

The VFW Provides Glimmer of Hope for Young Family

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"The past couple years have been really hard on us. My husband Andy has experienced a lot of pain in his back and doctors can't seem to figure out why," says Ashley George. "He was medically discharged from the Army and hasn't been able to



work."

George served three years in the Army as a Specialist and was deployed to Iraq where she met Andy in combat medic training. They now have a three-year-old son named Levi.

Over the summer, the family's financial situation became dire. They were running out of options. It seemed George had nowhere to turn when she finally saw a glimmer of hope.

"One of my old combat medic friends posted about VFW's financial assistance program on Facebook. I immediately looked into it," said George.

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George contacted the VFW and applied for a VFW Unmet Needs grant. She was awarded \$1,200, which she used to cover dental bills.

“My husband was finally able to get his tooth worked on. He had been in pain for a while and needed a root canal. It was such a relief to get it taken care of,” said George.

George and her husband recently became members of VFW Post 266 in Anderson, Indiana. They hope to help other veterans who may be going through hard times, just as they were.

“This grant money has been a huge blessing to our family. I just want the supporters to know how much they’re appreciated. So many veterans are in need and people seem to forget about them. The VFW doesn’t let that happen,” said George.

The VFW Unmet Needs program assists service members and veterans who have been deployed in the last six years and have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity. Learn more about [VFW Unmet Needs program and apply](#) today.