

## Volunteer Resource Program (VRP)

The opportunity to participate in MacDill's Volunteer Resource Program (VRP) is available to all active duty military, federal civilians, military retirees, and family members that possess a valid Department of Defense (DOD) ID Card. The Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC) is responsible for managing the VRP at MacDill AFB.

MacDill AFB is currently transitioning in to a new volunteer system called Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS). VMIS will allow base volunteer organizations to create, market, and fill volunteer opportunities – all online. Volunteers simply need to register on the site, review available positions and apply online. The VRP Manager, organizations, and volunteers will be able to simultaneously interact through VMIS – creating a more seamless method of managing the base volunteers.

A great advantage of VMIS is it will allow you (our volunteers) the ability to generate volunteer reports. The reports are capable of providing consolidated volunteer hours, specific skills learned as a volunteer, as well as, any unique training you received. The information in the report can then be leverage towards achieving your future career / employment goals and building your resume. Since VMIS is online, your information moves with you; which is ideal as families PCS.

MacDill expects to have VMIS fully operational by March 2022. In the meantime, volunteers are encouraged to contact the M&FRC at 813-828-0145 or <u>6fss.fsfr.6@us.af.mil</u> to request and obtain necessary information and forms. More information to access VMIS is forthcoming.



## Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers under the age of 18 can also participate in the VRP at MacDill AFB. Acceptance is based on VRP eligibility requirements and any organizationspecific restrictions. The applicant may require parental consent.

Youth volunteers may also wish to consider registering in Florida's Academic scholars program called *Bright Futures*. The *Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program* has helped more than 725,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV).

For more information about Bright Futures, please look for the Bright Futures Brochure at <u>www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN/</u> If there are qualifying volunteer opportunities at MacDill, you can register using VMIS and the volunteer organization will be able to validate the volunteer hours. The M&FRC does not play a direct role in Bright Futures, but can assist with the volunteer aspects.

Please note: the YES program has been discontinued by the Air Force Aid Society.