

# ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

March 2012

## Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kick's Off



The Army Emergency Relief (AER) Annual Campaign is conducted from March 1st through May 15th each year in order to increase Soldier awareness of this valuable benefit as well as to offer Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers by making a donation to AER.

AER is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 to relieve distress of Soldiers and their dependents. Today AER provides financial assistance to Soldiers and their families in the form of interest-free loans and grants in support of a variety of needs to include:

- Emergency assistance such as rent, food, travel, car repair, funeral, medical and dental expenses.
- Children and spouse scholarships
- Grants to Soldiers medically evacuated from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom
- Support to families of fallen Soldiers

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by the amount of the valid need. Soldiers and their family members requiring AER assistance should contact their chain of command or local AER office. Under the AER Command Referral Program, company commanders and first sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans to their Soldiers up to \$1,000. Based on reciprocal agreements, Soldiers and families not near an AER office can seek assistance from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance on their respective bases or seek assistance from the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

In 2010, the Army and AER disbursed more than \$77 million in financial assistance to over 66,000 active and retired Soldiers and families to meet emergency financial and educational assistance needs.

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## Exceptional Rodeo

FREE for Active Duty Military, Cochise College and FMWR presents the Fort Huachuca Rodeo. The Exceptional Rodeo will take place on March 4th from 1100 to 1230. Contestants to arrive at 1000.

This event is open to the public. Please bring the registration form to the event rather than mailing. The Fort Huachuca Army Community

Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Manager (Audrey Peterson-Hosto) and the EFMP Systems

Navigator (Lois Sagmoe) will be attending to assist with the Exceptional Rodeo and to answer any questions about the EFMP.





# RESILIENCY TRAINING

March 8th—9th

ACS WILL BE CONDUCTING RESILIENCY TRAINING: RESILIENCE TRAINING OFFERS STRENGTH BASED, POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY TOOLS TO AID SOLDIERS, LEADERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR ABILITY TO GROW AND THRIVE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY. THIS TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MURR COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM, TO REGISTER OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ACS AT 520-533-0282



## Lending Locker

### Items Available

The Army Community Service (ACS) Lending Locker provides basic house-keeping items for temporary loan to incoming and outgoing families while their household goods are in transit and in other cases determined appropriate. Equipment available includes:

- Microwaves
- Table w/chairs
- Small kitchen appliances
- Cookware
- Cooking/Serving Utensils
- Dishes/glassware
- Pack-n-Plays
- Car Seats
- High chairs
- Air Mattresses
- Mats
- Vacuum cleaner

### How to Borrow

Equipment will be checked out for an initial period of 30 days. If warranted, this due date may be extended in 30-day increments up to a maximum of 90 days. It is expected that the items will be returned in a clean and serviceable condition.

The ACS Lending Locker is located in Building 50010. Contact the Relocation Manager at 520-533-2330 or DSN 312-821-5919.



Financial Peace University  
Back by Popular Demand  
29 March

### Fort Huachuca Army Volunteer Training

...The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers - Terri Guillemets



Join us for

### Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) 101 Training

Learn to manage your organization's volunteers utilizing the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS). Learn how to track volunteer service hours, volunteer trainings, orientations and awards. (This class requires that you register with the MyArmyOneSource website and receive an OPOC invitation from the Installation AVCC.)



Friday 9 March, 1500-1600  
Army Community Service Center  
Bldg 50010 Smith Avenue

Reserve your seat today at  
(520) 533-3686  
tracey.m.clark.civ@mail.mil



## Bowling! SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES FAMILY FUN DAY!

ALL SOS Families come and strike up some fun! Bring your kid(s)! Meals and beverages will be provided along with free bowling!



At Desert Bowling Lanes Party Room  
(52010 N Arizona Street) Fort Huachuca,  
AZ  
Saturday, March 24th 1230 hours-1600 hours.



## *Military Spouse Van Tour*

**Be our Guest for Breakfast &  
An Exciting Tour of  
Ft Huachuca**



Thursday, 29th March 2012

8:30 am - until - 1300

We will meet in the ACS conference room at 0830 and depart no later than 9:30 am. Please, be on time. Child care and breakfast will be provided

Children must be registered with CYSS to obtain Child Care for this event. Please reserve child care CYS at 533-0710. No Later Than 23 March 2012.

For more information on this event or to RSVP contact Army Community Service

at (520) 533-2330



## **Baby Boot Camp**



**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**“Normal” Newborn findings:**

Are you sure this is normal?



Parent-Tot Playgroup

Every Wednesday

0930-1030

SAS Bldg



You know you're an Army Spouse  
when...

You can make a friend for life within a  
day just to say goodbye to them in a  
few months like it's no big deal.

### **From AER, page page I**

#### ***What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future?***

The Army supports AER and its annual AER campaign through mission, installation, and garrison commanders and CSMs personally attending campaign kick-off events to increase awareness and offer Soldiers the opportunity to donate to AER.

In addition to the annual campaign, AER accepts unsolicited donations from individual donors and corporations at any-time.

#### ***Why is it important to the Army?***

Soldiers and their families should not be disadvantaged in time of financial need because of a lack of awareness of AER's policies and programs. Army Emergency Relief is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own" and provides Army leaders a valuable asset in ensuring a ready source of financial assistance to Soldiers and their families.

**For more information on this program and policies visit Army Emergency Relief at Army Community Service or call 520-533-2330.**



Phone: 520-533-2330

Bldg 50010, Smith Ave  
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613

## Army Community Service



The mission of the ACS center is to facilitate Commander's ability to provide comprehensive, coordinated and responsive service that support readiness of Service Members, civilian employees and Families, maximize technology and resources, adapt to unique installation requirements, eliminate duplication in service, delivery and measure service effectiveness.



We are on the web!

[www.huachuca.army.mil/sites/ACS](http://www.huachuca.army.mil/sites/ACS)



## Events Calendar

### March 2012

To Register Call 533-2330

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Exceptional Rodeo- EFMP	5	6	7 Parent-Tot Play Group SAS 0930-1030	8 MRT Training	9 MRT Training  VMIS OPOC Training	10
11	12	13 Resumix Class 0830-1130	14 Single Parent Support Group	15	16	17 
18	19	20 Baby Boot Camp ACS 1500-1600	21 Parent-Tot Play Group SAS 0930-1030	22	23 AFTB Level 1	24 SOS Bowling Family Fun
25 	26	27	28 Parent-Tot Play Group SAS 0930-1030	29 Financial Peace University Wk 1  ACS Breakfast & Van Tour	30	31 Sierra "VistAbility" Fair at Buena H.S.