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VFW Now Offering “Free Call Day” Every Month!

Internet Cafés Help Reach More Heroes with More Minutes

Since 2006, VFW has been offering “Free Call Days” for troops stationed in the Middle East. The events – held typically on holidays – have been incredibly well received by the troops. In fact, they have been so successful that VFW will now offer “Free Call Days” every single month and reduce the distribution of traditional phone cards.



“It’s simply a matter of how we can do the most good,” said Michael Penney, VFW National Military Services Director. “With ‘Free Call Days,’ we can reach more troops in more places and give them more time with loved ones.”

According to Penney, another key advantage is that there is no time limit on calls made from the 600+ Internet cafés in use by VFW. This means troops are able to spend more than the 15 minutes provided by a standard **VFW Operation Uplink** phone card.

“The cost per minute is also about 90% less using the Internet cafés,” Penney continued. “In other words, we can stretch donations to the program a whole lot further.”

The free calls are available in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Penney is quick to point out that phone cards will still be available for homecoming and deployment ceremonies, as well as in regions not served by the “Free Call Days” such as Germany, Korea, Japan and Italy.

Domestic phone cards will still be provided to hospitalized veterans stateside.

“Times are changing, and we must change with them,” said Penney. “It’s exciting that we are able to leverage today’s technology to do even more for those who are sacrificing so much for us all.”

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