

**RESOLUTION 2019-35**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS AGREEMENT (COF CONTRACT NO. 2019-0130) TO SUPPORT THE 4<sup>th</sup> BN 5<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL FORCES GROUP A AT FORT CAMPBELL**

**WHEREAS**, American military forces are either engaged in defending or are prepared to defend and support American interests and principles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adopt-a-Unit program created by America Supporting Americans on March 4, 1968, provides a mechanism whereby all branches of the United States Armed Services can be “adopted” by American communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this adoption program is to create a bond between American communities and the military men and women who bravely serve their country; and

**WHEREAS**, this bond is intended to support the morale of said service and men and women without regard to individual political ties or affiliations; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the challenges confronting American service men and service women, it is appropriate and fitting that the City of Franklin, Tennessee show its support by adopting the 4<sup>th</sup> BN 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Franklin as follows:

1. The City of Franklin hereby supports the execution of the America Supporting Americans Agreement (COF Contract No. 2019-0130, which is attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution).
2. The City of Franklin hereby designates Tom Miller and Monique McCullough as the official liaisons between the City of Franklin and 4<sup>th</sup> BN 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group A.
3. The City of Franklin does hereby adopt and offer its ongoing respect and support to 4<sup>th</sup> BN 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group A, in time of war and in time of peace, to said service men and service women.
4. The City of Franklin hereby encourages all City employees, businesses, service clubs, charitable organizations, and private citizens to become involved in supporting this adoption.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE** on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric S. Stuckey  
City Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Ken Moore  
Mayor

**Approved as to Form:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shauna R. Billingsley  
City Attorney



## AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS: ADOPTION AGREEMENT FORM FOR CITIES

Congratulations on your community's decision to adopt a unit through the ASA program! We are delighted you have chosen to join the ASA adoptive family. Of course, we believe you could not have found a more wonderful way to support the men and women of our armed services, and we expect you will find it just as rewarding to your community as it will be to the members of the unit, ship, or squadron you have adopted.

In order to finalize this process, we ask that you fill out, sign, and return this form, together with your community's Adoption Resolution, to ASA's office in California:

Linda Patterson  
America Supporting Americans  
P.O. Box 574  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

If you have any questions, please direct them to Linda Patterson at (310) 459-5625. Linda's email address is [artavia101@earthlink.net](mailto:artavia101@earthlink.net). Fax number (818) 851-851-9016 Thank you!

It is hereby agreed that (city/state): the City of Franklin, Tennessee is adopting the following unit, 4th BN 5th Special Forces Group A, through the AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS (ASA) Adopt-a-Unit Program. It is further agreed that our community will regularly engage in activities designed to support this unit. We have chosen a primary and secondary contact person for this program. We understand that at least one of these people must be a city employee who can receive information, mailings, phone calls, and email through city hall, or a comparable official administrative location for our community.

The primary contact person in our community for this program will be:

Name: Tom Miller  
Address: 1328 Carnton Lane, Franklin, Tennessee 37064  
tommillerfranklin@gmail.com

Phone: 615-456-3805

This person is a city employee whose contact information, as listed above, corresponds to an administrative office for our municipal government.

Our secondary contact person will be:

Name: Monique McCullough  
Address: 109 3rd Avenue South, Franklin, Tennessee 37064  
monique.mccullough@franklin.tn.gov

Phone: 615-550-6603

This person is a city employee whose contact information, as listed above, corresponds to an administrative office for our municipal government.

The name(s) of our local newspaper(s) is (are) Williamson Herald and the Tennessean

The name(s) of our local radio stations(s) is (are) WAKM

We agree to remain in contact with ASA, providing ASA with any changes in the above information, and returning to ASA the Adoption Update Forms which will be sent to us by ASA on a semi-annual basis. ASA may include the name of our community in the list of adoptive communities on the ASA website. In promoting or publicizing this adoption or adoption related activities, through whatever media, we will, if possible, include the fact that we adopted this unit through AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS. We also agree that at least one of the two contact people for this adoption will always be a city employee who can be reached as described in the printed paragraph above.  
Mayor (or comparable civic official)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS

## How You Can Help:

- Visit the ASA website, [www.asa-usa.org](http://www.asa-usa.org), where you can find more information and adoption forms online.
- Connect ASA with a city, town, or county that may be interested in adopting a military unit.
- Connect ASA with a military unit at home or abroad that may be interested in being adopted.
- Make a donation to support the work of ASA or, if you prefer, to support adoption activities for a particular unit or community.

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO ASA  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

OR TO RECEIVE OUR ONLINE NEWSLETTER:

(We do not share our mailing list with any other organization.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM WITH A \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT INTERESTED IN THE  
ASA ADOPTION PROGRAM. PLEASE CONTACT ME.

OTHER INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADOPT-A-UNIT PROGRAM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.ASA-USA.ORG](http://WWW.ASA-USA.ORG)

## WHAT IS AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS?

ASA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization committed to building caring, supportive connections between the young men and women serving in all branches of our armed forces and people living in towns and cities throughout the country.

Working primarily through mayors, city managers, and local chambers of commerce, we facilitate "adoptions" between towns, cities, or counties and individual military units. In many cases, a city is already "home" to a particular unit, and the municipality and unit may want to solidify this relationship in unique, caring, personally meaningful ways. In other cases, a city, town, or county wants to establish a strong, supportive connection with soldiers in a unit, sailors on a ship, or airmen in a squadron not already affiliated with the municipality involved. In either case, ASA facilitates this process and provides the ongoing support needed to help make the adoption a success.

Adoption support services provided by ASA include the following:

- The ability for individuals to make secure, designated donations via the ASA website in support of adoption activities in a specific city, town, or county.
- Guidance in setting up activities and events to support the adopted unit.
- Promotion of local adoption-related events and activities on the ASA website.



Through the Youth Civic Action and Education Program (YCAP), students participate in adoption activities and their teachers are able to integrate materials and resources provided by adopted units into their curriculums. Here, students collect school supplies and donate them to their city's adopted unit for distribution to school children in Iraq.



## HOW DID ASA GET STARTED?



Joe Artavia

AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS began its work in 1967 when Linda Patterson, a young woman living in San Mateo, California, convinced her hometown to adopt her brother, Joe's, unit in Vietnam. Believing that the individual soldiers charged with fighting an unpopular war desperately needed to feel the interest and concern of communities back home, San Mateo agreed to Linda's request, and the morale of Joe's fellow infantrymen was, in Joe's words, brought "as high as the clouds." Joe, at age nineteen, was killed in Vietnam trying to rescue a fellow soldier three weeks after the adoption took place, but many of the men who served with him gratefully remember Joe and Linda each time they look at a cherished medal that reads, "City of San Mateo, Adopted Son." Based on the success of this experience, Linda founded ASA.



Linda Patterson at  
Camp Eagle in Vietnam (1968)

Having geared up the adoption program again during Desert Storm, and now for a third time in the wake of 9/11, ASA is committed to facilitating these adoptions on an ongoing basis. Through ASA adoptions, both military personnel and civilians are benefiting from the unique and crucial link that exists between the men and women of our armed services and those they are charged to protect.

Visit our website:

[www.asa-usa.org](http://www.asa-usa.org)

## HERE ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES COMMUNITIES HAVE ENGAGED IN WITH THEIR ADOPTED UNITS:

Exchanging letters between school children and the men and women serving in the adopted unit.

Incorporating members of adopted units into 4<sup>th</sup> of July and/or homecoming parades.



Having members of adopted units speak about their experiences to school and community groups.

Writing letters of condolence to families of service men and women who have been killed or wounded.

Acknowledging both unit members' military service and community members' support with awards and recognition ceremonies.



Shipping school supplies to be donated to Iraqi school children by units stationed in Iraqi villages.

Shipping surplus law enforcement equipment to be donated to Iraqi policemen by members of the adopted units working with local Iraqi police.