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“I think anyone who has served overseas or in combat knows the importance of hearing a voice from home.”

—Scott Millar, VFW Post 11999 Commander

Small Town VFW Post Makes Big Donation

Tucked away in the Sacramento mountains, VFW Post 11999 of Cloudcroft, N.M., wanted to make a difference for troops fighting overseas. Relying on the help of the over nine other mountain communities served by the Post, they were able to do just that.

Post commander Scott Millar’s town of only 350 people, Timberon, N.M., led other area communities to raise funds for **VFW Operation Uplink**.



“In total, the community of Timberon, N.M., donated over \$400 to **VFW Operation Uplink** in a single month. This equates to more than \$1 per person from this little mountain town, and should be an example to us all as to how a community can pull together to support our troops and hospitalized veterans,” Millar said.

Millar and his fellow VFW members are honored to have the support of patriots in nearby areas to pitch in.

“It seems in small towns, like those surrounding our Post, you can really see the patriotism that is often present but not so apparent in larger cities,” Millar explained.

That patriotism and emotional support has proven crucial to the survival of the young Post, now entering its fifth year.

“If we did not have the kind of support that all of the Sacramento Mountain communities show us, I don’t think we could have survived this long,” Millar said.

He views the **VFW Operation Uplink** program as a chance for communities like his to send the same kind of support as the letters he once received while serving his country.

“If I can give one of our heroes a chance to call home, I feel I’m doing what the VFW was created to do,” Millar said.



We’re Here to Help.

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