



ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Providing FREE high-quality civil legal services to Alaskans since 1967

FACT SHEET: VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

OVERVIEW

Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) is the only statewide provider of comprehensive civil legal services specifically addressing the needs of veterans and active-duty service members.

ALSC provides civil legal representation, advice, and self-help resources to veterans, with attorneys trained to meet their unique needs. ALSC co-chairs the Service Member, Veteran, and Military Families Section of the Alaska Bar Association, advocating for the community through various initiatives. ALSC has secured protective orders for active-duty service members, preventing domestic violence and ensuring custody and financial support. ALSC also assists military families facing unlawful eviction, helps veterans access benefits such as SSI, SSDI, and veteran benefits, and supports them in managing child support arrears and income garnishments.

Additionally, ALSC advocates for housing repairs and defends against wrongful denial of federal food assistance for service members and their families.



Alaska has the highest veteran population per capita in the U.S., making up 11% of the population, compared to the national average of 6%.¹



Legal assistance for evictions, foreclosures, and child support is one of the top unmet needs for our homeless veterans.²



Veterans are more likely to face chronic health issues and barriers to accessing services.³



When basic needs are at risk, civil legal assistance is often the most effective solution for veterans.

VETERANS SERVED

In FY24 ALSC's direct services impacted 375 veterans and their family members across 92 communities. Of those served, 51% were seniors aged 60 and older, 51% had children living in their homes, and 46% had at least one disability.

CLIENT STORY: JUSTICE FOR A 90-YEAR-OLD VETERAN

Peter (name changed for privacy), a 90-year-old Veteran, was on the verge of losing his home due to a legally defective foreclosure by a big bank. With limited income and nowhere else to go, he and his wife faced eviction. Despite his age, Peter continued working alongside his son to make ends meet.

An ALSC attorney stepped in, successfully challenging the foreclosure and keeping the couple in their home. Without our help in this complex legal battle, Peter and his wife would have lost the place they have called home for decades.

1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S2101 Available at: <https://data.census.gov/table?q=veterans&tid=ACSTIY2021.S2101>

2. Journal of Public Health, Needs of Homeless Veterans: 5 years of the CHALENG Survey 2012-2016 Available at <https://academic.oup.com/jpubhealth/advance-article/doi/10.1093/pubmed/fdy076/4992164>

3. Supporting United States Veterans: A review of veteran-focused needs assessments from 2008-2017. University Park, PA: Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State, Available at: <http://www.hjfc3.org/site/assets/files/1521/supportusveterans2017nov.pdf>

