

\$1,000 for Student Musicians

Ohio VFW Post donates to high school band booster club

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A VFW Post in the Buckeye State donated \$1,000 to their high school's music program.

VFW Post 3360 in Defiance, Ohio, presented a check to the band's assistant director Erin Blackwood during a ceremony at the Post in September. VFW Post 3360 member Stacy Hilton, an Army veteran who served in Bosnia and Croatia, said that the Post already has a deep relationship with the town's high school and its students.

"The Post provides color guard services at the football games," Hilton said. "The high school band also is a big part of this community. We feel that it is important to support children in band."

Hilton added that not only do school bands help build teamwork among its students, but the activity is also proven to help students with their curriculum. Hilton said she has her own daughter in the high school band and has seen firsthand how important it is to have music in schools.

"If my daughter didn't have a band to be a part of, she probably would not have anything else," Hilton said. "She has made such excellent friends. And I know she is not the only one who benefits from playing in the band."

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