

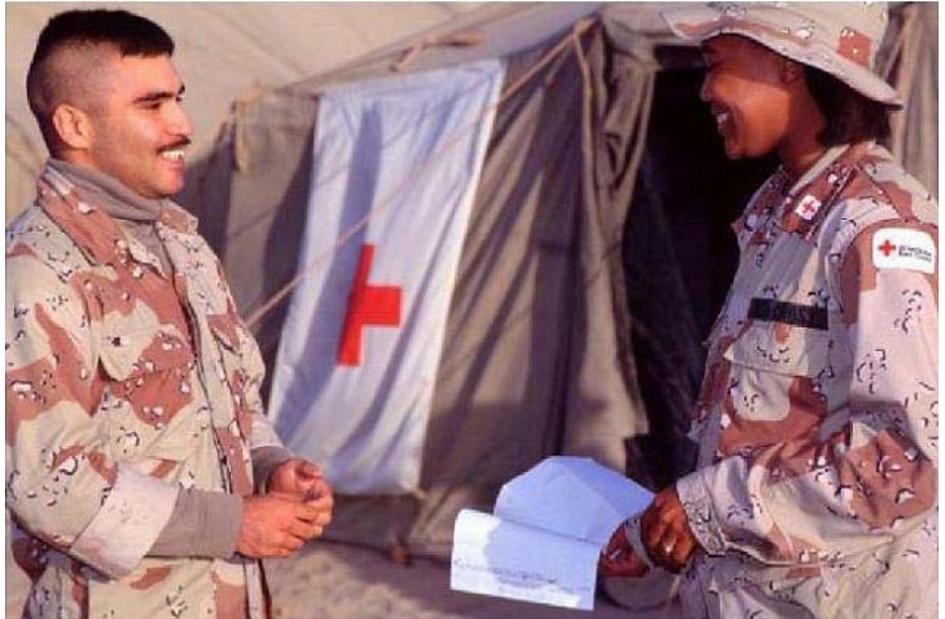
Something to come home to

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if you have served overseas with
the American Red Cross
Overseas



American Red Cross Overseas
Association



"To renew and continue friendships created while serving overseas with the American Red Cross, to keep alive the spirit that prompted that service, to contribute to international understanding, to engage in community service, to work for the mutual benefit of the members of the organization."

*Alf R. Thompson, Founder
American Red Cross Overseas Association*

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The American Red Cross Overseas Association

Is an independent national organization with a fellowship of men and women who have, across many decades and countless miles, experienced the rewards and hardships of serving abroad to assist U.S. military personnel, help disaster sufferers, lend knowledge, and support developing Red Cross and Red Crescent societies as they seek to broaden their capabilities. ARCOA has, in the decades since its 1949 founding, also welcomed family members of those who have served overseas and friends who actively support the association's programs as associate members. It is pledged to continue its supportive relationship to the American Red Cross while developing its own independent programs and activities, which include:

International Humanity Service Award - presented to an individual or organization nominated by an ARCOA member or group. Its recipients have included both U.S. and foreign humanitarians.



Fall Memorial Service - a service of remembrance for all who have died is conducted annually in the garden at the American Red Cross National Headquarters at the foot of the statue donated by ARCOA and created by the world famous sculptor of the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial, Felix de Weldon.

Historical Resources - when requested by the Red Cross, historical researchers, authors, and documentarians for response, ARCOA provides contacts with members who can provide first-person information related to the requested subject.

Meetings - Three national meetings are scheduled each year, two open board meetings and a national convention. Locations vary widely in order to provide convenience of access by attendees from various parts of the U.S., with the exception of the Fall Board meeting that is held in Washington DC in conjunction with the Memorial Service.



Service To Our Own and Mary Louise Dowling Leadership Enhancement Fund - donations from members sustain two funds used to provide small grants to qualifying members. One is designed to help meet medical or welfare needs. The other is to help one in his/her career field, i.e., attending a symposium or to further one's knowledge in his/her field.

Publications - Each dues-paying member receives a copy of the biennial Membership Directory and the quarterly newsletter, *The Overseas'r*, which covers organizational events and news from and about members.

Tours and Reunions - these events, which have included both localized and international ones, occur at the initiative of interested members.

We gratefully acknowledge the authorship of ARCOA member Barbara Pathe in producing this brochure. Barbara served overseas in Europe during and after World War II, 1944-46.



ARCOA . welcoming those who served in unique times, places, and circumstances. There is a bond. (Jenny Young, Vietnam 1968-69)

My nine years with Red Cross were a highlight which made an ordinary life very special to share. (Virginia "Ginny" Griffith Hannum, European Theater, Korea 1943 -51)

ARCOA allows me to stay connected with and maintain friendships begun on overseas assignments (John "JT" Dunn, Persian Gulf 1990-91)

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