



2020 Army Emergency Relief Annual Campaign Postponed

Each spring, our Army conducts a fundraising campaign in support of Army Emergency Relief (AER), which directly assists our Soldiers and their Families when they need it most. COVID-19 social distancing measures have made the routine operation of our campaign unfeasible, and we must ensure that the health and welfare of the Army team comes first.

Today we announce that the Army's annual AER campaign will be postponed until July 2020. Events in support of AER currently approved by senior commanders may proceed, with the goal of ensuring—now more than ever—that every Soldier understands the programs and benefits that AER provides.

The 2020 AER Fundraising Campaign will take place from 1 July through 31 July. We will publish further guidance in June that will detail how the AER campaign will be conducted, taking into account force protection measures at that time. Together, from senior leaders to our most junior Soldiers, we will work hard to generate what is required to ensure AER continues its legacy of *"Soldiers helping Soldiers."*

Our primary focus remains the defense of our great Nation, while protecting and assisting the Army's most valuable resource: our people. AER is there to support Soldiers and Army Families through this fight, and we will be there to support AER in July.

People First, Winning Matters, Army Strong!

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