

# **‘Be Stronger Than Your Excuses’**

## **Veteran Christopher Stuebbe's VFW Help A Hero Scholarship helped just as his tuition assistance was running out**

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Christopher Stuebbe, 26, is currently stationed at Hurlburt Field in Florida, with his wife Ali and their two children Melanie and Anthony. He joined the Air Force six years ago to make a difference in the world.

One day, Stuebbe plans to become a Special Tactics Officer, but the position requires a four-year degree. With his tuition assistance running out, Stuebbe was concerned about costs.

He learned about the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" from his supervisor at work and was thrilled when he received it.

“I applied for a ton of scholarships. I just happened to get this one,” he shared. “Never give up on your dreams — they could be just one scholarship away from happening.”

With this help from the VFW, Stuebbe is earning his MBA from the American Military University, Charlestown, West Virginia, and is grateful for the financial support.

“Thank you!” he said. “Awards like this are life changing for someone like me who is trying to support a family, go to school and volunteer. I’m stressed to the max. This is one less thing I have to worry about.”

Stuebbe is excited about the future he is creating for himself and his family. He encourages others to push forward even when it seems too difficult.

“It’s not easy going back to school, but it’s better than doing nothing at all,” he insisted. “Apply for scholarships and stay motivated. You can do this!”

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As a Special Tactics Officer, Stuebbe looks forward to being a leader, protecting lives and furthering his commitment to his country. To achieve this goal, he recognizes the value of hard work, as well as outside support. He urges others to realize the same.

“You can do anything you put your mind to,” he insisted. “You are the one who cares most about your future — so, make the most of it.”

“There’s always help to get you to where you want to be. Keep searching, and stay active,” he said. “Be stronger than your excuses and your goals will always be possible.”