



Item No. 13 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: STEVE McCULLEY, CHIEF OF POLICE

DATE: JULY 19, 2017

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
ADOPTION OF BAKER COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 506TH
INFANTRY, 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION BY THE
TOWN AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
THE AGREEMENT RELATED THERETO**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division by the Town of Atherton and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town.

BACKGROUND

America Supporting Americans (ASA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that links military units to communities across the country. ASA initiated its Adopt a Unit program in 1967 when the City of San Mateo adopted 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army as it was deployed in Vietnam. The Adopt a Unit program included the sending of letters and care packages from the persons in San Mateo to the Unit as it was deployed. These acts helped to boost the morale of those serving far from home on behalf of our Country. The Town and Police Department have participated in this program in the past.

Since 1967, eight cities within the San Mateo County have adopted formal resolutions adopting units within the 101st Airborne Division. These cities include San Mateo, Hillsborough, Burlingame, Foster City, Millbrae, San Carlos, Belmont, and San Bruno. ASA has requested the Town of Atherton adopt a similar resolution expressing its support by adopting Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

ANALYSIS

The ASA Adopt a Unit program is structured such that the identified unit within the 101st Airborne Division would be adopted by the Town as a whole – organization and community. Staff recommends that the Police Department provide the primary coordinating effort for the Town.

While members of the Police Department would manage this program, staff would seek the assistance of community members and organizations interested in supporting the effort. Activities related to adopting a Unit include sending letters and care packages and supporting family members of personnel at their base or deployed overseas. The role of the Police Department would be to seek partnerships, raise funds, and facilitate the support of soldiers and their families. Staff met with a representative from Hillsborough Police Department that coordinates the program in Hillsborough. Staff will look to local schools to assist with letter writing and setup a donation day with pre-determined items for donations. Baker Company is currently stationed at Fort Campbell Kentucky, having just returned from Garoua, Cameroon, Africa.

In addition to setting up the initial adoption, ASA provides the ongoing adoption support services needed to help make the adoption a success. This help comes in many forms including fundraising assistance, postings on the ASA website, distributing ASA electronic newsletters and email updates, providing guidance in selecting adoption activities, and providing handbooks and brochures.

In selecting communities for the Adopt a Unit program, ASA asks that the adoption be agreed to and supported by the City Council. The ASA asks that the Town adopt a Resolution and execute an Agreement Form signed by the Mayor. While the adoption of this unit would be on permanent basis, the Town may choose to discontinue its participation at any time.

POLICY FOCUS

The Town has participated in this and similar programs in the past. There are no significant policy issues related to this issue.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is minor staff time and resources associated with this program. Donations would come primarily from the community.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the project is also disseminated via the Town's electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town's electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents as well as stakeholders – to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

<http://www.webpageifany.com>

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Agreement

RESOLUTION 17-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ATHERTON
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF BAKER COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 506TH
INFANTRY, 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION BY THE TOWN OF
ATHERTON**

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, the bond is intended to support the morale of said service 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 Town of Atherton in the State of California show its support by adopting the following unit: Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Atherton in the State of California does hereby adopt and offer its ongoing respect and support, in time of war and in time of peace, to the following unit: Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the Town of Atherton at a regular meeting thereof held on this 19th day of July, 2017, by the following vote:

*AYES: Council Members:
NOES: Council Members:
ABSENT: Council Members:
ABSTAIN: Council Members:*

Michael Lempres, MAYOR
TOWN OF ATHERTON

ATTEST:

Judi Heron, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William Connors, 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. Fax number (818) 851-9016 Thank you!

It is hereby agreed that (city/state): _____ is adopting the following unit, _____, 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: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ 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: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ 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) _____.

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

We agree to remain in contact with ASA, providing ASA with any changes in the above information. 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.

Signed: _____ Printed name: _____
Mayor (or comparable civic official)

Date: _____ Accepted: _____
For *AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS*