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To the Editor:

The Kettle Moraine Symphony orchestra was honored to honor our military veterans and service personnel Sunday, Nov. 13 with our "Salute to Veterans" concert at the West Bend High School auditorium. What a salute! From the posting of the colors by military honor guard and "The Star Spangled Banner" to the "Armed Forces Salute," recognizing each branch of the military and memorable American favorites, the deep emotion, pride, inspiration and spirit was evident on stage and in the audience. Many veterans, who had free admission to the concert, told us how much they enjoyed the event.

We thank everyone who worked hard to support and present Salute to Veterans: AT&T, for its major sponsorship; Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 American Legion for its donation; John Kleinmaus; area veterans and groups; Emcee Allen Polachowski; West Bend Veterans Color Guard and Firing Squad; West Bend High School Drumline and Director Leah Duckert; drumline members Bri Herdrich, Christine Gugg, Jon Heilman, Eric Kerr, Tom Griffith, Rachel Milligan, Trevor Vos, Sami Dziewik, Rob Schacht, Joey Macherey, Lajlim Lor and Eddie Gerber; Jeremy Woods; the University of Wisconsin - Washington County Swing Dance Club and Director Mike Mattek; West Bend High School student volunteers; Rep. Patricia Strachota; Sen. Glenn Grothman; and the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce.

We were pleased to partner with AT&T Pioneers in the Cell Phones for Soldiers collection.

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy this powerful, inspiring and uplifting concert. And thank you to all our area veterans for your service and sacrifices for our country.

We invite everyone to attend our next concert, "Mostly Mozart," at 3:30 pm on Feb. 26 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Bend. For more information, visit [kmsymphony.org](http://kmsymphony.org).

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