



Notification and Leave Request for Military Personnel Deployed Overseas to Visit an Ill Family Member

The American Red Cross serves as liaison to locate active-duty service-members deployed overseas and relay information to the military command. Red Cross can request leave for a service member's parent, sibling or grandparent. Other relationships may be considered for leave, but we have been given conflicting information about whether request should go to military command or Red Cross. Unfortunately you may need to try both.

Medical Information required:

- Patient's Diagnosis
- Prognosis
- Current Condition
- Life Expectancy
- Does MD recommend presence of service-member?

Information Needed about Service-Member:

- First, Middle and Last Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Branch of Military Service
- Unit and Company
- Rank
- If overseas, need APO Number – zip code and country serving in
- Name and telephone number of another family member for service-member to call

It is best if you have all of the information about the service-member, but Red Cross has access to Worldwide Locator if some elements are not available. Red Cross will issue a **case number**. Make a note of it; it can simplify any subsequent communications.

American Red Cross contacts the service-member's command about the emergency medical situation, and that is the end of their involvement. Someone from the command will probably call MGH unit to verify report, and then service-member will call family member.

**Call the American Red Cross:
1-877-272-7337**