

# National Guardswoman Lends a Helping Hand for Veterans

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Amanda Landwehr, 26, of Prior Lake, Minn., joined the Army National Guard at the age of 20. "I wanted to do something beyond going to college, and the National Guard allowed me to pursue my education and serve at the same time," she said.

Landwehr was deployed to Djibouti, Africa, where she worked base security. She recently completed her six-year service with the National Guard.

Landwehr is currently working toward her Doctorate of Psychology with an emphasis in Clinical Psychology at Nova Southeastern University. After she completes her doctorate, she plans to work at the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs where she can be a support system for struggling veterans.

"Veterans are a population that I can truly empathize with and I would like to do what I can to help."

As she pursued her dreams, she realized she needed help to fund her education. Landwehr discovered the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" while she was researching potential scholarships.

"I would like to say thank you to the people who made this scholarship possible as it really helps to relieve the financial burden of graduate school," she expressed.

Landwehr's advice to veterans considering pursuing their dreams through education is, "There are a lot of scholarships available. You should seek out whatever resources necessary to help you succeed."

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