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## UPDATE

### A Very Small Ladies Auxiliary Makes a Very Big Donation for U.S. Troops

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Thanks to a little blue grass music and lots of cake, the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 2447 in Edinburg, VA., were able to make a very generous donation to VFW's National Military Services (NMS) department, home to programs like **Unmet Needs** and **VFW Operation Uplink™**.

The Ladies were able to find three blue grass bands that were willing to perform for an hour each in the name of charity. The groups included "Singing Blessing to God," "The Heartland" and "The Traveling Pilgrims."



"The room filled up quickly and we had a full house," said Ladies Auxiliary member Linda Ryman.

Since the groups played for free and no admission to the concert was charged, the Ladies decided to do a "cake walk" as the fundraiser. There were two tables filled with hotdogs, snacks, and the main feature, over 25 homemade cakes.

The food was complimentary, but donations were welcomed. The Ladies

had a little donation trick of their own; they deliberately placed the cakes behind the donation jar.

"It worked, when people reached for the cake, they put money in the jar," said Ryman.

Some of the cakes were auctioned off; one man paid \$45 for a cake. "I about fell off my chair, but took the money with glee," said Ryman.

By the end of the concert the Ladies were extremely proud that they were able to raise \$700 at the event.

Then, "along came the commander of Post 2447, Dale Coffey, with a check worth \$500 to add to what we had already raised," said Ryman.

That's not all; before sending the \$1,200 check to NMS, the Auxiliary president asked the Ladies to donate the money that they would have spent on a holiday party to the NMS fund. By the end of the day, the Ladies had raised a grand total of \$1,300.

"It has made our Ladies very proud that we could send this amount of money from such a small Auxiliary for such a worthy and excellent cause," concluded Ryman.



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