October 2026

The Adopt a Sailor program is returning this year! The program, in existence since World War II, offers the opportunity to adopt recruits for the day. On Thanksgiving Day, Post 690 will be welcoming recruits from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. During their 3-month period, they undergo rigorous training with strict discipline and for some it's their first time away from home. Their "Day of Thanks" will include an afternoon of games, calling home, a Homemade Thanksgiving Feast and much more! **This is something that they REALLY look forward to!!**

You yourself may have experienced a holiday away from home or know a veteran who has. Regardless, if in training or stationed at a base, post, or ship, that first holiday away from home was surely the toughest. The military teaches its recruits to grow up quickly and to perform. However, during that time it can be easy to feel a sense of loneliness. We want to continue our tradition and give these newest members of the military family "Thanks" for their dedication to Country and to honor them.

All funds will be used to support the "Adopt-A-Sailor" program and other legion programs and operations. As the leaders of the American Legion Post 690, we are asking for your support. We need your help to keep this program AFLOAT. We are asking for a $40.00 donation, or a donation of any kind to support this program. We have included a convenient Donation Submission Form for your use.

May you have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Jim Kott (Air Force)	Erica Bartnicki & Jill Robertson	P. Michael Rocha
Commander	Auxiliary Co-Presidents	Commander, Sons of the Legion

Donation Submission Form

1. Mail your check.

Please make your check payable to American Legion Post 690, and please indicate “Adopt-A-Sailor” as the memo. Donations are requested by November 15 but accepted through the end of November. Thank you for generous donation.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____Donation $_____

Mail your check and this page to:

American Legion Post 690
122 West Palatine Road
Palatine, IL 60067
Attn: Adopt-A-Sailor

However, if you or your business requires a letter from a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, then make your check payable to American Legion Veterans of Post 690 and note "Adopt-A-Sailor" in the Memo line. Send your donation to American Legion Veterans of Post 690, 122 W Palatine Rd, Palatine, IL 60067. Your donation will be sent to the Adopt-A-Sailor program on your behalf and a 501c3 donation letter will be sent to you.

2. Go to our website alpost690.us under NOW HEAR THIS, Adopt-A-Sailor Returns and click DONATE.

3. Scan the below QR Code and make your donation using PayPal or Credit Card or Debit Card.