

ADOPT A
BRIGADE



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MAROM BRIGADE

ARMED WITH
PERSONAL GUARDIANS
FROM ACROSS THE SEA.





THE MOST NOBLE MISSION

Every moment of every day, the profoundly dedicated soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are working tirelessly to maintain the security of the nation's borders and safety of its people. Friends of the Israel Defense Forces' (FIDF's) revered *Adopt A Brigade* program provides direct financial support as well as strong emotional reinforcement to loyal troops serving in several dozen distinguished IDF Brigades, including those dedicated to Combat, Combat Intelligence, Special Forces, the Navy Corps, the Air Force, the Armored Corps, and the Artillery Corps.



MAROM BRIGADE



The **Marom Brigade** is a regular brigade in the Israel Defense Forces and includes operational units as well as schools that train infantry fighters and elite units which specialize in specific combat skills, including advanced paratroop operations.

Mitkan Adam Base near Modi'in is home to the majority of the Marom Brigade and also includes Lotar, Oketz, Mobility Unit 444, the school of professional shooting. Airborne units of the brigade are based at Tel Nof Base, also known as Air Force Base 8, which is the home of the IDF Parachuting School and Airborne Supply Unit. Located near Rehovot, it is the oldest base in the Israeli Air Force.



THE NEED: PRACTICAL AND EMOTIONAL REINFORCEMENT FOR EVERY IDF SOLDIER

It's no secret that the daily service of an IDF soldier is typically teeming with relentless challenges coming from every direction. While we cannot quell the varied imposing onslaughts that our protectors face, we can offer ways to ease their minds and spirits of certain basic concerns and burdens. When our soldiers are immersed knee-deep in fighting the good fight, the least they should be worrying about are fundamental financial needs back home. Likewise, a soldier's inner well-being must remain robust, despite the emotional toll military service can take when loved ones are left behind, far away, replaced by uncertainties appearing with every new day.

THE SOLUTION: EMPOWERING UNITS WITH MULTIFACETED SUPPORT

The Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) Adopt a Brigade program offers multi-faceted support, lifting soldiers up to rise to the challenging mission of protecting Israel. Support benefits a brigade's soldiers in need with funds dedicated to both their financial welfare and their emotional well-being, while simultaneously providing donors a unique opportunity to connect directly with IDF soldiers.



Your gift will benefit an entire brigade of your choice. Eighty percent will go toward the financial welfare of the brigade's soldiers with the remaining 20% supporting soldiers' emotional well-being.

Donors may choose to sponsor one or more of these foundational components of support in its entirety for the full unit.

FOOD VOUCHERS

When soldiers are serving, the last thing they should be concerned about is whether they will be able to get a meal at home. As part of the Adopt a Brigade Program, food vouchers are providing to give immediate relief.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

They are distributed for the purchase of food and other necessities to address the acute financial distress of soldiers living below the poverty line, as well as Lone Soldiers who lack familial support. These vouchers can be redeemed at supermarkets, pharmacies, and military grocery stores. The vouchers serve as food stamps, but primarily offer soldiers financial relief in a dignified manner. Often times, these food vouchers enable soldiers and their families to partake in an appropriate holiday meal, which otherwise may not be attainable due to their financial hardship.

SPECIAL GRANTS

Holidays On average, 1 in 5 IDF recruits come from low-income families. In some cases, soldiers who do not fall below the poverty line do not qualify for government assistance but may not have sufficient funds for food and basic necessities. Often times, these soldiers are prevented from serving because they need to help provide for their families. To address this, unit commanders can identify candidates for special grants. At the commander's discretion, the funds are transferred directly and discreetly into the soldier's bank account to offer much needed financial relief. Each grant is based on the unique needs of the soldier, and the amount given is determined

in accordance with that need, as well as through an evaluation from the social welfare officer on base. Without our help, those soldiers would continue to struggle alone, and in some cases, might not be able to complete their IDF service.

THE COMMANDER'S FUND

The Commander's Fund plays a critical role in supporting the unit. It is used for well-being purchases to lift the morale of soldiers on base, including for social events, electronics, kitchen supplies, games, educational programs, celebratory dinners, and much more. The funds are allocated at the commander's discretion based on their understanding of the needs of the unit. These funds directly improve the soldiers' personal well-being, therefore enhancing their ability to carry out their military duties.

ADDITIONAL WELL-BEING SUPPORT

For donors who wish to go above and beyond the foundational support that brigades require, additional opportunities are available to care for their soldiers' wellbeing and to boost their moral. Examples include brigade-wide events, holiday vouchers, recuperation days, and even flights home for Lone Soldiers serving in their brigades.

THE IMPACT



In 2023 alone, Adopt A Brigade donors met the challenge and adopted 25 brigades.

REACHING THOUSANDS WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH

Supporters not only directly enhanced the lives of these worthy individuals, but also developed extraordinary bonds with their brigades. Through their personal support, they lift thousands of soldiers and empower them to focus on their mission to protect Israel.

START YOUR ADOPTION TODAY



Cost of adopting
the **Marom Brigade**
for one year:

Grants
\$185,00

Donors may wish
to meet the unit
commander via a
video call or attend
a donor VIP tour of
the base. We invite
you take advantage
of this unique
opportunity to join
FIDF in connecting
with an actual IDF
brigade on a truly
personal level.



When every soldier feels supported and cared for, a brigade can carry out its missions in the best possible ways. Feeling accepted and appreciated is a very significant component of a soldier's pride and deep connection to the brigade and the greater army."

— Col. Yaakov, A Brigade Commander

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BECOME A FRIEND OF THE IDF

GIVE AN ENTIRE BRIGADE THE LIFE-CHANGING GIFT OF ADOPTION

CONTACT US:

There are a variety of ways to make gifts in support of IDF soldiers, including a legacy gift through your estate plan. Contact us for more information.

OUR MISSION

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces is the sole organization authorized to collect charitable donations on behalf of the Israel Defense Forces across the United States of America. We offer educational, cultural, recreational, and social services programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and Jews worldwide.