



Proudly serving the Garmisch, Grafenwoehr,
Hohenfels and Vilseck
military communities.

Mission Statement

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

Service to the Armed Forces

(SAF)

- Active duty, Reserve, National Guard, civilians supporting DOD and their family members can count on the Red Cross to provide emergency communications that link them with their families back home.
- Today's American Red Cross is keeping pace with the changing military. Using the latest in computer and telecommunications technology, the Red Cross sends communications on behalf of family members who are facing emergencies or other important events to members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving all over the world.
- These communications are delivered around-the-clock, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Red Cross workers in hundreds of chapters and on military installations brief departing service members and their families regarding available support services and explain how the Red Cross may assist them during the deployment.
- Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces personnel work in 756 chapters in the United States, on 58 military installations around the world and have teams deployed with our troops in Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Iraq.

Emergency Communications

- Emergency messages are sent via American Red Cross when the service member's command requires verification of an emergency or the service member's family cannot directly contact the service member.

Who may initiate a Red Cross Message?

Anyone.....but permission must be
obtained to send message.

Who can messages be for?

- Immediate family members of sponsor or spouse
- Father/mother to (include stepparent and legal adoptive parent)
- Brother/Sister (include step or half relations)
- Children(includes stepchildren)
- Person standing in place of a parent.
- Only living blood relative
- Grandparents of authorized recipient or spouse
- Grandchild to include step grandchildren
- Fiancé/Fiancée
- Common Law Spouse

How it works

- An emergency happens in the family.
- The family or service member contacts the American Red Cross.
- The American Red Cross obtains basic information on service member and about the emergency.
- Emergency is verified by medical facility and / or qualified personnel.
- Message is sent to service members command via American Red Cross channels.

What Information is needed?

- Name
- Rank
- Branch of Service
- Social Security number
- Unit/Base
- Area of Operation

What information (cont)

- Point of contacts to verify situation
 - Hospital name, address and phone number
 - Doctor
 - Funeral Home
 - Social Worker
 - Any authority deem necessary to verify situation
 - Local Point of Contact if additional information is needed

The Not's

- Emergency Messages **Do Not** replace normal communications.
- Starting an Emergency Message **Does Not** Guarantee that Service Member will be granted emergency leave.
- Leave is decided by the Command **Not** the American Red Cross.

Other Programs and Services

- Disaster Services
 - ❖ What you may do to prepare for a disaster:
 - Get trained
 - Have a disaster plan
 - Build a disaster kit
 - ❖ Do you know what to do in the event of a disaster?
- Health & Safety Programs
 - ❖ Babysitter's Training Course
 - ❖ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid
 - ❖ Wilderness First Aid
 - ❖ Instructor Courses

Volunteer Opportunities

- Advisory Council
- Dental Assistant Training Program
- Dental Clinic
- Health and Safety Instructor/Facilitator
- Medical Clinic
- Veterinary Clinic

American Red Cross Contact Information

Vilseck: Rose Barracks, Bldg 162

DSN: 476-1760

COMM: 09662-83-1760

Grafenwoehr: Bldg 150 (Back of the USO)

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COMM 09641-83-1760

Hohenfels: Bldg 10

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