

JBLM Volunteer Awards Program At-a-Glance

Category	Award	Criteria	Approving Authority	Notes
I	Unit Awards Certificate of Appreciation or Achievement or Commander's Coin	This form of recognition is unique to the individual unit. Policies, procedures, procurement and funding of these awards are the responsibility of the unit commander. Both military and civilian volunteers are typically eligible for awards in this category.	Unit Commander	
II	<u>Installation Awards</u>			
	a. Volunteer of the Month	Volunteers of the Month nominations are submitted during the quarterly Volunteer Action Council meeting ~ Nov, Feb, May, Aug.		
	b. FRG Leader of the Quarter	Recognizes substantial contributions to the FRG mission and the Army Family ~ each Battalion Commander may nominate one volunteer FRG Leader from their battalion for FRG Leader of the Quarter award. Quarterly contribution periods will cover: Oct-Dec; Jan-Mar; Apr-Jun; and Jul-Sep.	Battalion Commander	
	c. JBLM Volunteer of the Year	Nominations in five categories (youth, retiree, family, active duty, and adult) are accepted generally mid Feb-mid Mar. Nomination period covers the previous calendar year accomplishments.		Contact IVC for specific information and nomination flyer
III	Installation Volunteer Corps Awards	General: JBLM Regulation 672-3, Community Volunteer Service Awards Program. The Community Volunteer Service Awards Program was established to provide the command a means of recognizing personnel in the community who have contributed significantly to noteworthy JBLM community volunteer activities.		
	a. Volunteer Corps Lapel Pin	Available to all registered military or civilian volunteers. Nominations will be forwarded to the IVC office.	IVC	
	b. I Corps Volunteer Lapel Pin	Military or civilian volunteer must have contributed a total of 50 hours of volunteer service to JBLM. Nominations forwarded to IVC office.	IVC	

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IV	DA Awards	General: JBLM Regulation 672-3, Community Volunteer Service Awards Program. The Community Volunteer Service Awards Program was established to provide the command a means of recognizing volunteers who have contributed significantly to JBLM. Nominations will be forwarded to the Installation Volunteer Corps office. Uniformed military personnel are <i>not</i> eligible.		
		Awards are listed lowest to highest.		
	a. Commendation Certificate	Civilian/Family volunteer must have contributed a total of 500 hours of volunteer service to JBLM.	JBLM Garrison Commander	
	b. Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service	Civilian/Family volunteer must have contributed a total of 1,000 hours of volunteer service to JBLM.	JBLM Garrison Commander	
	c. Commander's Award for Public Service	Civilian/Family volunteer must have contributed a total of 2,000 hours of volunteer service to JBLM. Individuals should have received awards a-b above before being nominated for this award.	JBLM Garrison Commander	
	d. Commanding General's Superior Citizen Service Award	Civilian/Family volunteer must have contributed a total of 3,000 hours of volunteer service to JBLM. Individuals should have received awards a-c above before being nominated for this award.	Commanding General	
	e. Outstanding Civilian Service Award	Civilian/Family volunteer must have contributed a total of 5,000 hours of volunteer service to JBLM. Individuals must have received awards at a-d above before being nominated for this award.	Commanding General	

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IV	Public Service Awards	General: FL Reg 672-4, Private Citizen Awards and AR 672-20-9, Public Service Awards, governs implementation and policies for this category. Recipients are limited to civilians who are not employed by the Army or Army contractors, Federal Government officials at the policy development level, and technical personnel who serve the Army in an advisory capacity or consultants. Uniformed military personnel are <i>not</i> eligible .		
		Awards are listed lowest to highest.		
	a. Certificate of Appreciation	This award is used to recognize accomplishments of private citizens when a higher level honorary award is not appropriate. It may be granted by local commanders or other locally authorized individuals as honorary recognition for civilians not employed by the Army or Army contractors.	Commander	
	a. Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service	This award is given to recognize volunteer service that contributes to the mission of an Army Activity, Command, Staff Agency, or to the welfare of Army personnel. The volunteer must demonstrate uncommon initiative, leadership, and motivation. This award should be considered before the <i>Commander's Award for Public Service</i> .	Battalion Commander (LTC or above)	
	b. Commander's Award for Public Service	This award is given to recognize a volunteer's broad-based support impacting extensively throughout the JBLM community by major contributions to soldier morale, unit readiness, and/or community life.	Brigade Commander (COL or above)	
	c. Outstanding Civilian Service Award	This award recognizes volunteer service of such magnitude that the nature of service affects the Total Army family. This includes, but is not limited to the areas of policy development and implementation. The volunteer should have previously received the <i>Commander's Award for Public Service</i> . However, extraordinary volunteer involvement and magnitude of contribution may serve as a basis for exceptions to this requirement.	Commanding General.	
	d. Secretary of the Army Public Service Award	This award is presented by the Secretary of the Army (SA) to private citizens who have provided exceptional public service to the Army deserving greater recognition than that which can be granted by a Major Army Commander. Nominations will be submitted through channels to the I Corps and Fort Lewis Secretary of the General Staff (SGS) for approval by the Commanding General (CG). Award recommendations approved by the CG will be forwarded through the FORSCOM Commander to the DA Incentive Awards Board for SA consideration.	Commanding General	

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IV	Public Service Awards ~ continued e. Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service	This is the highest award given by the Secretary of the Army (SA) for distinguished service that makes a substantial contribution to the accomplishment of the Army's missions. Award nominations will be submitted through channels to the I Corps and Fort Lewis Secretary of the General Staff (SGS) for approval by the Commanding General (CG). Award recommendations approved by the CG will be forwarded through the FORSCOM Commander to the DA Incentive Awards Board for SA consideration.	Commanding General	
V	FORSCOM Awards a. Dr. Mary E. Walker Award b. FORSCOM Well-Being Award	FORSCOM Reg 215-5, Dr. Mary E Walker Award recognizes substantial contributions to the mission and an Army activity/the Army family FORSCOM Reg 215-XX, FORSCOM Well-Being Award establishes the criteria for this award which recognizes those who have contributed significantly to the well-being of soldiers and their families during mobilization and deployment through FRG participation.	CSMs (similar to Audie Murpy Award) FORSCOM Commanding General	
VI	Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal	General: The MOVSM (medal with light blue, green and yellow ribbon) was established by Executive Order 12830 on 9 January 1993 and is governed by AR 600-8-22. It is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, subsequent to 31 December 1992, performed outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature. To be eligible, an individual's service must (1) be to the civilian community, to include the military family community; (2) be significant in nature and produce tangible results; (3) reflect favorably on the Military Service and the Department of Defense; and (4) be of a sustained and direct nature. While there is no specific time threshold to qualify for the MOVSM, approval authorities shall ensure the service to be honored merits the special recognition afforded by this medal. The MOVSM is intended to recognize exceptional community support over time and not a single act or achievement. Further, it is intended to honor direct support of community activities. The MOVSM is categorized as a service medal. As such, no orders are issued to announce approval. DA Form 638, Recommendation for Award, will be used to process recommendations. However, Part V will not be used.	Battalion Commander (LTC or above)	For Active Duty only