



| Military Hunger



STEVE'S STORY

Steve Staples dedicated 20 years of his life to serving our country in the United States Navy and when his tour was over, he found himself homeless. Through the help of Feeding Northeast Florida and Five Star Veterans Center, Steve found a home, consistent meals, and renewed hope.

"I think if people come here with the right mind set, who want to get better, there's no other place for them. And for people to reach out, whether the supporters or the food banks, to be able to make that happen, I'm grateful for them as well."

Out of the more than 40 million people the Feeding America network serve each year, 20 percent of households include someone who has served or is currently serving in the U.S. military. It is unacceptable that anyone goes hungry, but it's particularly troubling that millions of Americans who've protected and served our country are left without enough to eat.

THE STATS

- According to the Greater Jacksonville USO, approximately 7,500 of our active-duty military living on the First Coast is food insecure to some degree.
- Research compiled by Veteran Affairs estimates that 8-25 percent of the veteran population is food insecure which on the First Coast equates to 3,000 - 9,300 people.

OUR IMPACT

163 PARTNER AGENCIES
directly assisted in feeding our local military

3,000,000 MEALS
delivered to veterans & active military in 2020

7,000 MEAL BOXES
home-delivered to veterans in partnership with United Way of NEFL, Veteran Affairs & Door Dash

HUNGRY TO HELP?

Visit feedingnefl.org or contact Sarah Dobson at sdobson@feedingnefl.org