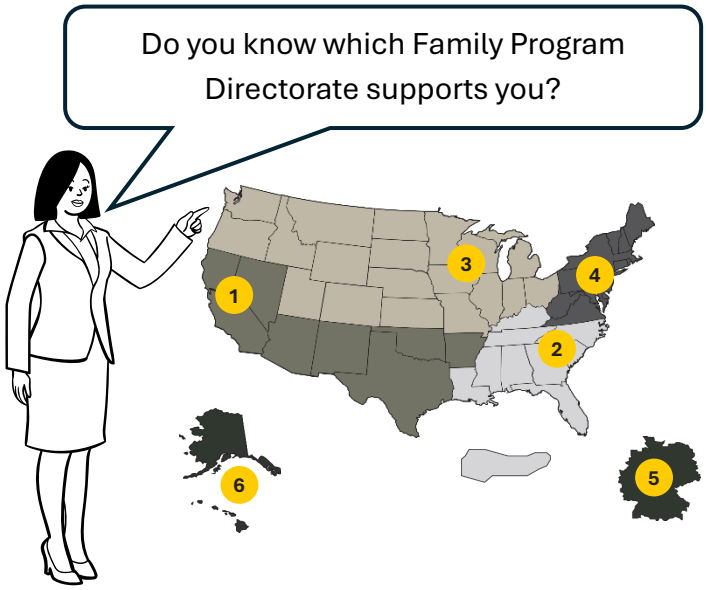
Commanders AER Information Sheet
USAR Expansion Pilot

Background:

The Army Emergency Relief (AER) US Army Reserve Expansion pilot program extends eligibility to USAR Soldiers not on active duty, specifically Troop Program Unit (TPU) and Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA). This coverage applies to these Soldiers performing Inactive Duty Training (IDT) or serving on orders less than 30 days.

This pilot program directly supports AER's goal of Total Force Support and Army People First initiatives. It promotes readiness, resilience, and trust that strengthens parity with Active-Duty counterparts.

The US Army Reserve Command (USARC) facilitates and supports AER's initiative through its Family Program (FP) Directorates at Geographical Readiness Divisions (RDs) and Mission Support Commands (MSCs). Functional MSC G1s provide secondary support to these RD/MSC Family Programs. In line with the Chief of Army Reserve's (CAR) intent, commanders will review and make recommendations on all assistance requests in their units.



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Commander's Checklist

1. Provide pilot information to Soldiers
   a. Formation
   b. Pamphlets in company area
2. Check military email weekly for requests
3. Verify contact information with RD/MSC AER Officer (AERO)
4. Ensure appropriate systems access to validate commander comment criteria (flags, UNSAT, Involuntary Separations or punitive actions)
5. Protect Soldier Privacy- need to know
6. Become familiar with
   a. AER Pamphlet 930-5-1
   b. USARC AER SOP
   c. Family Program Resources
7. Ensure staff understand how to direct inquires (family programs and AER website)
8. Team Channel Support Code: wsci2xg

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Items to address in commander's recommendation:

- How does this assistance effect unit readiness?
- Is the Soldier high risk according to AR 600-85 Table 12-1?
- Has the Soldier been UNSAT or Non-Par in the last 12 months?
- How long has the Soldier been with the unit?
- How does approval of the request affect the Soldier?

Pilot Overview:

- Assistance is in the form of grants only, no loans, for limited categories
  - Food
  - Utilities
  - Vehicle Expenses
- Pilot program is for one year (CY 2026) OR unit AER pilot funding is exhausted.
- Pilot program does not include AGR and USAR Soldiers on orders 30 days or more.
- Pilot program is separate from disaster relief requests.

Process: Step by Step

Soldier Creates ARMS Account → Soldier Submits → CDR Reviews → AERO Validates → AER HQ Decision