

# HUNGER IN THE MILITARY

There isn't a lot of data, but we know that: **food pantries are operating on or near every Navy and Marine base in the United States**

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**1** **IN** **4** veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are food insecure

## Military families face unique challenges

- 1 Spouses of servicemembers face high rates of un- or under-employment.
- 2 Many veterans find it difficult to reintegrate into civilian life and a new job market.
- 3 Many vulnerable active duty families would be eligible for SNAP, but are disqualified because their Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) is counted as income.

“I’m shocked that so many military families like mine are standing in line at the food pantry because we need help.”

ASHLEY, MILITARY SPOUSE