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MEMORANDUM FOR All TENANT ACTIVITIES AND GARRISON EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Fort Devens Annual Army Emergency Relief (AER) 2015 Campaign

1. The 2015 Army Emergency relief (AER) Annual Fund Campaign will take place at Fort Devens from 1 April – 15 May 2015. Army Emergency Relief was established at the beginning of World War II to meet the unmet need to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers. AER relies on donations resulting from the annual awareness campaign. During the annual campaign, Active Duty and Retired Soldiers are reminded of AER benefits, as well as given an opportunity to help take care of their fellow Soldiers. Despite an unstable economy, the 2014 campaign generated $8.4 million in donations. Consider this: If EVERY Active Duty Soldier donated just $5 per month, AER would have more than $29 million to respond to your needs!

2. In 2014, Fort Devens AER section provided sixty three (63) assists, involving Fort Devens Tenant Units to Soldiers and Families assigned in New England, and area retirees, dispensing $118,662.00 no interest loans, loan/grant combination or grants. Last year's 2014 Annual Fund Campaign raised over $36,000.00 from Devens Retirees and Soldiers in New England. This included monies from the AER Fun/Run. As we prepare for this year's campaign, your personal interest and involvement is key, ensuring that each soldier is made aware of AER's mission and given the opportunity to contribute voluntarily.

3. Checks and contributions by allotment are both welcomed, but in order to be processed, all allotment forms must be received by 15 May 2015. Key Personnel from each unit are needed. Contact Mel Fisher at 978.796.3023 with name, rank and phone number of key personnel from your unit. Let's make our 2015 AER campaign a success story and strive to exceed last year's contributions.

4. This year's AER Fun/Run will be in May 2015. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

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Commanding