

# WHY SUPPORT THE VETERANS MINISTRY PROGRAM AT BOISE RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES?

Your support is crucial to the success of the Veterans Ministry Program at the Mission. You are the key to helping these brave men and women recover from homelessness and find the hope they need for a better life.

It is also a great opportunity to show your gratitude and appreciation to a veteran who sacrificed for our country.

It's easy to make a donation in support of the Veterans Ministry Program at the Rescue Mission. Online, go to <a href="BoiseRM.org/GiveHope">BoiseRM.org/GiveHope</a> and select 'Veterans Ministry Services' as the designation. You can also call (208) 343-2389 or send an email to Info@BoiseRM.org.

Thank you for giving veterans hope!

## RESTORING FAITH, HOPE, AND FAMILY



Rarely is homelessness a conscious choice that a veteran makes.

Our vets often find several factors in their lives working against them, including poverty, difficulty reintegrating into society, lack of family or other support systems, inadequate knowledge of the services available to them, physical or mental illness and disability, inability to find work, and problems stemming from alcohol and substance abuse. We are here to help!



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## VETERANS MINISTRY PROGRAM





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BOISE RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS VETERANS ACROSS THE TREASURE VALLEY, HELPING THEM TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS TO INDEPENDENCE.

The Veterans Ministry Program at Boise Rescue Mission Ministries serves chronically homeless veterans in southwestern Idaho with the goal of helping them make the transition from homelessness to independence while giving them the respect and dignity they deserve.

Our program for veterans has seen extraordinary success. Over 660 veterans have successfully broken the cycle of homelessness through the Program since its inception in 2010.

The men and women in the Program receive specialized care that includes housing, meals, counseling, mental health care, opportunities for education, job training, and more. Their average stay is 12 months or less, and the typical veteran is from the Vietnam era.

When they are ready to find a place of their own, their move is facilitated by both Rescue Mission and Veterans Administration caseworkers. The Rescue Mission provides small furniture and household items for the veteran's new residence.

They receive regular follow-up visits from our Chaplain and Case Managers. This ongoing support provides a continuing relationship for them with a trusted friend and a means for them to get help if needed after the move.

#### **PROGRAM CAPACITY**

Boise Rescue Mission Ministries provides 35 single-occupant apartments for men in the Veterans Ministry Program, 4 beds for men participating in the Veterans Administration's Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, 4 beds for women in the Veterans Ministry Program, and 10 veteran-dedicated rooms for transitional housing.



#### FACTS ABOUT HOMELESS VETERANS\*:

- Over 32,000 veterans experience homelessness each night in the U.S.
- About 42% of homeless veterans stay in unsheltered and unsafe areas each night
- Nearly 9 out of 10 homeless veterans are men
- Gulf War-era veterans account for the largest share of all U.S. veterans
- Veteran suicide makes up almost 15% of all suicides in the U.S.

Statistics from the 2024 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (Dec 2024, Washington, DC: Tanya de Sousa, Meghan Henry, Abt Global) and the 2024 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report.

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