The American Red Cross links members of the U.S. Armed Forces with their families during a crisis. Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, the Red Cross quickly sends emergency communications to deployed service members on behalf of their family. Military members can have peace of mind knowing that when they are on a mission, in training or stationed far from home-and leaving cell phones and emails behind-they are still connected to home.

While providing service to 1.4 million active duty military personnel and their families, the Red Cross also reaches out to more than 1.2 million members of the National Guard and Reserves and their families living in nearly every community in America.

Red Cross workers in hundreds of chapters and on military installations briefed 974,573 departing service members and their families regarding available support services, and explained how the Red Cross may assist them during the deployment.

Both active duty and community-based military can count on the Red Cross to provide emergency communications that link them with their families back home, access to financial assistance in partnership with the military aid societies, information and referral and assistance to veterans. Red Cross personnel form a global network in 700 U.S. chapters, military installations worldwide and in forward deployed locations in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq.

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Today’s military families—active duty, National Guard, Reserve and Veterans—are spread across the US. Many live far from military installations and the support services they offer—but few are far from a Red Cross Chapter. Local chapters across the country are uniquely positioned to engage the military and provide services that address the unique characteristics of today’s military service members and their families.

The American Red Cross of Licking County is committed to offering a variety of new services and activities available to military members, their families and veterans living in Licking County. These programs include:

- The Licking County Military Family Support Group (LCMFSG) meets at 7pm the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Licking County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The LCMFSG offers support, encouragement and information to military families; encourages patriotism and support for the troops; sends care packages to troops. If you are interested in joining the group contact Rose Sparks at rose_sparks@hotmail.com or call 349-9442.

- Scholarships available to military personnel, their immediate family members and veterans for Red Cross Health & Safety courses, including First Aid, CPR/AED, Babysitting, Pet First Aid and many more. A military ID or supporting documentation required.

- A Psychological First Aid: Coping with Deployments course is available at no cost for service members, their spouses, children, significant others and parents. Call the Licking County Chapter, 740-349-9442, for course dates.

Services to Military Families

Emergency Communications

As a member of the military, you and your family are entitled to valuable Red Cross emergency services. We’re always there to help you:

- **Stay in touch with loved ones.** Our Red Cross worldwide emergency communications network operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We can assist you or your family in sending emergency messages regarding the birth of a service member’s child, the death or serious illness of a family member or other family emergencies.

- **Get verification of emergency leave information.** The Red Cross can provide you and your commander with fast, reliable information to help make decisions regarding emergency leave.

- **Secure emergency financial assistance.** The Red Cross, in partnership with military aid societies, provides access to financial assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, when an urgent personal or family crisis arises—that is, when you might need financial assistance for emergency travel, burial of a loved one or food and shelter.

In order to process an emergency communication request the following information will be needed:

- Service members full name
- Social Security #
- Date of birth
- Military rank
- Complete military address including military unit
- Nature of the emergency request (ie. serious illness, death, birth of a child)