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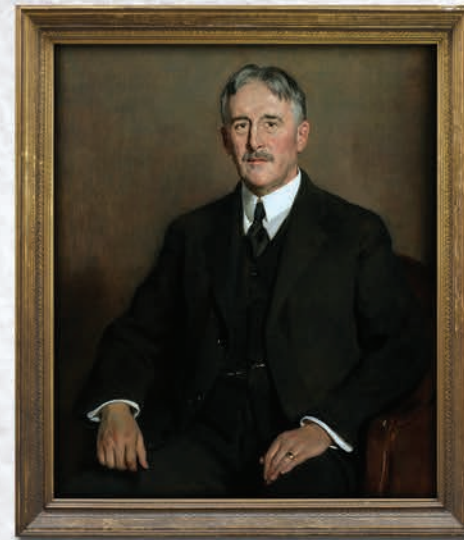
SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS SINCE 1942



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

AER History

Army Emergency Relief was founded in 1942 by Secretary of War Henry Stimson and Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Marshall. Charged then with relieving undue financial stress on the force, AER continues to serve the enduring priorities of the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. Since 1942, AER has provided \$2 billion to nearly 4 million Soldiers, including \$1 billion since 9/11 through zero-interest loans, grants and educational scholarships. Almost all active-duty Soldiers and their dependents qualify for AER assistance, as well as military retirees; widows and orphans of Soldiers who died on active duty or after retirement; medical retirees and their Families; and members of the Guard and Reserve who are activated on Title 10 orders for more than 30 days.



Hon. Henry Stimson



Gen. George Marshall



World War I veteran and song writer Irving Berlin wrote the Broadway musical "This is the Army," which opened July 4, 1942, in New York's Broadway Theatre. It was the largest and best-known morale-boosting show of World War II. It raised more than \$2 million for the newly formed Army Emergency Relief. The following year, future President Ronald Reagan and Joan Leslie starred in the movie adaptation of the Broadway show.



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AER MISSION:

To provide grants, interest-free loans and scholarships in coordination with U.S. Army Installation Management Command to promote readiness and help relieve financial distress of Soldiers and their Families.

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Assistance Overview

***AER remains committed to the Army's
No. 1 priority: ITS PEOPLE***

AER

supported more than **31,000** Soldiers and Families and
distributed **\$65 million** in assistance, including
\$52 million in loans and grants



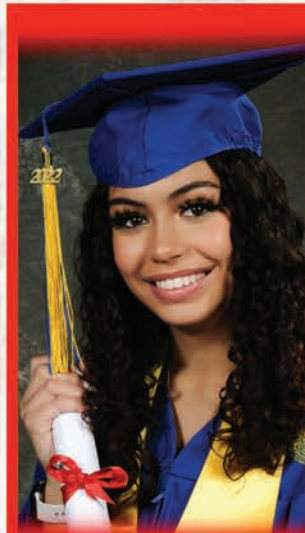
Basic Living

\$23.6 million



**Personal
Transportation**

\$15.5 million



**Educational
Scholarships**

\$13 million



**Other
Categories**

\$6.6 million



**Emergency
Travel &
Disasters**

\$6.3 million

Soldiers and Families received

AER at a Glance

89 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to assist Soldiers and Army Families

4 million Soldiers
assisted with more than
\$2 billion since 1942

24/7 assistance available worldwide



Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (As at Dec. 31, 2022)

ASSETS

• Cash	\$	13,415,577
• Pledge receivables		1,121,860
• Investments		308,275,859
• Loan receivable net allowance for doubtful accounts		33,731,445
• Prepaid charges and other assets		550,045
• Accrued income receivable		556,088
• Office and computer equipment		1,449,298
<u>Total Assets</u>	\$	<u>359,100,172</u>

LIABILITIES

• Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	1,496,239
• Line of credit loan payable		8,000,000
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	\$	<u>9,496,239</u>

Net Assets	\$	349,603,933
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Total Net Assets and Net Liabilities	\$	359,100,172
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (For the year ending Dec. 31, 2022)

REVENUES

• Annual fund campaign	\$	7,936,315
• Other contributions		1,894,473
• Investment returns		(35,328,811)
<u>Total Revenue</u>	\$	<u>(25,498,023)</u>

EXPENSES

• Program expenses	\$	29,561,532
• Supporting services		
Management and General		2,265,311
Fundraising		1,341,382
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$	<u>33,168,225</u>

• Change in net assets	\$	(58,666,248)
• Beginning net assets		408,270,181
<u>Ending Net Assets</u>	\$	<u>349,603,933</u>

Categories of Assistance

AER offers over **30 categories of assistance** and every case is unique. Soldiers are encouraged to contact their local AER officers or chains of command.

- ★ Emergency travel
- ★ Natural disaster preparation and evacuation
- ★ Mortgage, rent and initial deposit
- ★ Temporary lodging
- ★ Food
- ★ Medical co-pays not covered by TRICARE
- ★ Vehicle repair costs
- ★ Utilities
- ★ Funeral expenses for immediate relatives
- ★ Basic essential furniture
- ★ Appliance costs
- ★ Cranial helmets
- ★ PCS travel
- ★ Child car seats
- ★ Dental care for dependents
- ★ Minor home repair
- ★ Non-medical attendant travel
- ★ Invitational travel order (advance funds)
- ★ Clothing
- ★ Immigration and passport fees for dependents
- ★ Special-needs medical equipment
- ★ Spouse relicensing and recertification
- ★ Childcare (Army Fee Assistance enrollment required)

"AER is a critical lifeline when Soldiers and Families are most in need. And obtaining assistance through AER can mean the difference between a short-term financial setback or a long-term and costly financial obligation."

Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Harbour
Garrison senior noncommissioned officer
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Army Leadership



Secretary of the Army **Honorable Christine E. Wormuth** *25th Secretary of the Army*

"We are well on our way to building the Army of 2030 – and like our Army today, it will be the best trained, best equipped, and best led Army in the world. It will be an Army that takes care of its Soldiers and families and ensures everyone can ... Be All They Can Be."



photo by Elizabeth Fraser



Chief of Staff of the Army **Gen. James C. McConville** *40th Chief of Staff of the Army*

"Army Emergency Relief has supported our Soldiers and Family Members for over 80 years. Every year, AER provides nearly \$70 million to more than 40,000 Soldiers and Families in grants, interest-free loans, and scholarships to promote readiness and to help relieve financial hardships. Our Soldiers and Families don't need to face these hardships alone; it's OK to ask for help, and AER is there for you. Every contribution provides support to Soldiers and their Families. Thank you for your commitment to service and continuing our legacy of Soldiers helping Soldiers. In our Army, it's about people first, winning matters, and we remain Army Strong."

photo by Sgt. Dana M. Clarke



Vice Chief of Staff of the Army

Gen. Randy A. George

38th Vice Chief of Staff

“For over 80 years, AER has helped take care of America's Soldiers and Army Families. Since Sept. 11, 2001, AER has provided over \$1 billion in financial assistance to active and retired Soldiers, as well as their Families. This incredible support is thanks, in part, to the generous donations of America's Soldiers. It can be hard to predict what circumstances may impact you, your Families or your formations. Whether it is car repairs, first and last months' rent, spouse and child college tuition or utility bills, Army Emergency Relief has over 30 categories of assistance to help. So thank you for continuing to support AER. Even a small contribution can make a huge difference.”

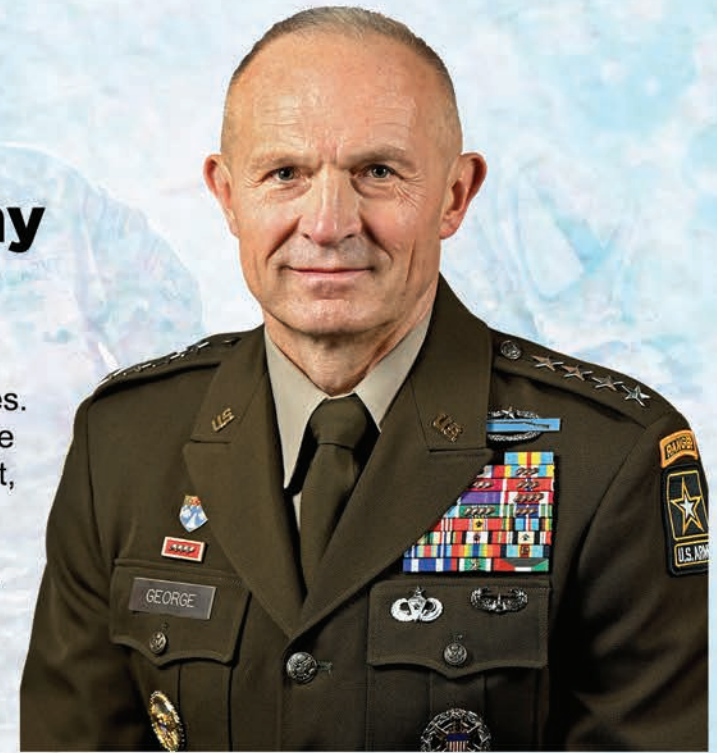


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Sergeant Major of the Army

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael A. Grinston

16th Sergeant Major of the Army

“Army Emergency Relief has always served the Army in times of need as even the best Soldiers need help. Financial emergencies seem to occur at the worst times but AER's ability to provide interest-free loans and grants can greatly reduce the stress of unforeseen problems. Whether it is car repairs, small property damage, a delay of a paycheck or even medical services, AER is all about 'Soldiers Helping Soldiers' and has taken care of its own for 80 years. With over 30 categories of assistance, scholarships for spouses and children, enhancing your financial literacy or simply needing a hand up, I encourage the Noncommissioned Officer Corps to continue their efforts in creating a greater awareness of AER benefits to promote Soldier readiness.”



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AER Leadership



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AER Chairman

John F. Campbell

General, U.S. Army, Retired

“Army Emergency Relief has always been an important tool for commanders. In my nearly 40 years of service, I repeatedly witnessed the impact Army leaders had on their Soldiers’ lives by sending them to their AER office for financial assistance. AER provided \$52 million in loans and grants including \$13 million in scholarships to almost 31,000 Soldiers and Families in 2022. This incredible amount of assistance was possible due to the support of our generous donors. Since our founding in 1942, this organization has relied on the camaraderie and generosity that exists between our men and women in uniform.”

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AER Director

Raymond V. Mason

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired

“At Army Emergency Relief, we continue our 80-year legacy of total commitment to Soldiers, Retired Soldiers and Army Families when they face financial challenges. We fully understand that individual financial readiness equals unit readiness and therefore directly impacts combat readiness. At times, personal financial issues can be overwhelming, and that’s why AER continues to expand and add programs of assistance to provide timely financial support. It is important for Soldiers and Army Families to know that asking for help is a sign of strength, and by doing so, they make themselves and the Army more resilient.”



Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for Military Children

Retired Maj. Gen. James Ursano served as AER's sixth director from 1976 to 1986.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for Military Children is based on applicants' financial need and was established to assist children of Soldiers in obtaining their first undergraduate degrees.

Applicants must be listed as dependents of their Soldier sponsors in DEERS and must be under the age of 24.

Applicants may receive assistance for up to four academic years but must meet eligibility criteria and reapply each year. The application cycle runs from January 1 through April 1 for the following academic year.



Award amounts vary each year based on the:

- ★ Number of applicants
- ★ Total approved scholarship budget
- ★ Applicant's Expected Family Contribution (per Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ★ Average cost of attendance to attend a college or university in the United States (per College Board)

AER awarded **\$9.7 million** in Ursano scholarships to more than **2,000** dependent children.



"My dad served our country for 23 years as a Religious Affairs Specialist. During his time, he constantly gave back to Soldiers and their Families. I hope to follow in his footsteps in giving back to the community through social action programs. I understand the AER motto is, 'Helping the Army Take Care of its Own,' and my goal is to give back to society as much as I can by achieving a higher education."

Darrien
Ursano scholarship recipient

AER awarded **\$3.5 million** in Shinseki scholarships to more than **940** spouses.



"Without the support from AER, I would have had to take out student loans. I couldn't be more appreciative of the help I've received. Thank you, AER, for helping me to become what I always knew I wanted to be!"

Jessica
Shinseki scholarship recipient
and future pediatric nurse

Mrs. Patty Shinseki

Spouse Scholarship Program

Mrs. Patty Shinseki served as a member of the AER Board of Managers for 20 years. In honor of her extraordinary service, the AER Board of Managers renamed the Spouse Education Program after her in December 2019.

The Mrs. Patty Shinseki Spouse Scholarship Program is based on applicants' financial needs and was established to assist spouses in continuing their educations.



Applicants are eligible to receive funding for up to four academic years of full-time study or eight academic years of part-time study. Scholarships may apply to trade and vocational schools as well. Applicants must reapply each year and may apply *year-round*.

Award amounts vary each year based on the:

- ★ Number of applicants
- ★ Total approved scholarship budget
- ★ Applicant's Expected Family Contribution (per Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ★ Average annual cost to attend a college or university in the United States (per College Board)

Pentagon Victims Scholarship Program

AER provides several sources of financial support for the Families of Soldiers who were victims on Sept. 11, 2001. The Pentagon Victims Scholarship Program was created for the spouses and children of the Soldiers killed or injured in the attack on the Pentagon. The scholarship was established to ensure all dependent spouses and children had the opportunity to complete their college educations. AER has since extended this scholarship to provide funding for graduate degrees.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Chris Braman was severely injured when he helped recover victims of the Pentagon attack. He was subsequently awarded the Soldier's and Purple Heart medals for his actions. His three children, Courtney, Lauren and Miranda, are all recipients of Pentagon Victims Scholarships.

Through generous donations to AER, Courtney graduated with a master's degree in professional studies in integrated marketing communications from Georgetown University, Lauren is currently in a master's-acute care nurse practitioner program at West Coast University and Miranda completed a master's degree in applied data science from Syracuse University.



Courtney



Lauren



Miranda

AER has awarded spouses and children with almost **\$3.9 million** in support.

Transition Assistance Career Skills Support Program

AER's Career Skills Support Program is named after its seventh and longest-standing director, retired Lt. Gen. Nathaniel R. Thompson Jr., who served from 1986 to 2005.

AER committed \$3 million in grants to support Soldiers approved for the Army's Career Skills Program. AER's support of the program further expands its commitment to the Army's No. 1 priority: ITS PEOPLE.

CSP allows retiring and separating Soldiers to participate in skills training during their transition periods to improve their civilian employment options.

AER transition assistance may be provided as a grant up to \$500 for participation in a local continental United States CSP, a grant up to \$1,500 for participation in a non-local continental United States CSP or a grant up to \$2,000 for Soldiers traveling from outside continental United States to participate in a CSP.



Transition assistance may cover costs related to CSP for:

- ★ all forms of travel
- ★ uniforms/business attire
- ★ tools/supplies
- ★ temporary lodging/food
- ★ initial rent/deposits
- ★ utility deposits

AER awarded 2,700
transitioning Soldiers
\$2.1 million in grants



Vicenza ACS/AER

"The opportunity the CSP gives is by far the best option for Soldiers transitioning out into the civilian workforce."

Staff Sgt. Ryan Skinner
Career Skills Program participant
& transition assistance recipient



The Spouse Toolkit

8 ways AER supports Army spouses

- ✓ **HEALTHCARE:** *Assists with dependent dental care, special-needs equipment like cranial helmets and heavy blankets, medical co-pays.*
- ✓ **RELICENSING:** *Provides need-based grants to help alleviate state relicensing and recertification fees.*
- ✓ **SCHOLARSHIPS:** *Offers the Shinseki Spouse Scholarship to provide assistance for up to four academic years of full-time study or eight years of part-time study.*
- ✓ **PASSPORT & VISA FEES:** *Provides assistance for visa and passport application fees to promote Family unity and reduce the financial burden of maintaining two separate households.*
- ✓ **RENT & LODGING:** *Offers housing assistance to help with initial deposit, rent and temporary lodging.*
- ✓ **SURVIVOR SUPPORT:** *Provides surviving spouses and children of active-duty and retired Soldiers with monthly monetary support to ensure our own are always taken care of.*
- ✓ **CHILDCARE:** *Assistance for Families to help alleviate the costs of daycare and before- and after-school care.*
- ✓ **PET TRANSPORTATION:** *Offers zero-interest loans to help alleviate the financial burden of transporting pets during PCS moves.*

Supporter Appreciation

AER was able to provide financial assistance to many Soldiers and Army Families in 2022 thanks to the generosity of our donors. Whether an individual gave money during an Annual Campaign kickoff event, an organization graciously signed a check or an Army and Air Force Exchange Services location went above and beyond when raising donations at the checkout stand, we couldn't accomplish the mission without you.



Homes for Heroes donation



TACOM pledge at Detroit Arsenal, Mich.

SECURING THE FINANCIAL FRONTLINE



The Association of the United States Army donated \$1 million for AER's support of the Army G-9's Financial Literacy Program. Soldiers who complete online training can gain credit toward their AER loans.



Annual Campaign kickoff at Camp Humphreys, Korea



Vicenza AAFES competition winner at USAG Italy



Annual campaign kickoff at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.



Fixed Wing Project golf donation at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Corporate Sponsors

Soldiers and their Families had immediate access to crucial financial assistance in 2022 thanks to generous donations from our corporate sponsors.

DIAMOND
\$1,000,000



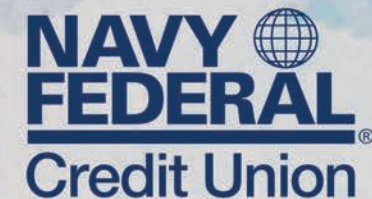
PLATINUM
\$500,000



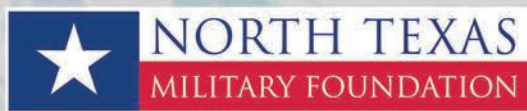
EMERALD
\$250,000



BRONZE
\$25,000



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AER Around the Globe

It is important we get direct feedback from Army officers, NCOs, Soldiers, Army Emergency staff, spouses and retirees at installations across the world about the effectiveness of our programs, policies and benefits. This information helps our team identify strengths and gaps in our programs so we can better support Soldiers and Army Families. Post visits are also an opportunity for AER leaders to educate newer Soldiers and their Families about the U.S. Army's only nonprofit and provide updated information about programs to mid-level NCOs, officers and their spouses. AER teams traveled to stateside and OCONUS installations throughout the year, including stops in Europe — Italy and Germany — and the Republic of Korea in fall of 2022.



Top left: Retired Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason, AER Director, and retired Sgt. Maj. William Hagzan meet with a group of Army spouses at Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy.

Top right: Mason, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Durr and a team from AER Headquarters spend time with the dedicated Camp Humphreys Army Community Services team, who also serve as AER officers and representatives.

Bottom left: Mason talks about programs for Soldiers and U.S. Army Families live on AFN Humphreys radio.

Bottom middle: Three noncommissioned officers from the 5th Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, were recognized in September during the headquarters team's visit to Ansbach, Germany. The three, at the direction of the battalion's senior NCO, spearheaded the highly successful Annual Campaign drive.

Bottom right: Durr talks to NCOs at Camp Walker in Daegu, Republic of Korea.



Spouse Survivor Support

AER proudly continued a relationship with the Knollwood Life Plan Retirement Community and Army Distaff Foundation by participating in the Camaraderie Classic Golf Tournament on June 13 at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia, and hosting a BBQ on Sept. 14 at the community in Washington, D.C. The tournament raised more than \$59,000 to support the work of ADF and Homes For Our Troops. ADF is a nonprofit that operates Knollwood, and AER is the largest contributor to its Financial Assistance Fund, having provided more than \$1.1 million in support for retired military members and their Families at Knollwood since 2018.



Above: AER's Runnett McDonald helps serve Knollwood residents at September's BBQ.

Above left: Retired Gen. Richard Cody, 31st Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, delivers opening remarks at the Camaraderie Classic Golf Tournament.

Middle left: The AER golf team pose for a photo during the tournament.

Middle right: Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Durr and Retired Lt. Col. Joel Levesque speak to residents of Knollwood.

Bottom left: AER's Shelley Thompson speaks with residents.

Bottom right: Retired Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason, AER Director, meets with residents.

Annual Campaign Awards

AER awarded installations with the best overall participation for the 2022 Annual Campaign. Installations were recognized in three categories based on active-duty Soldier population — small, medium and large — for their participation numbers and money raised. Winners gathered during the Association of the U.S. Army's 2022 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., to accept their awards.



Large
(10,000+ active-duty Soldiers)
Fort Jackson
9.4 percent participation
\$76K raised

Medium
(2,000 to 10,000 active-duty Soldiers)
Fort Leonard Wood
60 percent participation
\$118K raised

Small
(1,000 to 2,000 active-duty Soldiers)
Hunter Army Airfield
75.4 percent participation
\$16K raised



Fort Jackson



Fort Leonard Wood



Hunter Army Airfield

Jack Ritchie

Distinguished Service Award

The Jack Ritchie Distinguished Service Award is given annually by the AER Board of Managers to an individual or organization that best exemplifies dedication to the Army Emergency Relief mission. The award is in honor of Jack Ritchie, whose dedication to Army Emergency Relief lasted 43 years. He served as the Chairman of the AER Finance Committee, Vice President of Finance and helped deploy initiatives such as new categories of assistance, spouse education, a personal finance management course and grants for Wounded Warriors.

The 2022 recipient is retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer for his commitment to excellence and for championing the AER mission of providing financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families. The former chief of staff of the Army gave his time and wise counsel to the operations of AER and his mentorship lives on through the many employees he affected while serving as chairman of the board. Reimer said his time helping Soldiers and their Families through AER was perhaps the highlight of his career.

"It's not about me. ... It's about our Soldiers, and it's about the work AER is doing to serve them."

Retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer



Board of Advisors



Gen. James McConville
40th Army Chief of Staff



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Africa Command



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Command



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U.S. Army Pacific



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Doctrine Command



Gen. Andrew Poppas
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United Nations
Command, Combined
Forces Command and
U.S. Forces Korea



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U.S. Army



Lt. Gen. Scott Spellmon
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Engineers and Chief of
Engineers



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Bredenkamp**
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Maj. Gen. Gavin Lawrence
Military Surface Deployment
and Distribution Command



Maj. Gen. Duane Miller
U.S. Army Corrections
Command and Provost
Marshal General



Maj. Gen. Allen Pepin
U.S. Army Military
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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U.S. Army, Retired



Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason
Director
U.S. Army, Retired



**Sgt. Maj. of the Army
Michael A. Grinston**
16th Sergeant Major of the Army



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U.S. Army Training and
Doctrine Command



Lt. Gen. Donna Martin
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U.S. Army



Lt. Gen. Andrew Rohling
Deputy Commanding General
U.S. Army Europe



Lt. Gen. Douglas Stitt
Deputy Chief of Staff
for Personnel
U.S. Army



Lt. Gen. Kevin Vereen
Deputy Chief of Staff
G-9



Maj. Gen. Reginald Neal
Deputy Commanding General
U.S. Army Pacific



Lt. Gen. Richard Trefry
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U.S. Army, Retired



Maj. Gen. Gina Farrisee
Assistant Secretary for Human
Resources and Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs
U.S. Army, Retired



Brig. Gen. Eric Porter
U.S. Army Forces Command
G1
U.S. Army, Retired



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Jimmy Sellers**
Army Materiel
Command



Sgt. Maj. Jamila Shiggs
Headquarters Battalion,
Military District of
Washington and Joint Base
Meyer-Henderson Hall



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Todd Sims**
U.S. Army Forces
Command



Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg
U.S. Army, Retired



Lt. Gen. Karen Dyson
U.S. Army, Retired



Col. Gregory Gadson
U.S. Army, Retired



Mrs. Patricia Brown
Army Spouse



Mrs. Alexandra Grinston
Army Spouse



Mrs. Maria McConville
Army Spouse

History of AER Leadership

Previous Directors

Lt. Gen. Robert F. Foley
U.S. Army, Retired
2005-2016

Lt. Gen. Nathaniel R. Thompson Jr.
U.S. Army, Retired
1986-2005

Maj. Gen. James J. Ursano
U.S. Army, Retired
1976-1986

Maj. Gen. George A. Carver
U.S. Army, Retired
1966-1976

Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell
U.S. Army, Retired
1951-1966

Maj. Gen. Walter K. Wilson
U.S. Army, Retired
1944-1951

Maj. Gen. Irvin J. Phillipson
U.S. Army, Retired
1942-1944

Maj. Gen. William N. Haskell
U.S. Army, Retired
1942



Previous Presidents

Gen. Dennis J. Reimer
U.S. Army, Retired
2009-2019

Gen. Edward C. Meyer
U.S. Army, Retired
1984-2009

Gen. James H. Polk
U.S. Army, Retired
1975-1984

Gen. George H. Decker
U.S. Army, Retired
1963-1975

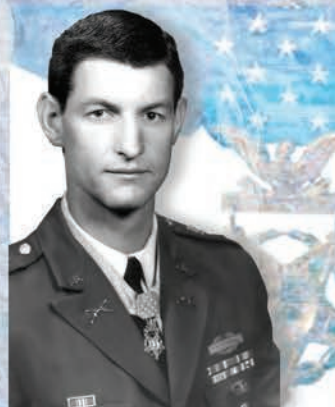
Gen. Wade H. Haislip
U.S. Army, Retired
1950-1963

Hon. Tracy S. Voorhees
Undersecretary of War
1948-1950

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

Hon. Kenneth C. Royall
Undersecretary of War
1945-1947

Hon. Robert P. Patterson
Undersecretary of War
1942- 1945



Lt. Gen. Robert F. Foley AER Director 2005-2016

While assigned with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, near Quan Dau Tieng, on Nov. 5, 1966, then-Capt. Foley's company was ordered to extricate another company of the battalion. His outstanding personal leadership under intense enemy fire during the fierce battle, which lasted for several hours, inspired his men to heroic efforts and was instrumental in the ultimate success of the operation. He received the Medal of Honor on May 1, 1968, from President Lyndon B. Johnson.



Fort Campbell, Ky.



Fort Campbell, Ky.



Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.



Fort Jackson, S.C.



U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, Germany

Campaign Kickoffs

Army Emergency Relief Annual Campaigns typically go from March 1 to May 15 each year, but the 2022 campaign was extended to June 30 to give units more time to gather donations and disseminate information about the organization. While Annual Campaigns are fundraising opportunities, the primary goal is 100 percent of Soldiers informed of the programs and benefits available to them through AER.



Fort Bliss, Texas



Fort Bragg, N.C.



WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP

AER was excited to attend the Wells Fargo Championship from May 5-8 at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm in Maryland. A team from AER headquarters was based in the Patriot's Outpost, a VIP area open to service members, military retirees and their guests. AER and other military aid organizations were on hand to speak about our important mission of taking care of our nation's finest. AER leaders, several of our corporate partners and a pro golfer teamed up during the pro-am tournament to play on the beautiful TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm grounds.



AER's team poses with Mackenzie Hughes, PGA Tour professional, who shot nine holes with the team during the pro-am.



Retired Gen. John Campbell, AER Chairman, chips onto the green during the pro-am tournament.



The AER headquarters team was on hand to answer questions about the organization.



Rory McIlroy was a big draw during the championship, finishing fifth place with four under par.



Military Makeover

Army Emergency Relief was a sponsor and participated in season 32 of Military Makeover with Montel Williams, which featured retired Staff Sgt. Jonathan Thomas. Military Makeover with Montel is a home improvement series that rebuilds the homes and lives of Veterans with the help of volunteers and military-minded organizations.

Thomas was deployed in 2008 when a blast from a suicide bomber blew him out of a guard tower and left him with a severe spinal injury and peripheral damage in his right eye. Thomas was an instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 2012, when he was diagnosed with cancer and was medically retired. Thomas, his wife and their four children live in South Carolina.

Members of the Army Emergency headquarters staff traveled to South Carolina during the show's taping to work with the cast and crew in the Thomas Family's home. While team members had a hand in projects throughout the house, most of their efforts were focused on revamping Thomas' man cave.

The five half-hour episodes aired on Lifetime TV from Nov. 11 to Dec. 15 and will be shown 300 times in syndication throughout 150 U.S. stations, including AFN. AER's logo was highlighted in each episode and the headquarters staff, featuring an on-camera interview with retired Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason, appeared in episode four.



Top: Retired Staff Sgt. Jonathan Thomas got the man cave he always wanted.

Middle left: Thomas is awestruck as he enters his house.

Middle rights: AER staff worked on finishing touches in the dining room and man cave.

Bottom left: AER staff traveled to South Carolina to lend a hand to the cast and crew.

Bottom right: AER staff made sure to honor Thomas' career by displaying his awards and decorations.



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