

Financial Assistance

Armed Forces Relief Trust: The four military aid organizations - Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society - have come together to address these escalating needs by creating the Armed Forces Relief Trust - a non-profit fund that makes it easier for donors to make a single charitable contribution that supports all branches of our Armed Forces and their families. <http://www.afrtrust.org/>

Army Emergency Relief [AER] Active Duty only. 1-866-878-6378
<http://www.aerhq.org/>

Navy Marine Corps relief Society 619-238-1587/1589
<http://www.nmcrcs.org/sdiego-area.html>

Operation Homefront 1-800-722-6098 <https://www.operationhomefront.net/>

American Red Cross - Military Members and Family 1 (877) 272-7337
<http://www.redcross.org/>

ARC Armed Services Emergency Services Center 1-877-272-7337
http://www.seva-redcross.org/Emergency_Services/Armed_Forces_Services/index.htm

American Legion Family Support Network For Active, Guard and Reserve, must have minor children in the home. 1-317-630-1330 1-800-504-4098
<http://www.legion.org/familysupport>

Armed Forces Foundation [1 time grants for emergency situations for active, guard and reserve] 1-202-547-4713 <http://www.armedforcesfoundation.org/>

Unmet Needs The Service Member or Veteran must have been **Honorably Discharged** from the military within the past 36 months or have been active duty within the past 36 months prior to applying. 1-866-789-6333 <http://www.vfw.org/Assistance/National-Military-Services/>

USA Cares [must be Active Duty -Title 10] 1-800-773-0387 <http://usacares.org/>

United Way [Local charities for funds/food] 211

Modest Needs Foundation: Grants can be used for a variety of needs including food, rent, mortgage, utilities, school supplies, prescriptions, medical and dental expenses,

hearing aids, eye glasses, furniture, funeral expenses, housing repairs, baby items, emergency travel, transportation, moving expenses, child care expenses, care giving assistance, auto repairs and more. **Interested applicants are requested to review the eligibility requirements online prior to applying.** Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis. (212) 463-7042 <http://www.modestneeds.org>

American Soldier Foundation: Requests all requests are submitted via email
<http://ussoldiersfoundation.org/>

Local VFW [Veterans of Florien Wars] SM Can't be active duty. 411 for local contact information <http://www.vfw.org/Assistance/Post-Military-Assistance/>

GUARD: EANGUS NG Soldier and Airmen Emergency Relief Fund 1-800-519-3846
<http://www.memberconnections.com/eangus/>

RESERVE: Armed Forces Foundation 1-202-547-4713
<http://www.armedforcesfoundation.org/>

Army Reserve Family Program 1-866-436-6290
<http://www.arfp.org/skins/ARFP/home.aspx>

Reserve Aid: ReserveAid makes unrestricted, need based grants to military Reservists, and families of Reservists. Objective is to meet every valid emergency financial need within 48 hours of grant approval. ReserveAid helps members of all branches of the military. <http://reserveaid.org/>

SCRA - Service member Civil Relief Act
<http://www.military.com/benefits/legal-matters/scra/overview>

The SCRA provides a wide range of protections for individuals entering, called to active duty in the military, or deployed service members. It is intended to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations to enable service members to devote full attention to duty and relieve stress on the family members of those deployed service members. A few examples of such obligations protected against are:

- Outstanding credit card debt
- Mortgage payments
- Pending trials
- Taxes
- Terminations of lease

Hope for the Warriors Uneducated needs grants, scholarships, professional development, wish granting and family support programs. 1-910-938-1817
<http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/>

Operation Mom: Emergency Funds for injured military and Scholarships for dependents 1-703-734-6654 <http://www.operationmom.org/>

Pioneer Services: We offer no-hassle personal loans to active-duty and career-retired military. Whether you have built a [strong credit history](#) or have [credit problems](#), we can help. Pioneer Services military loans offer competitive fixed rates, manageable payments, and no collateral is required. You won't have to put any personal property on the line to get the money you need. Our online application is quick, confidential, and secure. Visit a location near you: [Camp Lejeune](#) [Camp Pendleton](#) [Colorado Springs](#) [Fort Benning](#) [Fort Bliss](#) [Fort Bragg](#) [Fort Campbell](#) [Fort Drum](#) [Fort Gordon](#) [Fort Hood](#) [Fort Knox](#) [Fort Polk](#) [Fort Riley](#) [Fort Stewart](#) [Hampton Roads](#) [Lawton/Fort Sill](#) [Seattle/Tacoma](#) 1-888-430-5176 or 702-821-3100 International numbers available on website: <http://www.pioneermilitaryloans.com/>

OMNI Financial: At Omni Military Loans®, service members are treated like family. As one of the leading providers of personal loans for the military, we can get you the money you need for paying bills, car repairs, travel or vacation, furniture, home repairs or anything else! Obtaining military loans has never been easier. 1-877-666-4872 <http://www.yesomni.com/>

Pentagon Federal Credit Union offers banking and lending services to <https://www.penfed.org/index.asp> The PenFed Foundation is a nonprofit national charity working to meet the unmet needs of the military personnel and their families in the areas of financial literacy, housing and support for the wounded. We seek to prevent medical emergencies turning into financial hardships for our nation's defenders. http://penfed.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=home_index

ARK: The ARK program has helped over 1,000 military families with nearly \$500,000 worth of emergency loans and financial counseling from the highly regarded Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Fees for predatory payday loans can be an astronomical \$19 for each \$100 borrowed until payday. Through ARK, one can borrow up to \$500 at a fee of only \$1 for every \$100 borrowed, with no interest, until the next payday. Contrast that with predatory lending fees of up to \$95 for a \$500 advance for two weeks. http://penfed.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=ark_index

Foreclosure and Housing Problems:

Operation Enduring Lamp: Legal Assistance for Military Personnel. A consortium of state and local bar associations that have made a commitment to recruit volunteer attorneys, and in many cases offer training and facilities to volunteers, in order to assist military legal assistance providers with civil law matters affecting service

members, [Legal Assistance for Military Personnel, Standing Committee on [Jason Vail](#)]
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_assistance_military_personnel/initiatives_awards/operation_enduring_lamp.html

JAG Office Locator: <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php>

LSC: Legal Services Corporation: Free Civil Legal Help assists with legal aid programs to assist lower income families. <http://www.lsc.gov/map/lscprogramdirectory.asp>

LifeWorks Financial: Foreclosure and other housing issues such as Mortgage decisions including buying versus renting. [LifeWorks Financial Documentation on SharePoint](#)

NFCC- Housing counseling for serious housing issues [mortgage payment delinquency, foreclosure notice]. [NFCC Documentation on SharePoint](#)

HUD.GOV: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. CHECK STATE HUD AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/>

Foreclosure Assistance by State: On MOS Awesome Links.

http://ceridiashare.ceridian.net/sites/LifeWorks/military/SupportServices/TrainingAndDevelopment/Shared%20Documents/Graphics/linksandnumbers.html#_Legal_Referrals

State Bar Associations- Pro Bono Assistance listed by State:
[Pro Bono Assistance listed by state](#)

Community Legal Aid Services- By State and by County:
<http://www.lsc.gov/map/lscprogramdirectory.asp>

VAMortgageCenter.com: http://www.vamortgagecenter.com/f/index-retarget.html?src=gret&adg=allmilret2&gclid=COTw1ZWU96gCFZlf2godjR_mTA

Career/Employment/Educational Assistance:

MOS Spousal Career Center

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http://www.careerstep.com/military-spouse/?uid=ppc|G-Military%20Spouse|Display-Text-military%20spouse&gclid=CJj3o_mT9agCFdl42godNFNvTg

Military OneSource.com Career Planning for Military and Military Spouses

<https://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category.aspx?NoCookieCTI=1&CategoryID=130>

www.Monster.com

www.Careerbuilder.com

www.Indeed.com

www.Simplyhired.com

Veteran Careers: www.military.com

www.ArmedServicesjobs.com

Hope for Heroes Hope4Heroes was founded by Veterans to support Veterans and families in the following program areas for 2011: **Awareness events in local communities, Scholarships for kids and spouses** of fallen and wounded heroes, **Jobs and small business training programs for veterans** and families, and partner relationships with companies hiring veterans and families or franchise a business programs empowering our veterans and families. 2011 is the year of jobs and small business for veterans and families of all generations. 1-913-648-8484 <http://www.hope4heroes.org/>

Operation Mom 1-703-734-6654

Folds of Honor Foundation: Provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of Military killed or disabled while serving.
<http://www.foldsofhonor.org/>

Military Spouse Employment: <http://www.milspouse.org>

Military Spouses Corporate Career network:
http://www.msccn.org/specialProjects/about_pinnacle.php

Military Spouses Job Search: <http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org/msjs/app/>

Hourly Employment Job Search: www.snagajob.com

NMFA: National Military Family Association/ Military Spouses education:
http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=home_military_spouse_education_resource_guide

FAFSA Student Loans: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Army Spouse Education Assistance Program

http://www.aerhq.org/education_spouseeducation_StateSide.asp

CareerOnestop: Military Spouse Resources:

<http://www.careeronestop.org/militaryspouse/>

US Department of Defense GI Bill Transferability

http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/

CareerCruising: Username: ceridian/ password: lifeworks

<http://www.careercruising.com/>

DoD Contractor Jobs: <http://dodcontractorjobs.com/>

USAJOBS: Working For America. <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

USAJOS AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM PER STATE:

<http://usgovinfo.about.com/blusajobphones.htm>

AMERICA'S VETERAN: FEDS HIRE VETS: <http://www.fedshirevets.gov/>

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance Program: If you've thought about going to college, but didn't know if you could afford it, then the Armed Forces Tuition Assistance (TA) program may be just the benefit you need. As a service member, many of your educational funding opportunities come in the form of monies that usually don't have to be repaid. TA is one such program available to active duty and Reserve service members.

http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/Topic/Issue/Material.aspx?MaterialID=14016&MaterialTypeID=9&NoCookieCTI=1#section_53

FAFSA/ Federal Student Aid <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/#>

Army Continuing Education System: www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool/

Air University: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/index.asp>

Joint Military Education - Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps:

www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/awc-pme.htm

Marine Corps University: www.mcu.usmc.mil/

Navy Education and Training Command: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/>

Navy Knowledge OnLine (NKO): Help Desk 877-253-7122

<https://www.nko.navy.mil/>

GI Bill: 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/contact/contact.htm> You can verify your enrollment by going to the [WAVE website](#) or by calling 1-877-823-2378. If you receive benefits under the Dependents Educational Assistance program (CH 35), and were due a payment, but are unable to access your funds, please call 888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) for information and assistance

Students.gov: Student Gateway to the U.S. Government: An official U.S. government web site designed for college students and their families. Our mission is to provide you with easy access to information and resources from the U.S. government – all the info you need, in one place, from all parts of the government.

<http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public>

Scholarships and Financial Aid Explorer:

<http://www.mcsfex.net/Default.aspx>

Childrens Educational Support:

Tutor.com: The Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families program gives eligible military families access to free online tutoring and free homework help from live, professional tutors in more than 16 subjects. Military families who are moving frequently or dealing with a deployed parent can rely on our tutors for expert help staying on top of tonight's homework or catching up on missed concepts and lessons—at no cost.

<http://www.tutor.com/military>

Military.Com: Information on Financial Assistance for Military Family Members:

http://www.military.com/NewContent/0,13190,Family_Scholarships,00.html?ESRC-family.nl

Veterans Benefits GIBILL.com: Tuition assistance for military dependents is widely accessible for qualifying service members, but some members of the military might

not even be aware that so many different organizations have been established for this very purpose. As with the other parts of the process in determining which benefits you have access to, and which school you should use them at, research is the first logical step. Read more:

<http://www.veteransbenefitsgibill.com/2010/12/22/military-dependents-scholarships-and-benefits/#ixzz1MuMuVis8>

FAFSA/ Federal Student Aid <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/#>

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<http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public>

Scholarships and Financial Aid Explorer: <http://www.mcsfex.net/Default.aspx>

Florida Department of Education: Military Families <http://www.fldoe.org/military/>

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<http://www.foldsofhonor.org/>

Childcare and Parent Support Services:

YMCA <http://www.asymca.org/> Find a branch:

<http://www.asymca.org/about/asymca-branches/>

NACCRRRA [National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies] 1-800-424-2246 <http://www.naccrra.org/>

Military Homefront - Child Care programs are available to active duty members, retirees, Guard and Reserve members, and DoD civilian personnel.

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/> click: childcare home

Sitter City 1-888-748-2489 <http://www.sittercity.com/>

National Guard and Reservist: Our Military Kids [Sports, Fine Arts, or tutoring programs] 1-703-734-6654 <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>

Stomp Project: National Parent Training and Information Center for military families providing support and advice for military parents of children with any type of medical condition. <http://www.stompproject.org/default.asp>

The American Academy of Pediatrics Military Youth Deployment Support: Military Pediatricians and Youth Serving Professionals working to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being for all military dependent infants, children, adolescents and young adults. (Lots of info, resources, best practices, videos, and research.) 847/434-4000

<http://www.aap.org/sections/uniformedservices/deployment/index.html>

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Operation Military Kids: A U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support children and youth impacted by deployment.

<https://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/StoryDetail.aspx?ID=210>

Food Resources:

National Food Bank Locator: <http://feedingamerica.org/foodbank-results.aspx>

WIC <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Contacts/state.HTM>

Food Distribution Programs:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/contacts/sdacontacts.htm>

Catholic Charities/Social Services: <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Transportation:

Free Charity Cars: Making Dreams Come True: <http://www.freecharitycars.org/>

Non Military Organizations/Nonprofits

United Way 211 <http://liveunited.org/>

Salvation Army: http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf

Catholic Charities/Social Services <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Lutheran Social Services

Large Churches may have a food pantry or employment assistance programs

Public Assistance Agencies

Deployment Assistance and Support

Military OneSource: Military Life and Deployment.

<https://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation.aspx>

Military OneSource Chill Drill:

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/Topic/Issue/Material1.aspx?MaterialTypeID=31&MaterialID=16841>

Military OneSource Deployment Link:

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category.aspx?CategoryID=133>

Military OneSource Talk, Listen, Connect: Deployments, Homecomings, Changes:
<http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/Topic/Issue/Material.aspx?MaterialID=15854&MaterialTypeID=1&NoCookieCTI=1>

Military OneSource: Military Youth Coping with Separation: When family Members Deploy:
<http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/Topic/Issue/Material.aspx?MaterialID=15850&MaterialTypeID=0&NoCookieCTI=1>

Military OneSource These Boots: A spouse's guide to stepping up and standing tall during deployment:

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/Topic/Issue/Material.aspx?MaterialID=13949&MaterialTypeID=0&NoCookieCTI=1>

YMCA: Relocated Spouse of Deployed Active Duty Personnel: NOTE: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT! YOU MUST GO AT LEAST 8 TIMES PER MONTH PER FAMILY MEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! SO GO, EVEN IF ONLY TO SIGN IN TO MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT LOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP. THEY DO NOT MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.
<http://www.militaryonesource.com/tabid/728/default.aspx>

Freedom is Not Free: Dedicated to assisting wounded service members and their families, and the families of the fallen. Helps meet immediate financial needs including but not limited to medial care, travel, home modification, and paying bills.
<http://www.freedomisnotfree.com/who-we-support/grant-requests.php>

MCCS: Marine and Family Programs Division and Morale Welfare Recreation and Business. The Marine Corps is focused on providing support to Marines and their families throughout the entire deployment cycle with programs and activities designed to address specific pre, during, and post-deployment issues and challenges.
<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/deploy/index.cfm>

Pillows for Military Children: Provides FREE pillow with deployed SM photo on one side and a letter from the DM to child on other side.
<http://pillowsformilitarychildren.org/Photos.php>

OPERATION HUG A HERO: Hug-A-Hero™ dolls, which feature our **Brave Mommies or Distant Loved Ones** have helped thousands of children cope with the stresses of separation Eligibility Criteria Operation Hug-A-Hero® provides the Hug-A-Hero® dolls to families based on the following criteria (listed in order of priority). If you feel you do not meet the criteria and would like to purchase your own Hug-A-Hero® doll, you may do so by going to www.hugahero.com.

1. Families of fallen heroes
2. A family with a community services referral (e.g. Chaplain, Family Services Coordinator, School Counselor, etc.)
3. Children with special needs registered with the EFM program
4. Household income
5. Number and age of children in household
6. Date of deployment
7. Length of deployment

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[Operation Military Stress Relief Dolls, Inc.](http://militarystressreliefdolls.com) We are a non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to recognize and thank the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Whose valiant spirit, dedication and sacrifices, keep us, and our way of life, FREE.

<http://militarystressreliefdolls.com/index.php>

Protect Our Troops: Home Alarm Systems for Military Families of Deployed SM.

Free system and approximately 2 months free service.

<http://www.protectourtroops.org/>

Operation: Love Reunited: non-profit, fully volunteer organization that offers professional photography sessions to military families and members who are getting ready to deploy, who are currently deployed, or those who are coming home. Each participating family or member may receive two sessions per year. The session choices are Pre-Deployment (with the service member), Saying Goodbye (documentary style at the farewell location), Already Deployed (service member has already deployed), and Homecoming (documentary style at the homecoming location.) Post-Homecoming sessions are not allowed. ALL sessions shall follow a patriotic theme. Pre-Deployment sessions shall include a uniformed service member with the option to change clothes later in the session. If a Pre-Deployment or Deployment Session was done a 4x6 album of at least 15 images will be sent overseas to the deployed service member for an extra special boost of moral.

<http://www.oplove.org/index2a.php>

Operation First Response: Operation is to serve all branches Wounded Warriors and their families with personal and financial needs from onset of injury or illness, throughout their recovery period and along journey from military life to civilian world. <http://www.operationfirstresponse.org/mission.htm>

Operation Military Kids: Info on deployment, DVDs, and resources.
<http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/home.aspx>

Operation We are Here: Encouraging the Military Home Front. **Military Children, Tweens and Teens Deployment Resources** [Cards](#) [Care package for the family](#) [Countdown calendar](#) [Dog tags, military coins](#) [Fabric Family](#) [Flat Brat](#) [Flat Daddy](#), [Flat Mommy](#) [Hero Helper \(lifesize cardboard cutout\)](#) [Hero Packs](#) [Homecoming Box](#) [Internet activities](#) [Iron on transfer](#) [Journaling](#) [Kids coping with deployment advice](#) [Kissing pillows](#) [Newspaper](#) [Nightlight](#) [Patriotic crafts](#) [Photo quilts](#) [Pillows, pillowcases](#) [Reading](#) [Reading - Create your own book](#) [Reading - Recordable books](#) [Recordable key charms](#) [Something to hug \(teddy bears, pillows, and more\)](#) [Tear bottle](#) [Video](#) <http://www.operationwearehere.com/Children.html>

After Deployment.org: Wellness Resources for the military community.
<http://www.afterdeployment.org/web/guest/topics-post-traumatic-stress#resources>

CAUSE [Comfort for Americas Uniformed Services Elite]: Cause programs provide opportunities for recreation, relaxation and resiliency for members of the US Armed services recuperating from injuries received in Iraq and Afghanistan.
<http://www.cause-usa.org/main/home.cfm?PageID=2>

Wounded Warrior Project: Mission: To honor and empower wounded warriors. Also provides Caregiver Support services.

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/479/940/>

Wounded Warriors Family Support: Qualified beneficiaries are the dependent families of those who, while serving in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, or Air Force, have been wounded, injured or killed while engaged in direct combat operations as defined by the Department of Defence. WWFS provides the use of a fully furnished condominium unit at [Bahama Bay Resort](#) in Orlando, Florida for one week. These condominiums are ADA compliant. In order to qualify, service members must have dependent children. Widows with dependent children of those killed in action or died of wounds are also eligible.
<http://www.woundedwarriorhospitalfund.org/home.html>

United Through Reading Military Program: Organization helps ease the stress of separation for Military families by having deployed parents read children's books aloud via DVD for their child to watch at home.

<http://www.unitedthroughreading.org/military/>

USO Until Every One Comes Home: <http://www.uso.org/>

USO Operation Phone Home [phone cards] The USO, in partnership with The Boston Foundation, Playaway® and Pimsleur® Language Programs, developed audio-based language training courses in Pashto and Dari, the key languages spoken in Afghanistan. <http://www.uso.org/operation-speak-easy.aspx>

The USO Photo Book program enables friends and family to create and send a photo book to any service member stationed abroad - for free. To get started, visit <http://USO.RocketLifeProduction.com> and enter a valid APO/FPO/MPO address. Rocket Life will then email a discount code and a link to launch its photo book software.

USO2GO USO2GO delivers the USO's most popular services to troops in remote and restricted areas. Everything from beanbag chairs, snacks, coffee, and toiletries to phone cards, DVDs, Xbox®360, PlayStation® 3, and Nintendo's Wii™. Also available are laptops, musical instruments, art supplies, footballs, Frisbees and horseshoes. Developed with feedback from deployed troops, units can select eight different packages sent to troops stationed at Forward Operating Bases (FOBs). **Request a USO2GO for your unit by contacting our USO2GO program manager.**

<http://www.uso.org/uso2go.aspx>

MCCS/Marine Corps Community Services: Operation Iraqi Freedom Mailing/Sending Mail to Troops: Family and Friends of deployed Marines in Iraq can now send a letter to be downloaded printed, and ready for delivery, usually within 24 hours. Service is FREE, PRIVATE and SECURE.

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/deploy/sendingmail.cfm?sid=ml&smid=6>

Fallen and Injured Warriors Resources:

Injured Warriors:

TAPS: Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

America's front line resources for all who are grieving the death of a loved one serving our country. 24/7. Support, crisis line, information and referrals. Survivor Care package.

<http://www.taps.org/>

National Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274.

http://www.caregiver.va.gov/National_Support_Line.asp

Fallen Patriot Fund: Helping families who were killed or seriously injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom. <http://www.fallenpatriotfund.org/index.html>

Trevor Romain Foundation: Creates resources to support and comfort military children and their families when challenged by adversity. Whether a child has experienced the loss of a loved one, is separated from a family member due to deployment, or is coping with fears associated with a family member's injuries sustained during combat, a comfort kit will be developed to include resources that are both educational and comforting to that child. In general, a comfort kit will include a topic specific DVD, a journal for self expression, a keepsake box, an informative booklet for caregivers, and a plush toy representing Trevor Romain's Comfort Crew. 1-512-372-8359 <http://trevorromainfoundation.org/>

USO Until Every One Comes Home: Families of Fallen Support [assist with the arrival of flights carrying remains of Americas Fallen] As a family makes their way to Dover AFB, USO staff and volunteers work with airport security officials, airlines and vehicle rental companies to help family members make their flights and meet ground transportation. If family members are coming to Dover from multiple locations, USO staff helps them connect, and sometimes help book return flights so families can travel back together. 302-359-6907 <http://www.uso.org/>

Wounded Warrior Project: Mind, Body, Economic Empowerment, and Engagement. The WWP Resource Center serves and supports warriors, their caregivers, and their families through a multichannel contact center. In addition to responding to specific internal and external resource requests, the Center proactively reaches out to warriors and caregivers to engage them in available programs and services. The Resource Center is equipped to help warriors and caregivers identify resources to meet a wide range of needs.

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/1203/1165/#ixzz1M44NNBMI>
To contact the Resource Center, call 888.WWP.ALUM (997-2586)

Read more:

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/1203/1165/#ixzz1M465JybA>

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The Yellow Ribbon Fund was created to assist injured service members and their families while they recuperate at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center. <http://www.yellowribbonfund.org/>

The National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program: This program provides information, services, referrals, and proactive outreach programs to service members and families of the National Guard and Reserves throughout all phases of the deployment cycle . <http://www.yellowribbon.mil/>

Our Military Kids: Provides tangible support to children of deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel as well as to children of severely injured service members through grants for enrichment activities and tutoring.
<http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>

Hope for the Warriors: National, nonprofit organization that supports wounded U.S. service members, their families, and families of the fallen. Our mission to ensure that no sacrifice forgotten, nor need unmet. 1-910-938-1817.
<http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/wwish.html>

Warrior Hope and Care Center: 1-910-938-1817 Offering rehabilitation, adjustment and compassion for Wounded Warriors in **Eastern NC**.
<http://www.warriorhopeandcarecenter.org/>

Wounded Warriors Family Support: Qualified beneficiaries are the dependent families of those who, while serving in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, or Air Force, have been wounded, injured or killed while engaged in direct combat operations as defined by the Department of Defence. WWFS provides the use of a fully furnished condominium unit at [Bahama Bay Resort](#) in Orlando, Florida for one week. These condominiums are ADA compliant. In order to qualify, service members must have dependent children. Widows with dependent children of those killed in action or died of wounds are also eligible.
<http://www.woundedwarriorhospitalfund.org/home.html>

Military Hero's Fund: The Military Heroes Fund provides wounded soldiers with services that the Defense Department cannot offer due to budgetary and regulatory

restrictions. These unmet needs are identified by the military command, the Military Severely Injured Center, VA advocates and others:

- **Child care** at Walter Reed provided for families of the wounded recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC).
- **Laptop computers** for wounded soldiers and their families staying in Fisher Houses at military hospitals so they can keep in touch with family and friends, including their still-deployed comrades.
- **Hospice suite at WRAMC** built and donated by the Foundation for deployed soldiers and others diagnosed with terminal cancer, allowing them to spend their last days in comfort, surrounded by their families and friends.
- **Emergency financial support** granted to families facing crises due to injuries and natural disasters.
- **Other Programs for Patients and Families** support them in many ways during their recovery.

http://penfed.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=heroes_index

Still Serving Veterans

For wounded Veterans, and their families to help them re-intergrate into the workforce and community via counseling, coaching, guiding job transition, and assistance in obtaining all Veterans Administration (VA) benefits.

NO FINANCIAL AID IS OFFERED BY THIS ORGANIZATION. 866-778-4645

<http://www.stillservingveterans.org/>

Fallen Warriors:

Fallen Patriot Fund: Helping families who were killed or seriously injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Info@fallenpatriotfund.org Phone: **214.658-7125**

<http://www.fallenpatriotfund.org/index.html>

American Widow Project [AWP] 1-877-AWP WIDOW Built to house ideas, stories, and advice, we have compiled a multitude of resources to help with the lifetime of struggles that come along with being a military widow.

<http://www.americanwidowproject.org/about/>

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Air Force Enlisted Village: Offering housing and financial assistance to surviving spouses of enlisted Air Force members.

<http://www.afenlistedwidows.org/insideafev.php>

Hope for Heroes Provides jobs and job training for Veterans, scholarships for kids and spouses of fallen and wounded heroes. 1-913-648-8484

<http://www.hope4heroes.org/>

Wounded Warrior Project: Mind, Body, Economic Empowerment, and Engagement. The WWP Resource Center serves and supports warriors, their caregivers, and their families through a multichannel contact center. In addition to responding to specific internal and external resource requests, the Center proactively reaches out to warriors and caregivers to engage them in available programs and services. The Resource Center is equipped to help warriors and caregivers identify resources to meet a wide range of needs.

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/1203/1165/#ixzz1M44NNBMI>

To contact the Resource Center, call 888.WWP.ALUM (997.2586)

Read more:

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/1203/1165/#ixzz1M465JybA>

877-832-6997 <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

GIFTS FOR FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN

A small token, a simple gesture means so much to someone in the aftermath of the death of a loved one. It allows them to know you are thinking of them and remembering their hero. TAPS is pleased to provide the following links to gifts for families and loved ones of our men and women in uniform who devoted their lives in service to their country.

The list below is not a complete listing and does not imply endorsement by TAPS. Please check the websites below for further information and specific details of eligibility.

★ [Angels of Love](#)

Provides a stained-glass, gold-plated Angel that is branch specific.

★ [Project Never Forget](#)

Provides the family one personalized 3-D photo charm memorializing their loved one.

★ [Operation Thankful Nation](#)

Provides personalized porcelain keepsake ornament and Comfort CD.

- ★ [Marine Comfort Quilts](#) Provides handmade quilt to families of the fallen in any branch of the military.
- ★ [Project Compassion](#) Provides free hand painted portraits, framed and shipped.
- ★ [Fallen Heroes Project](#) Free portrait of fallen soldier by artist Michael Reagan.
- ★ [Soldiers Angels' Living Legends](#) Offers each family a wreath or live memorial tree and coordinates Portraits of Memory.
- ★ [Operation Remembrance](#) Provides memory boxes to the families of the fallen.
- ★ [Sacrifice for Freedom](#) Offers a small hand built memorial sculpture for families of fallen soldiers.
- ★ [Soldiers Portraits](#) Pastel portraits Martha Wilcox for the families and friends of fallen heroes.

FREE FOR MILITARY:

Warrior Gateway: Search Service Provider Directory/Jobs/Services:
<http://www.warriorgateway.org/>

California Freebies.com: Military Discounts, Military Grants and Scholarships.
<http://www.californiafreebies.com/military.htm>

Disney Discounts for Military: Active and Retired Military personnel including US Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservist or their spouses. <http://www.disneymilitarysales.com/>
<http://www.militarydisneytips.com/index.html>

<http://www.wdwinfo.com/discounts/discounts-military.htm>

Free admission to Anheuser-Busch Amusement Parks: Any active duty, activated or drilling reservist, or National Guardsman is entitled to free admission under the Here's to the Heroes program.
<http://www.herosalute.com/states/index.html>

4 Military Families.com: For Family Members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, Navy, and Reserves. <http://www.4militaryfamilies.com/>

Military Life Network: Military Discounts Forum and Blog:

<http://www.militarylifenetWORK.com/portal/content/130-military-discounts>

Mil Spouse.com: Blog, Deployment, relationships, family, money, career and education, well being. <http://www.milspouse.com/>

Help a Military Wife.com <http://www.helpamilitarywife.com/>