



ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER) WHAT IS IT AND WHO IS ELIGIBLE

(This card is used to facilitate instruction, questions to ask – answers ETC... If the back is required – that’s OK – but try to limit to one card for reference)

What is AER and who is eligible:

AER - Incorporated under laws of District Columbia on 5 February 1942 as a nonprofit organization to collect and hold funds to relieve distress of members of the Army and their dependents.

- Assumed the Army Relief Society (ARS) mission to provide financial assistance as AER on 2 July 1976.
- Exists solely for “helping the Army take care of its own.”
- Soldiers, Family members living near an Army installation should visit the local AER Section.

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Who can use AER?

- Soldiers, active and retired, and their immediate families.
- Needy spouses and orphans of deceased Soldiers
- Reserve Component Soldiers (ARNG and USAR on continuous -AD orders for more than 30 consecutive days and their dependents.
- Soldiers retired from AD for longevity, retired by reason of physical disability, or retired at age 60 and their dependents.
- Surviving spouses and orphans of eligible Soldiers who died while on AD or after they retired.