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## Nonprofit Utilizes U.S. Military Veterans to Fight Sex Trafficking

August 19, 2016. *Colorado Springs.* The Exodus Road is a nonprofit that fights sex trafficking in Southeast Asia, India, and the United States by utilizing U.S. military veterans or servicemen/women in its taskforce of Volunteer Covert Intelligence Officers. The intel they gather on two week deployments overseas with covert gear is logged into a secure and specialized database program. This information is analyzed and the operatives then collaborate with local authorities to extract victims. The current team of 41 Volunteer Covert Intelligence Officers is comprised of individuals from a variety of backgrounds, but operatives with military backgrounds make up 35% of this force and bring unique expertise to the front lines of the fight against modern day slavery.

A stringent vetting process is employed by The Exodus Road with all applicants interested in volunteering as undercover operatives with an average of only a 30% acceptance rate. This vetting process includes background checks, interviews, psychological evaluations and field training. Upon acceptance as a Volunteer Covert Intelligence Officer, men and women fund their own trips to SE Asia to support casework with The Exodus Road national teams there.

A former Master Sergeant who serves as an operative with The Exodus Road says, “A volunteer deployment compared to a military deployment, they’re the same in some ways and different in others. When you’re on a military deployment there are events that are sometimes traumatic. You sometimes see the innocent get hurt, there are things that stick with you. On a volunteer deployment, every single day you will see the innocent get hurt. Every day there will be a traumatic experience. While the lessons learned during a military deployment will carry over, I can say that a volunteer deployment is harder emotionally and mentally.”

Veterans are valuable to the fight against human trafficking due to their experience, training, and sacrificial commitment to making the world a safer place. The tactical and cross-cultural skills learned while serving the United States set them up as powerful forces against those trafficking humans.

Currently, their service has pushed The Exodus Road forward as it’s supported local police in the rescues of 749 victims of human trafficking and the arrests of 234 traffickers and sex offenders to date. Kevin Campbell, VP of Global Ops of The Exodus Road, said, “The veterans who serve with The Exodus Road bring the best of everything we look for: hard work, discipline, investigative excellence, and a skill set that makes them elite operators in the field. We are grateful to have these men and women as a part of our team.”

Video interview “Volunteer Covert Intelligence Officer, Former Master Sergeant” here:  
<https://youtu.be/j5xQk-Ht-7Y>

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