and logo in the name of the organization, advertisements, and publications. Although the Affiliate is independent and holds no not-for-profit status, the Affiliate will be careful not to violate restrictions of partisanship and profit-making operations while using the MAAF logo. The Affiliate will not sell merchandise with the MAAF logo without the written consent of MAAF. These limited authorizations also apply to related MAAF intellectual property and websites including the name Military Atheists & Secular Humanists as well as related logos and acronyms (MASH, M\*A\*S\*H), logos, and variations of MASH, MAAF, the MAAF Network, etc. These items are trademarks used in MAAF/MASH items and servicemarks related to the setup and support of local groups.

## Section IV Terms

MAAF: The Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers is a community support network that connects military members from around the world with each other and with local organizations. In addition to our community services, we take action to educate and train both the military and civilian community about nontheists in the military and the issues that face us. Where necessary, MAAF identifies, examines, and responds to insensitive practices that illegally promote religion over secular values within the military or unethically discriminate against differing beliefs. MAAF supports Constitutional Separation of Church and State and 1st Amendment rights for all service members. We also coordinate with other national organizations that hold the same values.

Affiliate: The Affiliate is an independent entity that supports the purposes and values of MAAF. The Affiliate does not act on behalf of MAAF and its members and officials do not speak for MAAF. No rights or responsibilities of MAAF's not-for-profit status transfer to the affiliate.

Termination: The Affiliate will discontinue use of the MAAF name and logo upon request from MAAF. The Affiliate can discontinue their affiliation at any time. Termination will require renaming or surrender of online websites or other products that use MAAF or MASH names or logos.

Renewal: Affiliate Agreements may be renewed at any time by requesting and re-submitting a current Affiliate Agreement. Renewals are not effective until signed by both parties.

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Jason Torpy, Date  
President, MAAF

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[Agent Name], Date  
Affiliate Agent

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## Selected Meeting Ideas

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This document provides some initial meeting ideas. Running a group involves leadership, succession planning, finance, scheduling, logistics, and other considerations that are important but not covered here. Consider requesting a group running guide from the Secular Student Alliance and/or the American Humanist Association. Also look at other organizations listed on the MAAF network page for great ideas or coaching. Below are listed several types of meetings to consider putting on the schedule. For each meeting, take 5-10 minutes to introduce the group, recognize new members, and ask for input from the group (feedback on events, new ideas, personal news).

**Service Project:** Clean a road, plant a garden, build a house, hand out food... Service projects are by far the most positive and impactful activities for a local group. It can be fun and rewarding, and charitable work does great things to eradicate negative perceptions of atheists.

**Book Club:** This involves 1-3 members who are familiar with a certain book presenting the main concepts and a few questions. The other members ask questions about the book and discuss key concepts. Note that it is important that members not feel obligated to read the book. This allows the group to learn and limits loss of participation due to busy schedules.

**Current events:** Have individuals bring in news clippings to discuss among the group. It's best to pick a topic – ethics, atheism, cosmology, medicine, etc – just focus the discussion. Also see MAAF's Atheists in Foxholes news and events calendar (under 'community' on the site).

**Speakers:** Invite a local (or national speaker). Looking at other local groups (nontheistic or otherwise) and selecting speakers known to be in the area is a good start. MAAF can also help to coordinate for speakers to visit. It can be helpful to collect funds to help pay a speakers travel costs, but that can often be waived for the military.

**Planning Meeting:** Talk about the future of the group, scheduling, and fund-raising. These aren't as 'fun' but they are important to schedule and can be the primary focus for the first meeting or two.

**New Member / Social Meeting:** Introduce new members, welcome them to the group, and talk about personal information so everyone can get to know each other. Talking about how each person came to their beliefs and how their atheism/humanism has affected their service may be of interest. This is also good for the first few meetings, but it should be done periodically as new members rotate in and out. This is also good for general fun meetings to meet at the pub and have fun.



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## Topics and Resources

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In the military context, it is advisable for groups to maintain a positive approach. Anti-religious and/or mocking videos, books, or authors, can set a bad precedence and possibly provide justification for ousting a group. Select positive topics of ethics, philosophy, and science. Discussions of religion are valid, and even satire of religion is honest discussion, but pure mockery or vitriol should be avoided. Avoid topics promoting any political candidate or campaign.

**Brochures:** MAAF offers a brochure called "Living Well Through Secular Humanism". The Freedom From Religion Foundation (ffrf.org) produces "nontracts" regarding atheist myths, freethinkers, women's rights, and religion in general.

**Humanist Study Materials:** Schedule the topics at the Kochhar Humanist Education Center (KHEC) and Continuum for Humanist Education (COHE, [cohe.humanistinstitute.org](http://cohe.humanistinstitute.org)).

**Reading Material:** MAAF book list, <http://www.militaryatheists.org/booklist/>, a listing of about 60 books from famous authors in subjects such as ethics, science, history, and philosophy. Magazines from national organizations such as the The Humanist (AHA), Free Inquiry (CFI), Skeptic Magazine, and science magazines such as Popular Science and National Geographic.

**Blog Articles:** There are many great bloggers including Friendly Atheist, Pharyngula (science, atheism), Skepchick, and Bad Astronomy. Organizations (like AA, SCA, and AHA) have blogs and post regular articles of interest. Also check out MAAF's Atheists in Foxholes News ([militaryatheists.org](http://militaryatheists.org)).

**Movies:** Humanist Magazine selected 10 top films: Inherit the Wind, Harold and Maude, Chocolat, American Beauty, Life of Brian, Amadeus, Planet of the Apes, Defending your Life, Fountainhead (1949), Schindler's List. Contact is another top pick. Also consider series such as Cosmos, The Universe, and NOVA.

**Video clips:** There are literally millions of good options here, but consider the following search terms to find good videos: Symphony of Science, Ferromagnetic liquids, and Planet/star scale. Also look for Tim Minchin, "Mitchell & Webb Look," "Mr Deity," "The Thinking Atheist," TED talks, and Big Think.

**Podcasts:** Skeptoid (skepticism), Skeptic's Guide to the Universe (science news), CERN LHC (12 episodes), Purpose-Centered Life (40 episodes, atheist living), Point of Inquiry (various topics)

**Informational Websites:** The websites of various organizations have a variety of information available, as well as the websites of the podcasts and publications already listed. Also see [talkorigins.org](http://talkorigins.org) (science), [quackwatch.org](http://quackwatch.org) (medicine), [infidels.org](http://infidels.org) (debates), Informational is Beautiful (graphical statistics), [project-reason.org](http://project-reason.org) (Sam Harris), [outcampaign.org](http://outcampaign.org).

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## Major Events Calendar

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*Note that for brevity, dates of celebrations are not included here but can be found online.*

As organizations both military and humanist, with a reverence for the scientific and an interest in our history, we should take time to appropriately celebrate and memorialize significant events and dates. Planning should include regular activities, but even at the beginning of the year, group leaders and members should be aspiring to come together for at least 3-4 major activities each year. View the MAAF national calendar at <http://www.militaryatheists.org/calendar.html>

The many celebrations below should all be recognized at least to some extent, but MAAF recommend local groups hold a major event, preferably a local service project, at three times: Between the National Day of Reason and Memorial Day, between Flag Day/Army Birthday and Independence Day, and between Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Local groups should also attend one major national convention as a group. There's no need to coordinate entirely on your own – seek partner organizations.

**Military memorials:** First and foremost, the major military dates on the calendar should be a focus for MAAF groups. These include (but are not limited to), Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day (third May Saturday), and the birthdays of each of the branches of service. Other memorials such as Pearl Harbor Day or events like the Army-Navy Football Game or Marine Corps Marathon may also be observed. Note that these events are best celebrated in cooperation with other military service organizations (like the VFW) that may be holding larger events.

**Patriotic holidays:** Because we defend the nation, we want to celebrate and show our pride. Independence Day, Flag Day, Presidents Day and Constitution Day are good examples. Local communities often come together for these events and may provide good partners for collaboration.

**Humanist celebrations:** There are varied ways to celebrate the progress of humanity and science that include: HumanLight, Solstice/Equinox events, National Day of Reason, Freethought Day, and the birthdays of Charles Darwin and Carl Sagan.

**National conventions:** Atheist, humanist, freethought, skeptical, and military organizations all hold national conventions around the country. These can all be expensive to attend, but they offer a great opportunity to meet other leaders for ideas and to build both camaraderie and excitement within the group. MAAF recommends the American Humanist Association, American Atheists, and Veterans of Foreign Wars national conventions, as well as the Amazing Meeting (Randi).

*This is by no means a comprehensive list, but time and money are short, and the year is only so long. Pick a few target events early in the year where your group can really shine.*

# The MAAF Network Charities and Service

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MAAF affiliates should take opportunities for charitable and service activities. There are always many options but below are a few recommendations from MAAF. The best option is to ask members what their favorite charity may be. Don't forget that MAAF is a charitable activity as well. Beyond those obvious options, the below resource provide for more traditional charities.

**Foundation Beyond Belief**, [foundationbeyondbelief.org](http://foundationbeyondbelief.org), provides a rotating list of charities in five different areas. FBB also provides advice about charitable activities. MAAF is part of the FBB partner program, so you can conduct fundraising activities and donate on behalf of MAAF.

**Leukemia Lymphoma Light the Night**, <http://foundationbeyondbelief.org/LLS-lightthenight>, Light the Night is an effort of the Stiefel Freethought Foundation to generate one million dollars in donations from the freethought community. At the link (FBB has the best info), find more information to register and set up donations.

**Blood Drives**, [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), are surprisingly easy, requiring a reserved venue and the promise of 20-50 personnel. The Red Cross (or American Heart Association) will often set up the entire event so long as they have a venue and a crowd.

**Food Bank**. Local food banks provide good opportunities, at every meeting, to collect donations of canned food. Alternatively, a regular event to hand out food or otherwise help at the local food bank is another way to make a difference.

**Combined Federal Campaign**, <http://militaryatheists.org/advocacy/cfc/>. The CFC is a collective giving program provided to all federal employees. MAAF conducts an annual review of the charities on the CFC list, and that review and list also provides potential charities.

**Wounded Warrior**, <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>, provides large-scale, national support for warriors with physical and emotional wounds from war. There are often events in the area and this is a great option to step out in the local community.

**Pat Tillman Foundation**, <http://www.patillmanfoundation.org>, was started in honor of one of the most famous foxhole atheists. The Foundation provides scholarships by operating runs, including the large run in Tempe Arizona, shadow runs across the country, and other ways to help.

**Donations and Legacy Gifts:** Take some time to explain giving options, like updating beneficiaries to include MAAF or another favorite charity, or just take up a collection.

# The MAAF Network

## Civilian Outreach to Military

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Civilian organizations are encouraged to reach out to their local military community. The following document provides ways to work through MAAF and to reach out directly. Supporting the troops is a great way to participate with the community and show the positive face of the nontheist community.

*If your group conducts any of these activities, MAAF will notify all members in your area and may provide other support and collaboration.*

**Identify a Military representative in your group.** Your group may have a VP or social coordinator, but does it have a military representative? That person could coordinate the military outreach program and even serve as a MAAF Point of Contact and/or Lay Leader. That will support the military directly and help MAAF send members to the local group.

**Support deployed service members.** Contact MAAF to send tailored care packages or thank you notes to MAAF members. Also consider coordinating with general support programs not necessarily tailored to atheists and humanists.

**Do events on military and patriotic holidays.** Have military recognition ceremonies during military and patriotic holidays (See Major Events Calendar). This normally won't require a separate event, but rather participation in parades and wreath-laying events set up for the public.

**Participate in coming-home ceremonies and other military-related public events.** Look for coming-home ceremonies for local units as well as deployment ceremonies, retirements, promotions, family days and other events by the military for the public. Show up and show your support.

**Adopt a local unit.** Fun activities like a happy hour, birthday parties, or other types of recognition can directly show your appreciation to troops. Especially when units are deployed, family members still at home may need help with chores, babysitting, food, dogwalking, and tasks of daily life.

**Collaborate with local military groups.** Organizations like the local VFW and American Legion are often conservative but that is all the more reason to reach out and build bridges. Despite potential religious bias, they do know best how to reach out to the local military community.

**Talk about MAAF issues:** Discuss information from the MAAF site, including the Top Stories link, to shed light on issues for atheists and humanists in the military. There are atheists in foxholes, and we need support too. Tell your local media, Congress, and other personnel.

# The MAAF Network

## Student Outreach to Military



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This is our country, and we defend the nation as well. Don't let anyone say otherwise. Atheists are in foxholes, and they need your help, for fellowship, service, and scholarship. If your group conducts any of these activities, MAAF will notify all members in your area and may provide other support and collaboration. This document provides references to resources that can help with outreach.

The MAAF Network, [militaryatheists.org/network/](http://militaryatheists.org/network/) includes comprehensive resources for military communities and outreach to the military. Look for the following linked documents:

- Civilian Outreach: Resources specifically for civilians to reach out.
- Local Leadership: Among other topics, this document includes Major Events and ideas for Charities and Service that increase your profile supporting troops.
- Network map: Includes local points of contact and groups on military installations.

MAAF provides a number of online resources that can provide meeting topics and academic study.

- Spiritual Fitness in the military ([militaryatheists.org/spirituality](http://militaryatheists.org/spirituality))
- Religious/nonbeliever demographics ([/demographics](http://militaryatheists.org/demographics))
- Military service defending religious shrines on public land ([/stolenvvalor](http://militaryatheists.org/stolenvvalor))
- Equal support from military chaplains ([/chaplain](http://militaryatheists.org/chaplain))
- List of atheists in foxholes and related references ([/atheists-in-foxholes](http://militaryatheists.org/atheists-in-foxholes))
- Support for deployed personnel, hospitals, and enlistees ([/support-our-troops](http://militaryatheists.org/support-our-troops))

Updates on current events and military activism:

- Atheists in Foxholes News: Front page of <http://militaryatheists.org>
- Rock Beyond Belief Blog / AA Military: [freethoughtblogs.com/rockbeyondbelief/](http://freethoughtblogs.com/rockbeyondbelief/)
- MRFF litigation and media: [militaryreligiousfreedom.org](http://militaryreligiousfreedom.org)

*If you have any other ideas or want a speaker or awardee to come and visit, contact MAAF any time.*



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