Why Does AER Have a Fundraising Campaign?

- Provide an opportunity for Soldiers to help their fellow Soldiers.
- Create greater awareness and understanding of AER programs and benefits.
- Retain tax exempt status by raising at least 1/3 of our funds through donations.

What Portion of My Contribution Helps Soldiers?

89 cents of every dollar you contribute goes to help Soldiers; AER administrative and fundraising expenses cost only 11 cents.

What is AER's Record of Assistance?

- Since it was established in 1942, AER has helped more than 3.2 million Soldiers and Family members with more than $1 billion.
- In 2008 AER assisted 71,000 Soldiers and their Families with more than $83 million.

How Can I Help AER?

- Remind fellow Soldiers about AER when they have financial emergencies.
- Support AER with a contribution and encourage others to contribute.

68 Years of Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own

Worldwide Assistance

AER Assistance is available to Soldiers and their Families at more than 1,000 locations around the world.

- Local AER Offices
- Any American Red Cross Chapter
- Air Force Aid Society
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Office

The Army-wide annual AER fund campaign is conducted 1 March -15 May.

You can contribute to your local AER fund campaign or send your contribution to AER National Headquarters.

All contributions are tax deductible.

Unsolicited donations are accepted any time by mail or on-line.

For more information contact your local AER officer or visit our website:

www.aerhq.org

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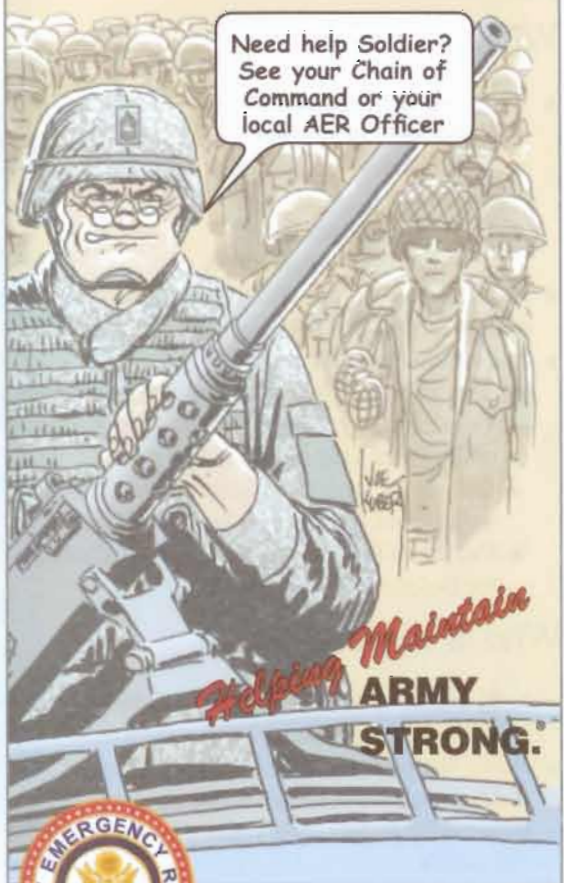
AER Form 1-12/09

Army Emergency Relief

Soldiers Helping Soldiers



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Support the AER Annual Campaign

MSG Half-Mast's support for fellow soldiers courtesy of PS Magazine

Army Emergency Relief

Is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER's mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families.

What Can AER Do?

- Help with emergency financial needs for:
  - Food, rent or utilities
  - Emergency transportation and vehicle repair
  - Funeral expenses
  - Medical/dental expenses
- Provide college scholarships to children, spouses, and surviving spouses of Soldiers.
- Additional Benefits:
  - Lifetime membership in the Armed Forces Services Corporation for surviving Families of Soldiers who die on active duty.
  - Grants for wounded Soldiers medically evacuated from a theater of combat.
  - Personal Financial Management Training for Soldiers in AIT.

Who is Eligible?

- Active duty Soldiers, single or married, and their Family members.
- Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers on continuous active duty for more than 30 days and their Family members (Title 10, USC).
- Soldiers retired from active duty for longevity or physical disability, and their Family members.
- Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers who retired at age 60, and their Family members.
- Surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

How Do I Get Assistance?

- Through your unit chain of command and the installation AER section.
- If there is no AER section near you, you can get assistance through:
  - American Red Cross (local chapter, or 24 hour emergency services)
  - Air Force Base (Air Force Aid Society)
  - Navy/Marine Corps Base (Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society)
  - Coast Guard Base (Coast Guard Mutual Assistance)

What Should I Bring With Me?

- Military ID Card
- Leave and Earnings Statement
- Leave/PCS Orders
- Substantiating documents such as car repair estimate, rental agreement, utility bill.

Can My Spouse Get AER Help If I'm Away?

- Yes. Your spouse should bring:
  - Power of Attorney
  - Military ID Card
  - Substantiating documents

What Kind of Assistance Can I Expect?

- An interest free loan.
- A grant if repayment of loan will cause undue hardship.
- Part loan and part grant.

What is the Command Referral Program?

- Company Commander or First Sergeant can approve AER loans up to $1,000.
- Provides Company/Battery Chain of Command ability to assist Soldier with financial issues.

How Do I Apply for a Scholarship?

- MG James Ursano Scholarship Program and Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program applications are available online 1 December and are due the following March.
- Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program's academic year consists of 5 terms. Applications for the upcoming terms are available online.

Is There a Dollar Limit on AER Help?

No. AER assistance will meet your emergency need.

Do I Have to Contribute to AER to Get Help?

No. If you are eligible for AER assistance and have a valid emergency need, AER will help.

Where Does AER Get Its Funds?

- Voluntary contributions from active and retired Soldiers and civilians.
- Repayment of AER interest-free loans.
- Investment income.
- Unsolicited contributions.