ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

2020 Annual Report

AER
Our Mission: Army Emergency Relief is the Army’s own nonprofit corporation and exists solely to help the Army take care of its own.

Army Emergency Relief provides grants and/or zero-interest loans to eligible Soldiers and Families because financial readiness promotes Soldier readiness.

Eligibility
Army Emergency Relief serves eligible Soldiers and Families in need. This includes Active Duty Soldiers, Retired Soldiers, Medically Retired Soldiers, Survivors (Spouses & Children), Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) ARNG & USAR On Title 10 Orders. Eligibility requirements may be waived during disasters and other emergencies.
2020 Year in Review

- Soldiers and Families served
- Distributed as zero-interest loans, grants, and educational scholarships
- Of every dollar donated was spent on assistance for Soldiers and their Families
- AER has served
- AER has distributed in AER assistance
- Including Since 9/11

Soldiers and Families since 1942
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In 2020, our Soldiers were increasingly called on to support the Nation’s Homefront. It is our job to ensure that our Soldiers and their Families have unwavering support during difficult times so the force can remain focused on the Army mission.

Army Emergency Relief plays an integral role in taking care of our Soldiers and their Families by providing financial assistance during times of hardship. AER’s effective and timely assistance supports the preparedness of our Soldiers and is critical to maintain force readiness.

Thank you for your continued support.

People First!

Christine E. Wormuth
Secretary of the Army
The United States Army wins through our People. They are our greatest strength and most important weapon system, and that is why People are the Army’s number one priority.

For 79 years, Army Emergency Relief has taken care of our Soldiers, Families, and Retirees during times of financial hardship. AER is a force multiplier that ensures the greatest Soldiers in the world can remain ready to fight and win!

People First – Winning Matters – Army Strong!

James C. McConville
General, U.S. Army
2020 brought forth uncertain and challenging times for our Army Family. Through every twist and turn, Army Emergency Relief has supported Soldiers directly at the squad level.

AER is constantly creating assistance programs to adapt to the needs of a diverse Army and is the only nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance directly to Soldiers through their chain of command.

Michael A. Grinston
Sergeant Major of the Army
From the Chairman of AER

During times of unexpected financial hardship, there is no better tool for a Soldier than Army Emergency Relief. As Chairman of the Board of Managers, I am proud to report AER remains focused and agile in meeting the needs of Soldiers and their Families, as well as creating new categories of assistance to accommodate the ever-changing needs of the Army Team.

2020 certainly presented new challenges that required new solutions. In partnership with the Army Leadership and our Board of Managers, we expanded the scope and reach of our assistance by modernizing our capabilities and rolling out COVID related programs to increase resiliency and readiness across the force.

AER is located at over 70 Installations across the globe; it is our mission to make sure Soldiers have access to our capabilities wherever they are stationed. Additionally, in 2021 we are launching a new online assistance platform enabling Soldiers to request assistance from their barracks, home, or deployed location.

AER stands ready to support the Soldiers of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

John F. Campbell
General, U.S. Army, Retired
2020 was certainly a difficult year for our Army and the Nation! Despite this COVID-19 ‘once in a lifetime challenge’ and numerous other natural disasters, America’s Army remained focused on ensuring the combat readiness of the force and the safety and resiliency of Soldiers and their Families. I am proud to say that Army Emergency Relief supported the Army Team every step of the way with over $50 Million in Assistance and Educational Scholarships.

AER rolled out new assistance programs to address pandemic-related needs such as a COVID-19 childcare assistance program, remote learning benefits, spousal education and reemployment initiatives, expanded assistance for Reserve Component Soldiers, and financial assistance for the dignified storage of remains while awaiting burial. Our rapid response went beyond COVID-19; we provided over $7 million in natural disaster relief and emergency assistance to nearly 6,000 Soldiers.

We could not assist Soldiers and Army Families experiencing financial hardship without donations from Active and Retired Soldiers, the American Public, and Patriotic Corporations. Their unwavering commitment ensures AER can continue to meet the needs of our 21st Century Army.

I encourage Soldiers to come to AER if they are facing financial issues. Asking for Help is a Sign of Strength! AER truly is ‘Soldiers Helping Soldiers’.

Thank you for your support,

Ray Mason
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired
Director, Army Emergency Relief
Assistance Overview

25,000 Soldiers & Families, $50 Million in Assistance

- **Basic Living Expenses**: Soldiers and Families received $16 million
- **Disasters & Emergencies**: Soldiers and Families received $7 million
- **Personal Transportation**: Soldiers and Families received $10 million
- **Educational Scholarships**: Soldiers and Families received $14 million
- **Other Categories**: Childcare, PCS Assistance, and more, Soldiers and Families received $3 million

STORIES OF ASSISTANCE

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“AER, We wanted to personally thank you for the money grant to purchase more school supplies...These items will aid us for years to come. Thank you for investing in Justin’s education.”

After taking emergency leave to support family hardship while stationed in Germany, Linda Blackwell received financial support from AER. She later became an AER Legacy Donor after naming AER in her will.
$5.75 Million Grant

As part of a historic commitment by USAA’s Military Family Relief Initiative, Army Emergency Relief received $5.75 million to assist Soldiers and their Families during challenging economic times due to COVID-19.

The donation supports AER’s ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts, including financial assistance for Soldiers affected by the DoD travel ban, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers activated in response to COVID-19, financial assistance to support costs associated with remote education, and more.
In 2020, The Army & Air Force Exchange Service made donating to Army Emergency Relief at checkout available to shoppers year-round. This resulted in AAFES raising $1.4 Million for AER through these point-of-sale contributions from shoppers. This was an increase of more than 1,000% compared to the amount donated in 2019.
Lockheed Martin

$1 Million Grant

In 2020, Lockheed Martin presented AER with a $1 million grant for financial assistance programs for Soldiers and their Families affected by COVID-19.

This grant expanded AER’s financial support for Soldiers and their Families affected by COVID-19, including assistance for critical needs such as housing and basic living expenses to DOD travel ban or stop movement orders. Lockheed Martin’s grant also supported needs arising from Spouse loss of income and financial requirements of quarantine, as well as expanding support for Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers activated in response to COVID-19.
Financial Overview

AER OFFERS A HAND-UP DURING FINANCIAL DISTRESS

$6M Donated by Active Duty and Retired Soldiers during AER’s annual campaign

$10M Donated by foundations, businesses & citizens who want to help American Soldiers

90 cents of every dollar donated went directly to programs assisting Soldiers & Families

25K Soldiers and Families served

30+ categories of assistance to support Soldiers and Families who need help

52K Soldiers, citizens, and businesses donated

$16M to AER in 2020

$14M to 3.5K Children and Spouses for educational scholarships

In 2020, AER provided $50M in assistance to

25K Soldiers and Families

including $1B since 9/11

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

REVENUES
- Annual Fund Campaign $8,756,816
- Other Contributions $8,147,114
- Investment Return $51,183,975
- Total Revenue $68,087,905

EXPENSES
- Program Expenses $31,308,389
- Supporting Services $1,722,506
- Management and General $995,420
- Fundraising $1,941,187
- Total Expenses $34,026,315

Change in Net Assets $34,061,590
Beginning Net Assets $340,538,034
Ending Net Assets $374,599,624

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of Dec. 31, 2020

ASSETS
- Cash $15,223,062
- Receivables &Prepaid Expenses $2,095,832
- Investments &Accrued Income $329,211,190
- Investment Income $27,227,406
- Loans Receivable net allowance for Doubtful Accounts $547,459
- Prepaid Charges and other Assets $1,941,187
- Total Assets $376,246,136

LIABILITIES
- Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities $1,646,512
- Total Liabilities $1,646,512
- NET ASSETS $374,599,624
- TOTAL ASSETS & NET LIABILITIES $376,246,136

*As audited by BDO
Board of Managers

The Active/Retired Soldiers and Spouses who serve on AER’s Board of Managers provide strategic guidance and serve as a critical linkage between Soldiers and AER.
Board of Advisors
AER's Board of Advisors provides oversight and feedback on policies to 'help the Army take care of its own.'

GEN James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army
GEN Robert B. Abrams, Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK
GEN Paul J. LaCamera, Commanding General, USARPAC
GEN Michael X. Garrett, Commanding General, FORSCOM
GEN Gustave F. Perna, Commanding General, AMC
GEN Paul E. Funk II, Commanding General, TRADOC
LTG Christopher G. Cavoli, Commanding General, USAREUR
LTG Raymond S. Dingle, Commanding General, MEDCOM/TSG
LTG Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers/CG, USACE
MG Stephen E. Farmen, Commanding General, MSDDC
MG Gary W. Johnston, Commanding General, INSCOM
MG Omar J. Jones IV, Commanding General, MDW
MG Kevin Vereen, Provost Marshal/Commanding General, CID

Previous Presidents
General Dennis J. Reimer
U.S. Army Retired
2009-2019

General Edward C. Meyer
U.S. Army Retired
1984 - 2009

General James H. Polk
U.S. Army Retired
1975 - 1984

General G.H. Decker
U.S. Army Retired
1963 - 1975

General Wade H. Haislip
U.S. Army Retired
1950 - 1963

Honorable Tracy S. Voorhees
Undersecretary of War
1948 - 1950

Honorable William H. Draper Jr.
Undersecretary of War
1947 - 1948

Honorable Kenneth C. Royall
Undersecretary of War
1945 - 1947

Honorable Robert P. Patterson
Undersecretary of War
1942 - 1945

Previous Directors
LTG Robert F. Foley
U.S. Army Retired
2005 - 2016

LTG Nathaniel R. Thompson Jr.
U.S. Army Retired
1986 - 2005

MG James J. Ursano
U.S. Army Retired
1976 - 1986

MG George A. Carver
U.S. Army Retired
1966 - 1976

MG Edward F. Witsell
U.S. Army Retired
1951 - 1966

MG Walter K. Wilson
U.S. Army Retired
1944 - 1951

MG Irvin J. Phillipson
U.S. Army Retired
1942 - 1944

MG William N. Haskell
U.S. Army Retired
1942
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

When you support AER you’re giving directly to

DONATE TODAY AT

Give.ArmyEmergencyRelief.org

In 2020, Army Emergency Relief spent 90 cents of every dollar on programs. Charity Navigator gives AER a four-star rating, which is the highest rating possible.

AER earned Guidestar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency for sharing concise, detailed information about plans and progress with key stakeholders and the public.