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From: Tom Hoban, Class B trustee

To: Trustees, Directors and Delegates

Re: ARMED FORCES MEMBERS INTERVIEW PROJECT

The Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities is initiating the production of more interviews from members of the United States and Canadian Armed Forces.

The goal of this effort is to improve A.A.'s outreach and identification with members of the U.S. and Canadian military. A major part of this work will be the production of several audio/video products where individual A.A. members who are currently serving or recently retired will share their experience with particular emphasis on recovery in A.A. while serving in the military.

This letter is a call for volunteers who are willing to help in this important work.

We are looking for A.A. members who are willing to be interviewed for this project. We would like to have representation from all Services from Canada and the U.S. The aim is to have recovered A.A. members from all ranks, all across the spectrum of age, gender, orientation and varied operational experience speak to what it is like to recover and stay sober while serving in the military. Topics which we hope to highlight would likely include but not be limited to: staying sober while deployed, perceptions of prejudice toward sober people, fears of negative impact on a person's career if they become a non-drinker and dealing with stresses and psychological impacts unique to military deployments and experiences. We're also looking for A.A. members who wish to help find those who might be good candidates to be interviewed.

A.A. Members who wish to learn more about this project or to volunteer to participate in the interview process can contact our U.S. and Canadian points of contact by email at: militaryoutreach@aa.org

Please share this announcement and call for volunteers as widely as you can with A.A. Members and Trusted Servants throughout the Fellowship. The anonymity of all involved will maintained.

Sincerely,

Tom Hoban
Class B trustee