



Dear Service Member,

Thank you! The daily sacrifices that you and your family make to help keep America free have not gone unnoticed.

For 20 years, I was an Infantry soldier and one of the mottos that we lived by is, “We leave nobody on the battle field.” As Executive Director of the Fairbanks Rescue Mission I still live by that motto. Many people are struggling right now with the battles of hunger and homelessness; my new mission is to bring them back behind friendly lines. Did you know that the Fairbanks Rescue Mission is the **ONLY** homeless shelter in the entire Interior of Alaska?

The one thing I’ve missed most since retiring from the military is the feeling of coming home after a deployment, when the times of hardship and sacrifice were rewarded by seeing the fences and houses all over the city decorated with messages of appreciation. That feeling will always be etched in my mind. Right now there are men, women, and children in our own hometown that are **enduring sacrifices and hardships unnoticed**. They have no place to call home and no food to eat.

Over 1/3 of those we serve are veterans of the armed forces.

It’s hard to believe there are people right here in America, people like you and me who have served this country in the armed forces, who don’t know where their next hot meal is coming from or where they are going to sleep tonight. So to address the problems faced by our local homeless veterans, I’m turning to you, the people that are in the business of “getting it done.”

Like you, we can’t leave a man behind. Our organization exists solely to assist people in need of a place to stay, a meal to eat, a word of encouragement, and a way to get back on their feet. We need your help, because these people have nowhere else to go.

Please join forces with us to combat this problem by providing food, shelter, and hope to our neighbors in need. We could not do the work that God has called us to do without the financial support of individuals like you. All donations are greatly appreciated. No amount is too small!

Thank you for your consideration, and may your generosity be richly rewarded.

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A generous man will be blessed, for he shared his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9