



## 2020 Army Emergency Relief Annual Campaign

When we raised our right hand to join the Army, we took a solemn oath and committed to treating every member of the Army Team with dignity and respect—People First! Respect, a core Army value, is the foundation upon which we build the camaraderie between Soldiers. It is what bonds our Army as a single powerful fighting force, starting with My Squad! For 245 years, Soldiers have always supported each other, no matter how difficult the fight or circumstances.

It was upon these ideals that Army Emergency Relief (AER) was founded in 1942. Since that time, AER has provided financial assistance to Soldiers totaling over \$2 billion, with more than \$1 billion of that distributed since 9/11. AER is focused on giving Soldiers a “hand-up” when they face financial challenges; this can only be done with your personal commitment to your Army teammates!

Your voluntary contributions to AER ensure millions of Soldiers and their Families get financial support when they need it most, enabling them to continue to focus on their readiness and combat mission. A small amount of help from each of us adds up. Army Strong!

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