

Military Accounting Error Puts Air Force Sergeant in Dire Straits

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Veteran Brandi Mora joined the military for opportunity and security, yet due to some payroll mishaps ... she found herself in a dire situation.

Mora, of Hammond, Ind., joined the United States Air Force 10 years ago after completing graduate school and seeking a career as a linguist. As a sergeant, she served in California, Georgia, Missouri, and deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

A dedicated active-duty service member, she was surprised to suddenly cease receiving her usual pay. Mora's worries mounted as the Air Force failed to fix the issues with her paycheck in a timely manner. She went online and searched for help for veterans and active duty personnel.

Thankfully, Mora happened upon the VFW's Unmet Needs program and filled out the easy application.

"The support from the VFW meant everything to me. This grant was the difference between me possibly ending up homeless due to mounting financial burdens as a result of my missing paychecks," she said.

Mora's proud of her military career, which just recently ended. She not only looks forward to joining the VFW soon, but often encourages others to do so.

"The VFW is at the forefront of organizations helping veterans who are in transitional periods in their lives or experiencing unforeseen hardships. They have not only been a lifesaver to me at a time when I wasn't expecting to need help, but they assist thousands of

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veterans every day," she said.

"I would not have been able to get back on my feet and stay afloat without the assistance from the VFW's Unmet Needs program," Mora concluded.

If you or a veteran you know is experiencing a financial hardship due to their military service, <u>apply for a VFW's Unmet Needs grant today</u>.