



Texas Soldier & Family Support Hurricane Harvey Recovery & Relief

Army Emergency Relief

- AER approved an exception allowing financial assistance to National Guard Soldiers supporting Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts. The exception is 1 - 30 September 2017 and could be extended.
- National Guard Soldiers must be assigned to a unit activated to assist Texas or Louisiana in relief efforts of Hurricane Harvey (as verified by NGB).

Apply online at

<https://www.aerhq.org/>

Education Resources

- If you are attending on the GI Bill and your school was closed, the VA considers attendance continuous and will continue paying.
- If school is open, but you are unable to attend due to service, contact your school Certifying Official as protections apply for SMs on duty:
 - Section 51.9111 TX Education Code (Excused Absence Military Leave)
 - Section 54.006 TX Education Code (Refund/Adjustment Tuition & Fees for Military Activation)

For assistance contact the Transition Assistance Advisors at: **512-289-4048** or **512-963-2390**

Re-Employment Rights

- Texas law provides re-employment protection under state law and has adopted federal protections.

TWC/ USERRA Assistance: 512-936-6024

<http://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/Texas>

Legal Concerns

- State Active Duty provides limited SCRA protections
- If you have any legal concerns or actions because of the activation, such as missed court dates, contact the following:
 - For questions, please call the Texas Legal Services Center at: 800-622-2520
 - The Austin Bar Association also provides limited services over the phone to eligible veterans with minor legal issues. Contact at 512-472-0279

Workman's Compensation

- State AD will cover SMs for injuries incurred during mobilization
- Requires filing within 1 year of injury
- Recommend all SMs file paperwork to prevent timing issues

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/index.html> and click "Claims Information" to file online

Tricare / Healthcare Coverage

- Servicemembers are eligible for Tricare Reserve Select

- SM only: \$ 41.72/mo
- SM + Family: \$217.51/mo

- If mobilized for more than 60 days, SMs are eligible for insurance through State

Tricare Liaisons are available to assist with questions **512-782-1985**

Texas Military Department Family Support Services office is open
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon-Friday; for questions call **512-782-5976**