

Military's First Responders

America's all volunteer Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are often called upon to respond to natural disasters at home and around the world.

When an earthquake, tidal wave, flood or famine hits, U.S. troops bring much-needed relief and assistance, anywhere in the world.

They help rescue people from flood waters and those trapped in earthquake-damaged buildings.

They deliver life-saving food, blankets, tents, and medicine, and sometimes even toys, books and candy for children to help people survive the worst of times.

Some recent disasters the American military responded to include Hurricane Katrina in the U.S., the tsunami in Indonesia, the earthquake in Haiti and floods in Pakistan.

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