AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response]: Resource Guide

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AeroBridge [disaster response flights, Pensacola FL/Shreveport to New Orleans]

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from the website

We will be setting up collection locations in Pensacola FL and Shreveport LA. If you're close to these locations, please reach out to us.

Pilots preparing to fly AERObridge, please refresh you use of our specific FAA call sign useable. Available here: https://aerobridge.org/bge–procedures

Services offered: Flight Coordinator, Volunteer
Campaigns: 2021 Hurricane Ida; AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response]
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AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response] [Florida to Haiti flights]

Volunteer Camp · Open

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Service Temporary

ATTENTION PILOTS: There is a great need for supplies and personnel to be flown into Les Cayes, Haiti. If you're able to fly into MTCA, we have a good deal of requested cargo and pax. Haiti is located 600 nm from Miami.

If after checking with your insurance company, unless you're
self–covered other than by convention insurance means, please reach out directly to Mike Harris at mharris @ aerobridge.org.

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source: facebook

Services offered: Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, Transportation By Air, Delivery, Disaster Supplies
Campaigns: 2021 Haiti Earthquake; AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response]
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Haiti

AERObridge (formerly known as C.A.R.E., or Corporate Aviation Responding in Emergencies)

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Transportation/Air

Web aerobridge.org
Checks payable to AERObridge
Service Permanent

"Alabama Fly–In": Saturday May 7th

As we have all seen the destruction caused by the violent Tornadoes in Alabama late last week, many have asked how they can help. As a General Aviation Pilot you can support those effected by the Tornadoes in a unique way. While FEMA and the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) have done an excellent job so far there are still requests for aid from organizations that are distributing straight to the affected people. Aerobridge has been asked to organize a General Aviation Fly–in to support the people affected by this disaster. This give us, as General Aviation Pilots, a chance to show that small airplanes should be considered part of the solution and not part of the problem. It also demonstrated the value of municipal airports as a lifeline to their communities.

Two airports (KTCL and KJFX), in the areas hardest hit, are being used as staging areas for supplies being distributed in the area. The organizations specifically asking for the specific needs below are listed and they will distribute the supplies.

Pilots are asked to fly in to either of the airports and bring whatever supplies they are able to which are on the list. Volunteers will be on site from 9am to 5pm on Saturday May 7th at both airports. One pilot we have talked to planned to make it a neighborhood response and advertise that neighbors could clean out their kitchens and closets of old pots and pans and children's clothes and drop them at their home and then fly them in on Saturday.

Tuscaloosa – Bama Air FBO
In support of: Pastor James Stockdale
Latin American Ministry
www.latinamericanministry.org
www.nuevasion.org

Maseca (this is what tortillas are made from) Beans (pinto) Rice Pots & Pans Cooking utensils Silverware Portable camp cookstoves (propane operated, propane will be purchased in AL) CLEAN and gently used clothing including shoes for Men, women & children Personal hygiene items Baby formula Diapers & baby wipes Rain gear

Jasper, AL (KJFX) Sanders Air
In support of Pastor Kenneth G. Key, CEO Missions Unlimited, Inc.
PO Box 929
Jasper, AL 35502
Email: wheelchairs @ mupet.org

Needs include personal hygiene items for males and females, baby items; food, diapers,wipes and formula, nonperishable food items, paper goods basic first aid supplies

Current Work in Haiti
Facilitating Connections
We are continuing our efforts to assist non–governmental organizations with their missions to rebuild Haiti and support the recovery phase of a disaster. We are connecting different groups in an effort of cooperation and facilitation.

Passenger Transportation

The free flights via General Aviation aircraft are expensive and are utilized in a judicious manner. They are needed in the Immediate Response phase of an emergency. Since Haiti is now in the Recovery phase, these aircraft are no longer available and other more economical transportation methods must be utilited.

Therefore, we are assisting groups with a more economical transportation to Haiti via a $275 negotiated rate with Insel Air from Miami to Port au Prince. The number of seats per flight at this rate is limited, so requests must sometimes be flexible. We are not an agent of Insel and receive no financial benefit for assisting with flight requests. We are simply extending to groups a rate that might benefit them.

We are also working with Bahamas Habitat and RAM to establish an air ambulance service within Haiti. This service is currently being evaluated and we will provide more details when available.

Cargo Transportation

In cooperation with the U.S. Navy, we periodically have access to space available on U.S. Navy ships bound for Haiti. We assist non–governmental organizations in point to point logistics incorporating the military space available shipping. All supplies are based on a priority needs assessment compiled from numerous non–governmental organizations.

Through Lift, we have access to numerous cargo transportation options to Haiti at a reduced rate. Airfreight rate is .82/lb with AmeriJet from Miami to Port au Prince with service daily. Shipping via 40ft container from Miami to Port au Prince is slightly less than $4000 all inclusive.

Services offered: Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies; Medical, Services, Transportation, Patient Transport Services; Transportation, Air, 1st Responder Personnel; Transportation, Air, International, Caribbean; Transportation, Air, International, Caribbean (NOT FREE); Transportation, Air, Supplies, 1st Response Items; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, Transportation By Air, Delivery, Disaster Supplies; Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2021 Haiti Earthquake; AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response]
Updated May 5, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7365

AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response] [Florida/Haiti flights]

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Campaigns: 2021 Haiti Earthquake; AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response]
Updated Aug 20, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10481

Japan

AERObridge (Emergency Aviation Response) – (Japan Earthquake/Tsunami)

Info/Hotline · Open

U.S.: 1200 18th Street NW; Suite 400, Washington, DC WA 20036

Phone 951.491.9827
Web www.aerobridge.org
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The Humanitarian Alliance, a group of Japan and US based non–profit organizations and corporations, is working collaboratively to develop a supply chain that will allow three different avenues for individuals and corporations to contribute by donating dollars and requested supplies.

Avenues to direct resources will include the following:

1) Cash Donations for Direct Bulk Purchase In Japan Through an International Wholesale Chain (for $2,000 you can purchase a pallet of diapers) CLICK HERE TO VIEW WHOLESALE ORDER FORM

2) Product Donations to a Central Warehouse in Tokyo Which will Feed into the local Distribution Network.

3) Donations of select products (only those requested and able to clear customs) in the US that will be transported via air cargo/ ocean vessel from Los Angeles to Tokyo to link with the Local Distribution Network.

By far, the fastest, most responsive method for donation to best service the people of Japan is number 1. Cash Donations for Direct Bulk Purchase In Japan. The system is in place and the Eagles Wings Foundation is helping to coordinate the donations so your contribution is tax deductible AND that ONLY the requested and most urgent items are purchased and available on the ground in Japan within 24 hours of your donation being made.

This method of Direct Bulk Purchases streamlines the process of giving in many respects. The products they receive are familiar and written in their own language, there are no customs or duty issues, the Japanese people have continued employment and the groups receive them within 24 hours after the purchase is made and is therefore responsive to the changing dynamic needs of the people of Japan.

In the next week, a few trial runs should be completed and we can put out more information on donation avenues 2 and 3 (listed above) including lists of supplies that can be collected in the US and shipped to the warehouse in LA for distribution. For right now, we want everyone to encourage their friends, family and corporations that want to give to Japan to give now through the link above.

Once you have made a donation you will receive an acknowledgement letter from AERObridge and for donations over $1500.00 you will receive an invoice of items purchased.

Thank you for supporting the people of Japan in this critical time!

CLICK HERE TO VIEW JAPANESE DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS:

http://www.aerobridge.org/docs/Japan%20Logistics%20Diagram2.JPG

FB Message 3/17/11:

Anyone have contacts in Haneda/Tokyo? We have 20K lb. shipment of baby formula, diapers, food and clothing ready to go out of LAX but need logistics help to move it north once we get to Tokyo. If you do, contact us asap at 602–790–2636 or astaats @ aerobridge.org

Services offered: Baby, Baby Formula (ANY/ALL Types); Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Distribution, Clothing, For Disaster Survivors; Donations, Disaster Fund; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Management, Supply Chain Management Advice
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2021 Haiti Earthquake; AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response]; USAID

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Other locations

AERObridge [FAA call info for volunteer pilots]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web aerobridge.org/bge–procedures
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New BGE Procedures

Public Benefit Flying Three–Letter Designator “BGE”
and Associated Radiotelephony Call Sign “AEROBRIDGE”

New Procedures for Use by Authorized Groups AeroBridge and Their Pilots

Author: Leigh Ann Swihart, AeroBridge

Effective Date: August 16, 2020

Purpose:

This document discusses the AeroBridge's international aircraft call sign AEROBRIDGE and its associated three–letter designator BGE, describes the procedures to be used to apply the call sign for a public benefit flying mission, and indicates when the call sign is appropriate for use. Updates will be maintained at www.aerobridge.org.

Background:

Pilots flying public benefit missions and air traffic control (ATC) personnel have long recognized the need for a call sign that identifies such missions. Routine ambulatory patient transport and other public service missions conducted by volunteers usually do not warrant the priority handling provided through the use of the MEDEVAC (formerly LIFEGUARD) call sign, which is intended only for time critical medical and emergency operations such as those involving air ambulances.

The call sign AEROBRIDGE has been developed to meet that need. Upon a formal request the call sign was assigned in 2020 for administration to the AeroBridge as an organization that promotes missions conducted by pilots flying for public benefit flying organizations or to similarly serve the community and public agencies in disaster situations and community need.

The authority for call sign assignment and usage may be found in the US DOT Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 120–26M, especially under the criterion "… when deemed advantageous for air traffic control and operational purposes."

Jurisdiction:

AEROBRIDGE and the Three–Letter Identifier BGE have been assigned as an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Radiotelephony Designator and Three–Letter Identifier and are thus suitable for both domestic and international operations, when agreements are in place with the nations where the call sign will be put into use. BGE must not be used for call signs by third party flights outside of airspace controlled by the United States except for certain BGE flights that operate in other countries that have a use agreement with AeroBridge and/or the FAA.

Usage:

AEROBRIDGE and its associated three–letter identifier BGE are to be used to identify aircraft conducting bona fide nonprofit public benefit flying missions as from time to time may be defined in this document or revisions to it. Such missions, if approved by AeroBridge, may include the following: transporting individuals for health care, diagnostics, or treatment; transporting blood, tissues, organs, or medical supplies; transporting emergency personnel, equipment, and supplies in time of emergency or public need; performing habitat or environmental survey or other missions in support of environmental objectives; transporting rescue animals or wild animals needing relocation; and in general conducting non–profit flying operations serving the public interest, especially those conducted by volunteers.

Restrictions:

AEROBRIDGE must not be used for routine personal, business, or commercial flights. AEROBRIDGE must not be used for positioning or ferry flights during the times of flight an actual public benefit flying mission is not being conducted; EXCEPT that it may be used when there is a demonstrable need for appropriate (but not priority) handling by ATC. Such need might be to complete in a timely fashion a subsequent public benefit flight mission. AEROBRIDGE must not be used for flights other than those defined in this document unless permission is obtained beforehand from the Aerobridge or the Federal Aviation Administration. See AC 120–26H paragraph 11.a. AEROBRIDGE must not be used for flights within the United States of third party foreign registered aircraft.

Instructions for Use on Flight Plans:

These instructions are demonstrated in the examples below. Pilots must file any desired flight plan using all normal procedures, with the following two differences:

1) Each pilot wishing to use the AEROBRIDGE call sign: In the block used for the aircraft call sign the pilot shall enter the ICAO Three–Letter Identifier BGE followed by the pilot's assigned call sign's numbers, If using an ADS–B transponder the identical BGE call sign must be programmed into the unit during all phases needed for the public benefit flight.

2) In the REMARKS block the pilot should enter, separated by spaces, first the word AEROBRIDGE followed by the full registration (tail) number of the aircraft, followed by the full name of the public benefit flying organization (if any), and then any other remarks.

Example for pilot flying for Volunteer Fliers AEROBRIDGE N7371G [Using correct format for ICAO Remarks block]

Radio Usage:

Normally pilots will identify themselves to ATC on initial call–up using the word AEROBRIDGE and the assigned numbers as shown in the flight plan:

Example:

"City Approach, AEROBRIDGE 1414 level at three thousand feet."

Cautions:

Pilots and volunteer pilot organizations are strongly cautioned NOT to use the call sign MEDEVAC (or LIFEGUARD) except for situations as defined in the Airmen's Information Manual (see AIM 424 a or b), military AIR EVAC manuals, air traffic control handbooks, and/or other official documents. Using or requesting MEDEVAC (or LIFEGUARD or the L prefix) is considered to be a de facto request for priority handling, which could cause diversion of other aircraft and possibly great disruption of operations conducted by other users. It is intended to be of use when expeditious flight handling is required, such as in order to transport a critically ill patient for immediate care.

The new call sign AEROBRIDGE is now available to identify the nature of public benefit flying missions and would normally be used for most volunteer–flown service missions.

However, should a transported person's medical condition deteriorate in flight or other conditions apply that justify expeditious handling on a priority basis, then MEDEVAC should be considered as likely more appropriate for use. ATC personnel can assist a pilot in making that decision, but pilots are advised to familiarize themselves with call sign usage and not to hesitate to use MEDEVAC or declare an emergency if safety or medical necessity warrant its use, including changing a flight to MEDEVAC during flight if possible. Note that most units cannot be reprogrammed in flight so if necessary then declaring an emergency may be the best option. Ask ATC to help with your decision.

AEROBRIDGE likewise has been designated to serve the public convenience, good, and necessity and we strongly encourage pilots to adopt its use for public benefit flying missions.

However, some ATC personnel may be unfamiliar with the new call sign, so do be prepared to use traditional filing methods and do not be argumentative.

Also note that should pilots or organizations abuse the use of the call sign then the AeroBridge or the FAA can withdraw permission for its use from pilots and/or their groups or institute additional restrictions on its use. Likewise, should the AeroBridge fail to specify and authorize use of the call sign in a safe, fair, reasonable, and non–discriminatory fashion then FAA may choose to revoke the authority for the use of the call sign by the AeroBridge and its designees.

Campaigns: 2021 Hurricane Ida; AERObridge [Emergency Aviation Response]

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