

How You Can Help:

- Visit the ASA website, www.asa-usa.org, where you can find more information and foster forms online.
- Connect ASA with a high school, college, or club lacrosse team that may be interested in fostering a military unit.
- Connect ASA with a military unit at home or abroad that may be interested in being fostered.
- Make a donation to support the work of ASA or, if you prefer, to support foster activities for a particular unit or team.

**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 INTERESTED IN THE ASA LACROSSE FOSTER
PROGRAM. PLEASE CONTACT ME.**

OTHER INTEREST: _____

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LACROSSE TEAM FOSTER-A-UNIT PROGRAM



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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. We also have developed a "foster" program with high school, college, and club lacrosse teams, where these programs show their support for the troops in much the same way. In either case, ASA facilitates this process and provides the ongoing support needed to help make the adoption or foster a success.

Adoption and foster 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/foster activities.
- Guidance in setting up activities and events to support the adopted/fostered unit.
- Promotion of local adoption/foster-related events and activities on the ASA website.

High School and College Teams already involved:

Brown University
Bucknell University
Clark University
Cornell University
Doc's NYC Lacrosse
Duke University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Hobart College
Iona College
James Caldwell HS
Lycoming College
Mercyhurst College
Mercyhurst Northeast
Norwich University
Ocoee High School
Wheaton College

Ohio State
Presbyterian College
Queens University
Rollins College
Sachem LAX
Sacred Heart University
Saint Leo University
Saint Thomas Aquinas High School
Saint Xavier High School
US Merchant Marine Academy
US Air Force Academy
University of Detroit Jesuit
University of Vermont
Virginia Episcopal School
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington & Lee University
Western New England College
Wesley College

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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.

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JUST A FEW WAYS YOUR LACROSSE TEAM CAN

- Exchanging letters between the team and members of the units
- Sending care packages with things like: toiletries, magazines, gum, candy, instant soup, letter writing materials, etc...
- Creating banners that can be sent to the troops for them to display



Bucknell University, one of the first programs to get involved with ASA

- Wearing the insignia of their fostered unit on their helmets
- Conducting fundraisers to purchase much needed supplies for the troops
- Raising money for ASA



Clark Cougars' raising money at home soccer game



**THE LACROSSE COMMUNITY
HAS STEPPED UP TO THE "ASA-
USA HOMELAND SUPPORT"
FOR OVER 5,000 SOLDIERS**



Duke preparing packages.

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