



American Red Cross

Service to the Armed Forces

Joint Family Support Assistance Program Conference

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Mission of the American Red Cross

- Founded by Clara Barton on the Civil War battlefield
- Part of the International Red Cross Movement
- Humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter to:
 - Provide voluntary aid to sick and wounded armed forces during a time of war
 - Act as a medium of communication between family members and members of the U.S. armed forces and
 - Carry out a system of relief during disasters and help people prevent and prepare for those calamities

(Taken from 1905 Congressional Charter of the American Red Cross, revised May 07)



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Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality

Programs and services are integrated at the **Local, State, National** and **International** levels to include:

- **Manpower**— Over 1 million Volunteers & ~30,000 paid staff
- **Blood Regions** - 35
- **Chapters** - 741
- **Stations** - 58 Stateside and Overseas



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Where We Work to Support You!

Stations Overseas

Germany

Italy

United Kingdom

Spain

Japan

Korea

In the War Theater

Baghdad, Iraq

Tikrit, Iraq

Balad, Iraq

Afghanistan

Kuwait

**Chapters in Local Communities
are the Key to our Support!**



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What We Do

- **Emergency Communications Around the World**
 - 648,920 emergency communications services last year assisting 185,406 families
- **Access to Financial Assistance thru partnership with all Military Aide Societies**
 - Over \$5.6 million provided last year
- **GTKU Briefings reached 930,573 last year**
- **Casualty Travel Assistance Program (CTAP)**
- **Military and VA Hospital Outreach Program**
- **Info & Referral and place to meet at local Chapters**
- **Training and Volunteer Opportunities**



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