

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Financial & Emergency Assistance

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To submit an update, add or remove a listing, or request an alternative format, please contact: MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS)

Military & Family Readiness Center
Bldg 1191 Menoher Drive
Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762
Email: 316.fss.mfsc@us.af.mil
www.afas.org

301-981-7087 (V)

Support Airmen and enhance the Air Force mission by relieving emergency financial distress, helping the dependents of Airmen achieve their educational goals, and improving the quality of life for Airmen and their families through proactive and special programs. The **AFAS Falcon Loan** program is a streamlined application process to provide Airmen with expedited, no-interest loans up to \$1,500 for specific financial emergencies. **AFAS Standard Assistance** may be in the form of a no-interest loan or grant. The purpose is to help Airmen stabilize emergency situations to better focus on the Air Force mission. **Q-Coded EFMP Families** of Active duty service members, Active Guard Reserve (AGR), Guard/Reserve on Full-Time orders, and Traditional Guard/Reserve on long-term orders can receive up to \$3,000 per EFMP-enrolled family member over a 5-year period for adaptive equipment, assistive technology devices, specialized activity fees (including siblings), or membership fees for organizations that provide special needs services. AFAS helps Air Force families **offset the cost of college education**. They provide educational grants, scholarships and loans to the dependent children and spouses of active duty and retired Air Force members.

American Red Cross – Military Family Services

www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/services-for-veterans

1-877-272-7337 (24/7 - Toll Free)
301-295-1538 (V)

Red Cross provides emergency communications, access to emergency financial assistance, information and referral, veterans assistance, and aid in the field where Red Cross workers are deployed to service with America's military.

Army Emergency Relief (AER)

Email: assistance@aerhq.org
www.aerhq.org

1-866-878-6378 (Toll Free)

AER – Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
9080 Beale Road, Bldg 11, Room 24
Bethesda, MD 20889

301-400-0171 (V)

AER – Fort Meade
830 Chisholm Avenue, Suite 5000
Fort Meade, MD 20755

301-677-5590 (V)

AER – Fort Detrick
1520 Freedom Drive, Suite 125
Fort Detrick, MD 21702

301-619-3455 (V)

Help with emergency financial needs including food, rent or utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, medical/dental expenses, personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen, appliances or HVAC, and car seats, and give undergraduate-level education scholarships, based primarily on financial needs, to children of soldiers. Requests are processed at any of the 76 AER Sections located on Army installations around the world. Emergency relief eligible for:

- soldiers on active duty and their eligible dependents;
- members of the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve on continuous active duty for more than 30 days and their dependents;
- soldiers retired from active duty because of longevity or physical disability, or retired upon reaching age 60 (Reserve Components) and their dependents;
- medically retired soldiers and their eligible family members;
- widows, widowers, or orphans of soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

Email: info@saluteheroes.org

1-888-447-2588 (Toll Free)

<https://saluteheroes.org/get-help>

Emergency financial relief often covers expenses such as: utility bills (gas, electric, water, cable, internet, and phone service), car payments and repair costs, mortgage and rent payments, groceries, baby formula, and household supplies, school supplies and clothing, and medical bills. Exclusively assist U.S. servicemen and women who have been severely injured while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn or in support of those operations in a hostile environment. To be eligible for emergency financial relief or other forms of aid, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- An injury sustained during combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn or in support of those operations in a hostile environment;
- A disability rating assigned by the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs of 30 percent or greater from a single, sustained injury;
- Currently experiencing severe financial hardship;
- Completion of a Coalition to Salute America's Heroes aid application and timely submission supporting documentation as requested; and
- Completion of a phone interview with a Coalition to Salute America's Heroes case manager.

Interested applicants can fill out the online form.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) - Transportation Network

Department of Maryland

410-539-1310 (V)

Tommie L. Hawkins, State TN/Service Coordinator
101 N. Gay Street, Suite B
Baltimore, MD 21201

Baltimore VA Medical Center

410-605-7000 x 56733 (V)

10 N. Greene Street, Room 1D161
Baltimore, MD 21201

www.dav.org/veterans/i-need-a-ride

Free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans.

EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation

Email: info@eodwarriorfoundation.org

1-850-729-2336 (V)

www.eodwarriorfoundation.org

Provides financial assistance to EOD warriors and families to help alleviate the financial burdens and stress during their most difficult times. EOD stands for Explosive Ordnance Disposal, the disarming and disposal of bombs. EOD technicians are highly trained military members serving in the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force who are responsible for disarming, rendering safe and disposing bombs. The Foundation awards two types of grants: initial grants and follow-on grants.

Initial Grants for Wounded Warriors: A \$3,000 grant is issued to provide immediate financial support to newly combat-injured EOD personnel and their families when they return stateside for treatment. The grants are often used

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to bring together a wider circle of family support for the wounded warrior and their immediate family.

Follow-on Grants: Additional awards are granted to wounded, injured and ill EOD personnel and families of wounded and fallen warriors on a case-by-case basis. These awards provide financial assistance for expenses such as child care, adaptive equipment, retreats, travel expenses and debt relief.

The Foundation provides additional support and resources to assist EOD warriors and families as they face challenges, changes and uncertainty in their lives. Support includes, but is not limited to: connections to fellow warriors for peer support and mentoring; visits and sustained outreach with EOD warriors; retreat offerings throughout the year; resources and support systems for EOD warriors; and one-on-one support with EOD Family Caseworker

Friendship Place – Veterans First

Email: vfscreen@friendshipplace.org
www.friendshipplace.org/veterans

202-658-9599 (V)

Veterans First is a rapid rehousing program providing supportive housing services to veterans and their families in the DC Metro area. Provide case management to assist with locating affordable housing, assistance with paying first month's rent and security deposit, and emergency rental and utility assistance. Friendship Place is a recipient of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

National Guard Financial Management Awareness Program (FMAP)

www.militaryonesource.mil/transition-retirement/national-guard-reserves/about-financial-management-awareness-program/

The program helps National Guard members and their spouses improve their financial preparedness by providing free resources and encouraging sound financial practices.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society – Financial Assistance and Counseling

Building 11, Room 118
9045 Beale Road
Bethesda, MD 20889

Email: bethesda@nmcrs.org
www.nmcrs.org/pages/financial-assistance-and-counseling

301-295-1207 (V)

Provide interest free loans and grants to help with a wide range of financial needs. Common situations include: food; rent/mortgage, utilities, essential home repairs; establishing a new residence, including security and utility deposits; car expenses, such as repairs and insurance deductibles; medical expenses; military pay shortage/delayed entitlements; and funeral expenses. Financial resources and assistance are available to: active duty or retired Sailors and Marines; eligible family members with military ID card; surviving spouses; and Reservists on active duty of 30 days or more.

Operation Second Chance

Email: assistance@operationsecondchance.org
<https://operationsecondchance.org/support-and-assistance/>

301-972-1080 (V)
1-888-672-4838 (Toll Free)

Provide airfare and essential daily assistance. Items that will be considered for assistance:

- Rent/Mortgage (must be accompanied by a copy of mortgage statement with account number and billing address. If rental assistance is being requested, a copy of the rental agreement that has the name/address of the rental/lease company, monthly rent amount.
- Utility bills (electric, gas, water, sewer).
- Childcare during illness or surgery.
- Housing and/or airfare for a family member to assist an injured or recovering member.

Please have your service liaison, chain of command, or care provider request an application by email.

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Unmet Needs Program

Email: unmetneeds@vfw.org
www.vfw.org/unmetneeds

1-866-789-6333 (Toll Free)

Provides grants (not loans) up to \$1,500 and referrals to other organizations to active duty or recently discharged service members and their immediate families to assist with basic life needs. Service member has to be on active duty or discharged from active duty within 36 months prior to applying, and negatively affected by their military service. Unmet Needs assists with any expenses that are classified as “basic life needs”, which includes, but is not limited to the following: housing expenses such as mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance, vehicle expenses such as payments, repairs, insurance, utilities and primary phone, food and incidentals, children’s clothing, diapers, formula, necessary school or childcare expenses, and medical bills, prescriptions and eyeglasses – the patient’s portion for necessary or emergency medical care only.

Veterans Trust Fund – Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AS OF MARCH 2024**

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs
16 Francis Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
Email: mdveteranstrust.mdva@maryland.gov

410-230-3836 (V)

<http://veterans.maryland.gov/maryland-department-of-veterans-affairs-veterans-trust-fund/>

As of March 2024, the trust fund is currently not taking applications. MDVA anticipates resuming normal operations later this summer 2024 and will notify the veteran community on their website and via their newsletter.

Legislation establishing the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund was passed during the 2009 Session of the Maryland General Assembly and signed into law on May 19th, 2009. In 2013, the legislation was amended and the Trust is now a 501(c)(3) fund. The legislation authorizes the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to receive donations, and then make grants and loans to veterans and their family members who are in dire financial situations, or to private organizations that help veterans (homeless programs, substance abuse programs, etc.). The Trust Fund gives citizens, businesses, and other organizations a way to express their support to veteran causes through their donations and contributions.

Applications for grants/loans from the Trust Fund are reviewed by the Maryland Trust Fund Review Committee, which consists of the Deputy Secretary, MDVA Directors, and representatives from the Maryland Veterans Commission and the Maryland Veterans Home Commission. Recommendations are made to the Secretary or designee, who makes the final decision on whether or not an application is approved.