

WISH #15 - A SMALL WISH TO GO A LONG WAY



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Servicemen and women certainly know the meaning of sacrifice and hard work, and will typically do anything it takes to get the job done. SPC Bowe of Camp Atterbury (Edinburgh, IN), is no exception. We were contacted by the Specialist's chain of command, indicating SPC Bowe was facing hard times, and was literally sleeping in his truck at the Indiana training facility. After speaking with SPC Bowe, we found out that he was traveling to work from his home on the north side of Indianapolis, and simply didn't have the funds to pay for fuel back and forth. Rather than missing work, he was sleeping in his truck to ensure he could be present for duty each day.

His two oldest daughters were trying to become emancipated, but his daughter's cases were tied up in the court system, and SPC Bowe was still paying child support every two weeks, even though his daughters weren't able to access the support (it was being held by the courts until their court date for emancipation). Other financial issues followed as a result, and SPC Bowe found himself late on rent and his truck payment.

THE WISH

Literally, "A Small Wish To Go A Long Way" is what the wish committee provided. Jeff Wells (President,) and volunteer, Tom Stonecipher, drove to Camp Atterbury and presented SPC Bowe with \$400 worth of gas cards and Visa gift cards to help get SPC Bowe to and from work, and to help with miscellaneous expenses.

SPC Bowe commented, "Nobody knows what we go through sometimes in our personal lives, and we are often too proud to share these things with others. I am so grateful to your organization and to my Chain of Command for this (assistance)."

