

Veteran Vows to Give Back after Receiving Scholarship

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Brian Schultz, 29, of Parma, Ohio, is set for a bright future thanks to both his optimistic attitude and the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship." Living with purpose has defined Schultz's life from a young age. His fondest memories include time spent with his grandfather who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

"He always had a great sense of pride when asked about his service and what he contributed," Schultz said. "I knew I wanted the same for myself."

As a gas turbine technician, Schultz completed four years of active duty in the U.S. Navy and was stationed primarily in San Diego and Pearl Harbor. Two seven-month deployments in the Pacific included successful missions throughout South Korea, Japan, Palau, Guam, the Philippines and Australia.

Upon returning to civilian life, Schultz discovered the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" through online research. Today, Schultz is majoring in mechanical engineering at Cleveland State University. He appreciates the generosity he has received, which allows him to focus on his studies.

"Because of the scholarship, I am closer to graduating and pursuing my career," Schultz said.

After graduating, Schultz plans to stay involved with the military by assisting in the design of Navy vessels.

"Due to my background, I hope to work on developing designs and engineering concepts on new military ships," Schultz continued.

Schultz encourages fellow veterans to take similar action to help others and themselves.

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“Get involved as much as possible. Many veterans feel isolated rather than belonging. Being involved will bring back the sense of brotherhood that is infused in every military service member,” Schultz continued. “This scholarship has given a new meaning to my outlook on helping others. I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient.”