



## Veterans Network Directory - Montgomery County, MD

### Financial & Emergency Assistance

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#### Air Force Aid Society (AFAS)

1550 Crystal Drive, Suite 809

Arlington, VA 22202

Email: [afas@afas-hq.org](mailto:afas@afas-hq.org)

[www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org)

703-972-2650 (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.

- **AFAS Standard Assistance** is intended to help Airmen and Guardians stabilize emergency situations with a substantial financial impact. The process includes establishing a budget for long-term financial stability. Standard Assistance can be an interest-free loan, a grant, or a combination of the two. Standard Assistance can help with Basic Living Expenses such as rent or utility bills medical or dental care, funeral expenses, vehicle repairs, emergency travel brochure, pet PCS transportation to/from an overseas assignment, special needs (Exceptional Family Members Program EFMP), pet emergency surgery or treatment, cranial helmets, pay/allotment problems, and assistance to surviving dependents.
- The **AFAS Falcon Assistance** is an expedited, no-interest loan of up to \$1,500. The streamlined application process allows for quick support when time and resources are limited. Falcon Assistance can help with rental and utility bill emergency assistance, food, personal hygiene items, vehicle expenses (POV gas, car payment, car insurance, car repair), emergency medical and dental expenses, and child care expenses.

#### American Red Cross – Military Family Services

Montgomery, Howard and Frederick Counties Chapter

2020 East West Highway

Silver Spring, MD 20910

301-588-2515 (V)

301-295-1538 (Walter Reed)

1-877-272-7337 (24/7 - Toll Free)

[www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/services-for-veterans](http://www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/services-for-veterans)

[www.redcross.org/local/dc-va-md-de/about-us/locations/Montgomery-Howard-Frederick-Counties-Chapter.html](http://www.redcross.org/local/dc-va-md-de/about-us/locations/Montgomery-Howard-Frederick-Counties-Chapter.html)

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. Assistance can include funds for emergency travel, burial of a loved one, emergency food and shelter, etc. The Aid Societies determine the financial assistance package that will be offered – a grant or a loan. The Red Cross is the mechanism to expedite access to these financial resources. Offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources.

## Army Emergency Relief (AER)

Email: [assistance@aerhq.org](mailto:assistance@aerhq.org)  
[www.aerhq.org](http://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](mailto:info@saluteheroes.org)

703-291-4605 (V)

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. Interest applicants can fill out the online form. 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.

## Disabled American Veterans (DAV) - Transportation Network

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

410-539-1310 (V)

[www.dav.org/get-help-now/medical-transportation](http://www.dav.org/get-help-now/medical-transportation)

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

### EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation

Email: [info@eodwarriorfoundation.org](mailto:info@eodwarriorfoundation.org)  
[www.eodwarriorfoundation.org](http://www.eodwarriorfoundation.org)

1-850-729-2336 (V)

Foundation grants provide financial assistance for expenses such as childcare, adaptive equipment, retreats, travel expenses, and debt relief. All active-duty, veteran, and retired EOD technicians, in addition to wounded, ill, and injured EOD technicians, family members and family members of the fallen, are eligible to apply. Each grant is decided on a case-by-case basis.

### Friendship Place – Veterans First

Email: [vfscreen@friendshipplace.org](mailto:vfscreen@friendshipplace.org)  
[www.friendshipplace.org/veterans](http://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

[www.militaryonesource.mil/transition-retirement/national-guard-reserves/about-financial-management-awareness-program/](http://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

301-295-1207 (V)

Email: [bethesda@nmcrs.org](mailto:bethesda@nmcrs.org)  
[www.nmcrs.org/pages/financial-assistance-and-counseling](http://www.nmcrs.org/pages/financial-assistance-and-counseling)

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

20251 Century Blvd, Ste 130  
Germantown, MD 20874

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

Email: [assistance@operationsecondchance.org](mailto:assistance@operationsecondchance.org)  
<https://operationsecondchance.org/support-and-assistance/>

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.
- Temporary lodging 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](mailto:unmetneeds@vfw.org)

1-866-789-6333 (Toll Free)

[www.vfw.org/unmetneeds](http://www.vfw.org/unmetneeds)

Provides grants (not loans) up to \$2,500 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 and Military Families (DVMF)

Email: [mdveteranstrust.mdva@maryland.gov](mailto:mdveteranstrust.mdva@maryland.gov)

410-230-3836 (V)

<https://veterans.maryland.gov/veterans-trust-fund/>

**Online Grant Portal:** <https://marylandveteranstrustfund.my.site.com/MDVAVTF/s/vtf-application>

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 DVMF 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.

### Individual Assistance: Grant Guidelines

Individual grants are administered through an online grant management portal, available 24/7. This portal streamlines requests and provides quick and responsive financial assistance to veterans and their families. Our grant specialists complete a brief interview with each applicant before submitting applications for committee review and approval. Individual grants can support expenses such as rent / mortgage payments, electricity / gas payments, water / sewer / trash payments, car payments, car insurance payments, and phone / internet payments. The trust cannot assist with taxes, child support, speeding tickets, legal fees, payday and interpersonal loans, credit card debt, home repairs, food, appliances, and vehicle purchases. Grant awards are provided directly to the landlord, mortgage, utility, etc. Visit the online grant portal. You may also reach out by sending an email or calling.

### Organizational Assistance: Grant Guidelines

Organizational Grants awarded by the Maryland Veteran Trust will support organizations or programs that advance the following focus areas. [Download an organizational grant application or learn more.](#)

- **Benefits Access:** Increase awareness, access, and utilization of veteran benefits with an emphasis on reaching underserved communities.
- **Capital Improvement:** Improve veteran-serving spaces to assist with increasing membership and strengthening ties to local communities.
- **Community Building:** Increase opportunities for members of the military-connected community to build and maintain strong social connections.
- **Employment:** Reduce unemployment for veterans and military spouses and make it easier for service members to transition to new careers in the state.
- **Education:** Increase access to education and skills development opportunities for veterans, military families, and dependents.
- **Food Insecurity:** Reduce the number of families that experience food insecurity and reduce the number of veterans that experience homelessness.
- **Housing Insecurity:** Reduce the number of veterans and veteran families that experience homelessness.
- **Health & Wellness:** Increase access to resources and opportunities for veterans and military families to live healthier lives—both physically and mentally, including access to service animal programs and equine therapy.
- **Suicide Prevention:** Reduce the number of veterans, active service members, and military-connected family members who die by suicide. Volunteer Service: Create opportunities for veterans and their families to engage in service that positively impacts individuals or their communities.

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