



March 2025

ACS CONNECTION

OUR PROGRAMS

Family Advocacy Program
270-412-5500

Financial Readiness Program
270-798-5518

Army Emergency Relief
270-798-5518

Exceptional Family Member Program
270-798-2727

Information and Referral Program
270-798-9322

Relocation Readiness Program
270-798-6313/956-2676

Army Volunteer Corps
270-956-2934

Army Family Team Building
270-798-4800

Army Family Action Plan
270-956-2934

Mobilization, Deployment, & Stability
Support Operations
270-798-3849/798-6313

Outreach Program
270-412-9092/956-3132

Soldier and Family Assistance Center
270-412-6004

Survivor Outreach Services
270-798-0272

Employment Readiness Program
270-412-1720

ACS QUICK SCOOPS

Army Emergency Relief Campaign
1 March-14 June 2025

Daylight Savings Time Begins - March 9

Happy St. Patrick's Day - March 17

First Day of Spring - March 20

EFMP Outreach

Main Exchange - March 5, 12, 19 & 26

ACS Outreach

Commissary-March 4 @ 10am

Main Exchange-March 14 @ 10am

BACH-March 19 @ 10am

Family Fun Night - March 28

Taylor Youth Center @ 6pm-8pm

CONTACT US



Temporary ACS office locations
(see page 7)



270-798-9322



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2025 Annual AER Campaign

By: Tabitha Winston, Army Emergency Relief Officer

It's that time of year again. Army Emergency Relief (AER) needs your help. Time for Soldiers to help Soldiers.

How can you help? You can help by donating to the 2025 AER annual campaign.

Once a year, Army Emergency Relief (AER) runs its annual campaign with a purpose to fully inform 100 percent of all active-duty and retired Soldiers and their Family members (including spouses and children of deceased Soldiers) about the types of financial assistance available from AER and provide the opportunity for Soldiers to donate.

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is the official non-profit of the U.S. Army. AER has been supporting soldiers and their families in times of emergency financial situations since 1942. AER's mission is to help relieve financial distress and promote readiness by providing grants, interest free loans, and scholarships. Since its inception, AER has assisted more than four million soldiers and family members with more than \$2 billion in financial assistance, including \$1 billion since 9/11. AER supported more than 34,000 soldiers and families with over \$61 million in 2024.

The 2025 Campaign theme is "Honoring the Past 250 years, securing the future". This year's campaign runs from 1 March to 14 June. In honor of the Army's 250 years, AER set a 25% installations participation goal and Fort Campbell has a \$250,000 goal.

All of us have either experienced a financial crisis or witnessed one through a friend or loved one. These financial setbacks can cause devastating and lasting effects on families and military careers. Army Emergency Relief (AER) wants you to know that AER is here to help.

Q & A

What are eligibility requirements for a loan?


Any Soldier, regardless of rank, and their eligible military identification card-holding dependents in the categories listed below can seek assistance from AER.

- **Active-duty** Soldiers and their eligible family members
- Soldiers **retired from active duty** because of longevity and their eligible family members
- **Retired Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers** receiving retired pay and their eligible family members
- **Medically retired Soldiers** and their eligible family members, including those placed on the Permanent Disability Retired List or Temporary Disability Retirement List
- **Surviving spouses and children** of Soldiers who died while on active duty (including those on Title 10 Orders) or in an eligible retired status
- Members of the **Army Reserve Component** (National Guard and Army Reserve under Title 10 U.S.C) **on Active Guard Reserve tours** and their eligible family members
- Members of the **Army Reserve Component** (National Guard and Army Reserve under Title 10 U.S.C) **on continuous Active Duty for more than 30 consecutive days** and their eligible family members

What can the loans be used for? What can they cover?

AER currently has over 30 categories of assistance. If a need is not listed in these categories, contact your local AER office.

The most common forms of assistance requested are:

- Basic Living expenses: initial rent deposits, mortgage, food, utilities, temporary lodging
 - Medical: dental care for dependents, medical co pays not covered by Tricare
 - POV: repairs, maintenance, insurance payments and deductibles
 - Unforeseen emergencies: emergency travel, funeral expenses, safe travel for domestic violence, disaster assistance, minor home repairs not covered by homeowners' insurance
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- Costs associated with PCS
- Family support: spouse relicensing and recertificating fees; scholarships

How do I apply for assistance?

It is best to contact your local AER office for more information. The process varies and is determined according to the financial request. AER considers the Quick Assist Program (QAP), AER's MOST POWERFUL PROGRAM. The QAP is leader led. Company Commanders and First Sergeants can approve interest free loans of up to \$2000.

What is the process for a Soldier to request for a loan?

Three ways to apply:

- **Talk to your chain of command:** The fastest and most effective way to request AER assistance is to talk to your chain of command. Your chain of command has the power to approve immediate financial assistance up to \$2,000. Your chain of command can also refer you to the on-post AER officer. Your chain of command is empowered to help. Just ask!
- **Visit your local AER officer:** Any Soldier (active or retired) can visit their nearest AER officer. Officers are conveniently located at installations around the world. No Army post nearby? No problem! Soldiers can visit any military installation and request AER assistance from any military aid society. Click here to find your nearest military aid society.
- **Contact the American Red Cross:** Not located within 50 miles of a military installation? Or for after-hours emergencies, The American Red Cross is authorized to provide financial assistance on behalf of AER. Call the American Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337 then select the option for financial assistance.

Where can soldiers find more information about the Army Emergency Relief Program? Call your local AER office- Fort Campbell AER 270-798-5518 or visit armyemergencyrelief.org.

Fort Campbell AER is located at 5662 Screaming Eagle BLVD. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If an emergency occurs after hours or you are outside of a 50-mile radius of an AER office contact American Red Cross at 877-272-7337 or visit their website at <https://www.redcross.org/>.

How can other soldiers and communities contribute or donate to the AER Program?

Army Emergency Relief is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so all donations to AER are tax deductible.

Ways to contribute:

- **Online:** The fastest way to support Soldiers and Army Families. Make a one-time or monthly recurring donation with a credit card, eCheck or PayPal at armyemergencyrelief.org.
- **Via DFAS allotment:** Active duty and retired Soldiers can also donate by payroll allotment, as approved by Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

For additional paths to donations contact AER by visiting armyemergencyrelief.org, calling 1-866-878-6378 or contacting your local AER office.

To donate scan the QR Code or reach out to your AER Unit Representative



Ease into Spring with EFMP

By: Ann Brown, ACS EFMP Coordinator

Spring brings warmth, rain showers and sunlight compared to the cold winter. It's the transition time between the winter and summer seasons. The days get longer, nights get shorter, temperature is milder, and flowers bloom. There is a warm wind in the air during the spring season. It is the perfect condition for trees, plants and flowers to bud, grow and bloom.

Springtime is the perfect time to enjoy fresh air, sunshine and nature. Here are a few activities for families to enjoy in Spring.

Gardening is a soothing way to relax. Research suggests that gardening reduces stress and depression symptoms, while boosting muscle strength, mental clarity and a sense of accomplishment.



Bubbles is a great way to work on dexterity and hand-eye coordination as they dip the stick into the jug. It enhances oral motor skills while magically creating bubbles in all shapes, sizes and colors. If the smell of fresh-cut grass and flowers blooming in your yard doesn't stimulate senses enough, consider adding drops of scented soap or essential oils into the bubbles to achieve an enhanced aromatic experience.

Fruit Picking gives an opportunity for families to enjoy the wide-open spaces of local farms. Which are typically comfortable for youngsters that tend to get overwhelmed by more crowded environments. During this time children may be more inclined to try new foods, including fruits and vegetables.

Jogging or Biking is constant movement activities that is great for sensory seekers. Riding bicycles or scooters together is a fast-paced way to partake in fun exercise while outdoors.



Park Play helps children grow and learn. How they move, how their muscles work, their tactile senses, vision and hearing all develop as they play. Physical learning contributes to cognitive development, as children hone their motor skills and spatial perception. A trip to the playground can stimulate social engagement and, of course, present many sensory exploration opportunities. Kids may love digging in the sandbox, climbing a rock wall, swinging on the monkey bars, bouncing on the seesaw and soaring high and fast on the swings, among other play opportunities.

References:

<https://beyourownsunshine.ca/2020/11/28/the-magic-of-blowing-bubbles/>

<https://seswps.umkc.edu/docs/berkeley-items/the-importance-of-outdoor-play-and-its-impact-on-brain-development-in-children.pdf>

<https://www.ameridisability.com/10-sensory-friendly-activities-to-do-outdoors-this-spring/>

Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony

By: Kristen Geist-Hodgkins, Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator



The Winners!

Family Category: The Stanton Family, Catholic Religious Education

Active Duty: CPT Katherine Dayton, Religious Services

Outstanding Youth Category: Alisyn Drotzur, AWANA, Crossroads

Child/Youth Services: Brian Cavins, MWR Youth Sports Dept.

Other Agencies and Organizations: Mayela Liriano, USO

Community Services: Leila Evans, Catholic Women of the Chapel

Community Services: Julia Stewart, ACS AFTB

SFRG: Ashley Kutcher, 96th ASB

SFRG: Samantha Henke, D Co, 160th SOAR

Cole Park Commons was the site of our Q4 Volunteer of the Quarter Ceremony on the afternoon of 12 February.

Individuals being recognized volunteered in a variety of organizations and programs across the installation during the months of October, November and December 2024. In most cases, if not all, these individuals volunteered throughout the entire year and also volunteered with multiple organizations. The ceremony on 12 February was a way to recognize and celebrate these extraordinary Fort Campbell volunteers! From coaching our youth, to family programs and Soldier support, to religious education, these volunteers have a selfless dedication to making a profound difference in the lives of Soldiers, Families, and the entire military community.

MG Brett Sylvia, Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), provided remarks highlighting the contributions, dedication and unwavering support of these volunteers, and thanking them for their commitment. MG Sylvia was joined by COL Christopher Midberry and GCSM Ryan Jeffers to present awards to the VOQ recipients. Eight individuals and one family of five were awarded as the VOQ winners for their outstanding service and support throughout fourth quarter 2024, contributing 700+ hours in support of Fort Campbell from 1 October to 31 December 2024.

These Q4 VOQ winners will join Q1-Q3 VOQ winners to become our Volunteer of the Year nominees. Stay tuned for details on the VOY Ceremony, scheduled for 9 April 2025.

AFTB TRAINING EVENT

ACS Army Family Team Building will conduct its Company Commander and First Sergeant Spouse Course 21 March 2025.

The Company Commander and First Sergeant Spouse Course is designed to educate, empower, and support spouses of unit leadership as they take on vital roles within the military community. This course provides an in-depth understanding of the responsibilities, expectations, and challenges faced by Company Commanders and First Sergeants, while also equipping spouses with essential knowledge and resources to enhance their leadership, communication, and resilience.

Participants will gain insights into key topics such as family readiness, unit cohesion, crisis management, and available military support systems. Through interactive discussions, real-world scenarios, and guidance from experienced leaders, spouses will develop the skills and confidence needed to foster a positive and supportive command climate.

By completing this course, spouses will be better prepared to navigate the demands of military leadership, strengthen their role within the unit, and contribute to the overall well-being of Soldiers, families, and the command team.

If you have questions or wish to register, please contact ACS AFTB at 270.798.4800, ftcampbellaftb@army.mil, or via the QR code



Upcoming Classes/Workshops

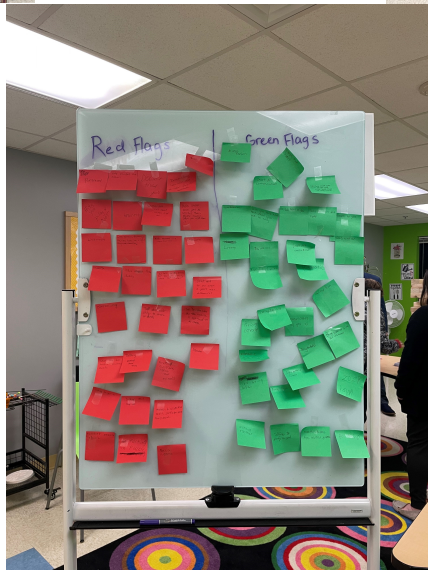
Mar 3	Mon	Care Team Training (Teleconference) 1pm-2:30pm (MD & SSO)
Mar 4	Tue	New Parent Support Play Mornings (3411 Bastogne Ave) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) VMIS Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) Training @ 1pm-2:30pm (AVC)
Mar 5	Wed	SFRG Assistant Training (Teleconference) 9am-1:30pm (MD & SSO) VMIS User Training @ 10am-11am (AVC) AFTB Level K @ 10am-12pm OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief @ SSC, Every Wed) 12pm-12:30pm-ACS (RRP)
Mar 6	Thur	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (Cole Park Commons, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP) Key Contact Training (Teleconference) 9am-10:30am (MD&SSO) Informal Fund Custodian Training (Teleconference) 9am-11am (MD & SSO) Family Life Class: 5 Love Languages for Couples @ 9:30am-11:30am (FAP)
Mar 11	Tue	New Parent Support Play Mornings (3411 Bastogne Ave) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group @ 11am-12pm (EFMP) CONUS to CONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Teleconference, Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 12pm-12:30pm (RRP) How to Buy a House (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 1pm-3pm (FRP) Federal Resume Workshop (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 1pm-3pm (ERP)
Mar 12	Wed	Money Management (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 9am-11am (FRP) Command Family Readiness Representative (CFRR) Training @ 9am-1:30pm (MD & SSO) VMIS Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) Training (MS Teams) 9:30am-11am (AVC) OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief @ SSC, Every Wed) 12pm-12:30pm-ACS (RRP) Lunch & Learn Military Spouse Preference (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 12pm-1pm (ERP)
Mar 13	Thur	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (Cole Park Commons, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP) Command Team Training (Teleconference) 9am-11am (MD & SSO) Family Life Class: Keeping Your Cool When Things Get Heated @ 9:30am-11am (FAP) MYCAA, SECO, and MSEP (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 12pm-2pm (ERP)
Mar 18	Tue	Mastering Resume Essentials (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 9am-11am (ERP) New Parent Support Play Mornings (3411 Bastogne Ave) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) Interview Skills Workshop (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 1pm-3pm (ERP) Family Life Class: Effective Discipline @ 1:30pm-3pm (FAP) Key Contact Training @ 5pm-6:30pm (MD & SSO) Family Life Class: Effective Discipline (Virtual) 6pm-7:30pm (FAP)
Mar 19	Wed	Expectant Parent Workshop @ 9am-11:30am (FAP) Thrift Savings Plan (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 10am-11am (FRP) OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief @ SSC, Every Wed) 12pm-12:30pm-ACS (RRP)
Mar 20	Thur	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (Cole Park Commons, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP) Blue Star Families Job Opportunities, Neighborhood and Spouseforce (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) ERP Care Team Training @ 5pm-6:30pm (MD & SSO)
Mar 21	Fri	Company Commander and First Sergeant Spouse Course @ 9am-1:30pm (AFTB)
Mar 24	Mon	Command Team Training @ 1pm-3pm (MD & SSO) VMIS User Training (MS Teams) 10am-11am (AVC)
Mar 25	Tue	Briefer Training Course (Day 1) 9am-3pm (AVC) New Parent Support Play Mornings (3411 Bastogne Ave) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) CONUS to CONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Teleconference, Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 12pm-12:30pm (RRP) Federal Resume Workshop (5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd) 1pm-3pm (ERP)
Mar 26	Wed	Briefer Training Course (Day 2) 9am-3pm (AVC) OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief @ SSC, Every Wed) 12pm-12:30pm-ACS (RRP)
Mar 27	Thur	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (Cole Park Commons, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP) Informal Fund Custodian Training @ 1pm-3pm (MD & SSO) I Married a Soldier...Now What? (4600 Morgan Road) 5pm-7pm (AFTB)
Mar 28	Fri	Family Fun Night (Bldg 80 Texas Ave) 6pm-8pm (FAP)

Registration is required for all classes/workshops
For additional information contact ACS 270-798-9322

Events Around ACS



ACS FAP team provided prevention and educational material and engagement with high school and middle school students on Fort Campbell in observance of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Students participated in two interactive activities which allowed the students to explore healthy relationship qualities.



Building 79 Bastogne Ave.

Family Advocacy Program
270-412-5500
Victim Advocacy Program
931-980-5787
Exceptional Family Member
Program
270-798-2727

Temporary Location

Building 2577A Screaming Eagle Blvd.

Information & Referral: 270-798-98322 Army
Volunteer Corps: 270-956-2934
Army Family Team Building: 270-798-4800
Army Family Action Plan: 270-956-2934 ACS
Outreach: 270-798-2062/412-6771
ACS Relocation/Lending Closet: 270-956-2676
Mobilization & Deployment: 270-798-0513
Military Family Life Counselors:
270-798-9322/956-2935

Temporary Location

Building 5662 Screaming Eagle Blvd.

Information & Referral
270-956-2935
Financial Readiness Program
270-798-5518
Army emergency Relief
270-798-5518
Employment Readiness Program
270-798-4412

Temporary Location

