

Emergency Assistance

NY State Services – Social Programs <https://www.ny.gov/services/social-programs>
Utilities & Homeowner/affordable home <https://www.ny.gov/services/housing>
Food, Internet <https://www.ny.gov/services/social-programs>
Child Care <https://hs.ocfs.ny.gov/CCAPeligibility>

Catholic Charities Onondaga County responding to immediate crisis, and whenever possible, attempting to remediate and solve the crisis. 240 E Onondaga St, Syracuse, NY 13202; (315) 424-1876
[Crisis Response – Catholic Charities of Onondaga County \(ccoc.us\)](https://www.cococ.org/)

Fisher House – Assisting Military Families Hero Miles and Hotels for Heroes, and Fisher House. Fisher Houses provide military families housing, airline miles close to a loved one in the hospital for an illness, disease, or injury.
<https://fisherhouse.org/programs/>

Red Cross The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all veterans and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through our network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide. If your family needs emergency assistance, you can submit a request online, use our FREE mobile app, or call the American Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337. We are available to help 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. <https://www.redcross.org/get-help.html>

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is a non-profit organization that assists active-duty members, retirees, and families during emergencies. AFAS provides emergency assistance to Air Force families when unexpected financial emergencies arise with no-interest loans and grants for basic needs such as food, rent utilities, moving costs, funeral expenses, dental, medical, care repairs, etc. <https://portal.afas.org/>

S.A.R.G.E Grants financial hardship. <https://eangus-wcfa.org/s-a-r-g-e-grants/>

PENFED Foundation To honor those who've served, the PenFed Foundation offers assistance through three distinct initiatives: <http://www.pentagonfoundation.org>

1. Offering grants to eligible non-profit organizations.
2. Assisting refugees who worked alongside U.S. Army women soldiers through the Army's Cultural Support Team.
3. Investing in veteran-owned and veteran-lead companies.

Modest Needs offers grants designed to promote the self-sufficiency of individuals and families who, because they are working and live just above the poverty level, are ineligible for most types of conventional social assistance but who, all the same, are living one or two lost paychecks away from the kind of financial catastrophe that eventually leads to homelessness. <https://www.modestneeds.org/index.asp>

Operation Home Front financial crisis <https://operationhomefront.org/critical-financial-assistance/>
Housing hardship <https://operationhomefront.org/housing/>

Syracuse Serves request assistance, VET resources, benefits, networks, news/events, etc.
<https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/community-services/american-serves/locations/syracuseserves/>

Food sense monthly food buying co-op for anyone who wants to stretch their grocery dollar.
<https://foodbankcny.org/our-programs/food-sense-program/>

Find a local Foodbank <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

Sleep in Heavenly Peace building beds for kids 3 y/o to 17. This non-profit organization started with the mission that every child deserves a safe place to sleep. Each bed built from scratch is delivered and assembled to an appreciative home, complete with mattresses, pillows and bedding. There are multiple locations, 100% of donation go toward building beds. <https://shpbeds.org/>

Unmet Needs provides basic life needs such as: mortgage and rent, home and auto repairs, insurance, utilities, food, and clothing. National Guard and Reserve members must be either active duty or discharge from active duty within the last 36 months. The active duty must be other than Basic Training, annual Training, and monthly drill.
<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants>

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MOS Emergency Family assistance emergency management plans to help prepare for, manage and recover from disasters or emergencies.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/housing-life/disaster-preparedness/emergency-family-assistance/>

Project Sanctuary Believing that when one person serves the whole family serves, Project Sanctuary takes a human-centered, solution-based approach to helping military families heal and move forward in life. Through innovative long-term programming focused on connectedness, we restore hope and empower families to recover and thrive.

<https://projectsanctuary.us/military-family-resources/>

Hidden Heroes support for caregivers <https://hiddenheroes.org/>

Operation First Response, Inc (OFR) is to serve all branches of our nation's Wounded Heroes/Disabled Veterans, Gold Star Families and First Responders with personal and financial needs. Services are provided from the onset of injuries or illness, throughout their recovery period and along their journey into the civilian world. Financial aid varies as each case is based on individual needs ranging from rent, utilities, vehicle payments, groceries, clothing, and travel expenses.

<https://www.operationfirstresponse.org/>

Rights and Benefits for Abandoned Military Spouses

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/relationships/separation-divorce/rights-and-benefits-for-abandoned-military-spouses/>

Legal 174th Staff Judge Advocate can provide legal assistance, advise, and referral for most of your legal needs. A Power of Attorney (POA) or wills lets another person sign documents, or act on your behalf for legal agreements.

174 ATKW Legal Office (Guard Weekends ONLY)

JAG – Maj Rachel Clark, rachel.clark.8@us.af.mil

Send request for Legal Appoint via kathryn.erhardt.1@us.af.mil

HOURS:

O: 315-233-2644



[Air Force Legal Assistance Website](#)

224 ADG Legal Office - Rome (Guard Weekends ONLY)

JAG – Lt Col Kyung Auh, 315-334-6290 or kyung.auh.1@us.af.mil

JAG – Maj John Fuentes, 315-334-6164 or john.fuentes.8@us.af.mil

Fort Drum: (0900-1600 M-F), (315) 772-5261

The Legal Project is an Albany based non-profit organization that provides free civil legal assistance to people who do not have the ability to hire an attorney. We assist victims of domestic violence, crime, and human trafficking; homeowners facing foreclosure and bankruptcy; immigrants; small business owners, veterans, the elderly, and other vulnerable members of our local community across the Capital Region. <https://legalproject.org/>

Veterans Crisis Line/Military Crisis Line (1-800-273-8255) - The [Military Crisis Line](#), [online chat](#), and text-messaging service are free to all Service members, including members of the National Guard and Reserve, and Veterans, even if you are not registered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or enrolled in VA health care. Hundreds of men and women in the military call us every day, and start to get back on track.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call the [National Suicide Prevention Hotline](#) at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) or TTY: 1-800-799-4889. This hotline is a 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service available to anyone in suicidal crisis. You will be routed to the closest possible crisis center in your area. Your call is free and confidential.

Real Warriors*Real Battles Get the information you need with the Real Warriors Live Chat. A trained health resource consultant is ready to talk, listen and provide the guidance and resources you're looking for. Access our privacy policies and disclaimers to see our commitment to your confidentiality.

Call 1-800-273-8255 or Log On— 24/7 — for [Real Warriors Live Chat](#).