



A special Thank you to "The Best Hometown in the Army"

Ben Fonte, Plans/Operations Officer, Ft. Leavenworth, FMWR, AER Campaign Coordinator

The Fort Leavenworth Military Community has once again answered the call. Soldiers, Retirees, Family members, Survivors of the Fallen and Civilian employees have come together to "Help the Army Take Care of its Own" and meet an aggressive goal of \$85,000. The 2011 Fort Leavenworth Army Emergency Relief Campaign has ended yielding its highest donation total ever.

Ben Fonte, the Fort Leavenworth Army Emergency Relief Campaign coordinator stated: "You can put together the best plan in the world, but it still comes down to people making a decision to support. This is an amazing community. Coming together in these tough economic times and not only meeting the goal, but crushing it. Thank you for your enduring support!"

"This campaign began with three objectives:

- 1. Education of Subordinate Leaders and the Fort Leavenworth Military Community. "We don't want to see Soldiers and Families disadvantaged because they didn't know the benefits were available," Fonte said.*
- 2. 100 percent contact of those eligible to donate.*
- 3. Meet an established goal of \$85,000.*

"We are happy to report our objectives have been met and the result is over \$97,000 in contributions from the Best Hometown in the Army. Our 2011 total surpasses last year by over \$15,000 said Fonte.

AER is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1942 that is dedicated solely to "Helping the Army Take Care of its Own" by providing financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families in time of financial need. The program offers grants and interest free-loans to active duty and retired Soldiers, activated Reservists Retirees, Survivors and their eligible Family Members.

How to donate to Army Emergency Relief

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ACCEPTED YEAR ROUND.

To donate to AER: Contact your organization AER representative or:

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