

Decorations, Awards, and Honors
FORCES COMMAND (FORSCOM) COMMANDER'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Summary. This regulation outlines the policies and procedures for the FORSCOM Commander's Award for volunteer service.

Applicability. This regulation applies to Active Army and U.S. Army Reserve.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, ATTN: AFPI-MWR, 1777 Hardee Avenue, SW., Fort McPherson, Georgia 30330-1062.

Suggested improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Installation Management, FORSCOM. Users are invited to send comments and suggestions on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, ATTN: AFPI-MWR, 1777 Hardee

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1. Purpose

This regulation establishes policy and procedures for nominating and awarding the FORSCOM Commander's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, an award beyond the authority of the installation or CONUSA level.

2. Responsibilities

a. FORSCOM

(1) The FORSCOM Commanding General (CG), at his sole discretion, may bestow this award on any exceptional volunteer.

(2) Command group and Directors/Chiefs, Joint and Special Staff Agencies, may nominate volunteers for this award.

(3) Nominations will be reviewed promptly.

(4) The CG will approve and sign the award.

(5) Whenever possible, the CG or his designee will present this award personally during a scheduled installation or CONUSA visit.

b. Subordinate commanders

(1) Installation and CONUSA commanders will establish procedures to manage nominations and arrange presentation ceremonies as appropriate.

(2) Unit commanders at all levels on the installation and in the CONUSA, volunteer managers, installation volunteer coordinators and directors, family support personnel, and others designated by the commanding general may recommend volunteers for the award.

3. Policy

a. The FORSCOM Commander's Award is a prestigious award to recognize volunteer service that makes a substantial contribution to the mission of an Army activity, command, or staff agency and to the welfare of the Army family

b. Commanders should nominate volunteers who meet the eligibility criteria. Nominations for

this award should be forwarded following presentation of installation/CONUSA awards.

c. The award consists of a bronze medal, lapel pin, and a citation certificate.

d. The FORSCOM Commander's Award for Volunteer Service is not part of the Department of the Army Awards program. It will not be used in lieu of awards for commendation, meritorious service, routine departure or as an interim award while awaiting Department of the Army awards.

e. This award will meet the MACOM award requirement for nominations for the Emma Baird Award for Army Community Service volunteers.

4. Criteria

a. All military and family members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding volunteer service contributing to the mission of the Army and to the welfare of the Army family are eligible. Nominees for the Commander's Award must have accomplished one of the following:

(1) Provided distinguished volunteer service. Distinguished service includes, but is not limited to, significant number of years of volunteer service with a substantial number of hours contributed, demonstration of leadership, and significant impact of volunteer service.

(2) Made a measurable contribution to mission and the betterment of the welfare of soldiers and families as a volunteer chairperson, director, or advisor.

(3) Initiated, established, maintained or revitalized a program(s) or service(s) that greatly enhances the quality of life for soldiers and families.

(4) Provided leadership, advocacy, and models of community involvement that are recognized as exemplary throughout the applicable command and whose leadership has resulted in improved quality of life services and programs.

b. Nominations for this award should be forwarded in progression following issuance of all applicable local installation/CONUSA commander

awards. Issuance of DA awards are not a prerequisite for receiving this award. If a commander feels that an individual has distinguished him/herself in an exceptionally meritorious manner and has not received local awards, a nomination may be submitted.

5. Nomination

a. Nominations for this award should be forwarded by memorandum to Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, ATTN: AFPI-MWR, 1777 Hardee Avenue, SW., Fort McPherson, Georgia 30330-1062, with:

(1) A proposed citation of no more than six typed lines, each 9 inches in length.

(2) A justification clearly specifying the exceptional volunteer contribution that warrants MACOM recognition.

(3) A document delineating that the eligibility criteria has been met.

(4) The signature of the installation or CONUSA commander.

(5) A list of previously received awards.

(6) Date of desired presentation.

b. Nominations will be reviewed promptly. A minimum of 45 days is required to process award certificates.

6. Award Presentation

a. Local commanders will arrange appropriate presentation ceremonies.

b. Whenever possible, the CG will present the award on a regularly scheduled trip to the installation or CONUSA. When this is not possible, a designee will be named by the CG to present the award for him.

c. The award may be presented individually or during volunteer recognition activities. Presentation ceremonies should be appropriate for the prestigious nature of this award.

d. Appropriate publicity should accompany the presentation of this award to the local recipient.