

# American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces



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With You

**WE WERE WITH YOU THEN,**



**WE ARE WITH YOU NOW.**



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# Emergency Communications

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Red Cross **Emergency Communications** provides objective, timely, confidential, factual, complete, and verified reports on emergency situations – around the clock, every day.

- Locate and notify military personnel of births, deaths and other family emergencies
- Verify crisis situations to enable military decisions regarding emergency leave requests
- Provide immediate access to financial assistance via military aid societies
- Information and referrals for families in need



# Emergency Examples

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- Serious or life-threatening illness or injury to immediate family
- Death of an immediate family member
- Crimes, i.e. abuse, sexual assault, burglary
- Incarceration or arrest of family member
- Suicide intervention
- Leave extension requests
- Financial assistance requests / concurrence
- Birth notifications



# Other SAF Programs

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- Hospital Clinic Volunteers
- Dental Assistant Training
- Medical Assistant Training
- Summer Youth Volunteer
- Pet Therapy
- Material Assistance
- Rooms for Troops
- Holidays for Heroes
- Homeless Veterans Stand-Downs
- Veterans History Project
- Reconnection Workshops



# Reconnection Workshops

- Supports and assists service members and their families in dealing with the issues and challenges of reunification
- Six individual modules for adults
  - Communicating Clearly
  - Exploring Stress & Trauma
  - Identifying Depression
  - Relating to Children
  - Working Through Anger
  - Mind/Body
- Two modules for children
  - Roger That! Communication Counts
  - Operation 10-4: Confident Coping
- Length: 90 – 120 minutes each
- Size: 12-15 people
- Location: Local
- Facilitated approach by Red Cross volunteers who are licensed professionals



# Other Red Cross Programs

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- Volunteers!
- Disaster Cycle Services
- Preparedness, Health, and Safety Services
- Home Fire Preparedness / Sound the Alarm
- Blood (but not in Colorado/Wyoming)





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# Questions



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