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Please select one category

 **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

 **Family of the Year**

 **Youth of the Year**

 **Outstanding Ambassador:**

 **Junior** **Senior**  **Officer**  **Spouse**

 **Community Spirit**

 **Heart of the Borderland**

 **Making a Difference**

Candidate Information

Name/Rank: Position Title: Unit Address:

Phone Number: Alt Phone:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Has the volunteer recorded at least one hour in the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS)? Yes No

Organization Supervisor name: (Please print)

**Due Date: 7 March 2025**

**Must be signed by O6 or higher.**

**No Late Acceptance**

Organization Supervisor signature: (Required)

No

Yes

Is this volunteer registered with the Army Volunteer Corps?

Agency or Organization:

Telephone:

Email:

Nominator Information

Name: Due Date:

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**Please note:** Selected nominees may be photographed during the ceremony. The photo may be displayed on the community information board and a write up for local distribution. Point of contact for nominations is Yvette Ramirez, AVCC, 915-569-7733 or e-mail [fortblissvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:fortblissvolunteer@yahoo.com). Completed nomination forms may also be sent to Army Community Service. This nomination is for the outstanding job the volunteer has performed from January 2024 – December 2024.

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Why does this Volunteer deserve to be awarded

Insert name of Award?

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly and accurately as possible

* What impact does this Volunteer have on the community and your organization?
* List any special achievements, tasks, or accomplishments made by the Volunteer to your organization or the community.
* Please describe anything else that makes this Volunteer’s work stand out amongst their peers.

**Due Date: 7 March 2025**

**Must be signed by O6 or higher.**

**No Late Acceptance**

**FORT BLISS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**1. Award Purpose –** This award is given to recognize one outstanding volunteer per Brigade or Volunteer Organization. The Volunteers are chosen by the Brigade or Volunteer Organization.

**2. Nomination Prerequisites –** Volunteers must have made an overall substantial contribution to the mission of an Army activity, Command, or Volunteer Agency. May be awarded to Soldiers, Family Members, or Civilians.

**3. Award Description –** This award consists of a plaque.

**4. Approval Authority –** The approval authority for this award is the Brigade Commander, Executive Director or President, or Directorate Chief.

**5. Nomination Procedures –**

**a.** Nominators should take the following criteria into consideration: i. Longevity, team player, and leadership.

**ii.** Volunteer is recognized for individual contributions (this is not an agency award).

**iii.** Volunteer has an above average impact on the organization or agency served.

**iv.** Nomination has the approval of the chain of command of the nominating organization.

**v.** Volunteer must have logged a minimum of 200 hours on VMIS. If no record is available on VMIS, a memo signed by a Colonel (O-6) or the highest senior position in the organization will be accepted.

**b.** Volunteers will be chosen by the Fort Bliss ACS Advisory Council in a blind site panel.

**6. Additional Information -** This award is presented at the Annual Volunteer Ceremony.

**FORT BLISS VOLUNTEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**1. Award Purpose –** The Fort Bliss Family Volunteer Award is given to recognize families who volunteer their time and talents to the Fort Bliss and/or the El Paso community in an effort to improve the Army well-being and the well-being of the Fort Bliss Community.

**2. Nomination Prerequisites –** Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Retiree, DOD Civilian, and Civilian Families are eligible for this award. (Families are two or more members related by blood or law.)

**3. Award Description –** This award consists of a plaque.

**4. Approval Authority –** The approval authority for this award is any volunteer supervisor.

**5. Nomination Procedures –**

**a.** Nominators should take the following criteria into consideration: i. Longevity, team player, and leadership.

**ii.** Volunteer is recognized for individual contributions (this is not an agency award).

**iii.** Volunteer has an above average impact on the organization or agency served.

**iv.** Nomination has the approval of the chain of command of the nominating organization.

**v.** Volunteer must have logged a minimum of 100 hours on VMIS. If no record is available on VMIS, a memo signed by a Colonel (O-6) or the highest senior position in the organization will be accepted.

**b.** Volunteers will be chosen by the Fort Bliss ACS Advisory Council in a blind site panel.

**6. Additional Information –** This award is presented at the Annual Volunteer Ceremony.

**FORT BLISS OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER**

**1. Award Purpose –** This prestigious award is given to recognize the most outstanding youth volunteer of the year.

**2. Nomination Prerequisites –** This award may be awarded to unmarried youth ages 13-18.

**3. Award Description –** This award consists of a plaque.

**4. Approval Authority –** The approval authority for this award is any volunteer supervisor.

**5. Nomination Procedures –**

**a.** Nominators should take the following criteria into consideration: i. Volunteer has an above average impact on the organization or agency served.

**ii.** Nomination is not dependent on the number of hours served.

**iii.** Nomination has the approval of the chain of command of the nominating organization.

**b.** Volunteers will be chosen by the Fort Bliss ACS Advisory Council in a blind site panel.

**6. Additional Information –** This award is presented at the Annual Volunteer Ceremony.

**FORT BLISS OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR AWARD**

**1. Award Purpose –** This award recognizes outstanding volunteers who have exemplified community service within the Fort Bliss and El Paso Community. Brigades will be able to submit 1 nominee for each of the sub-categories: Junior Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), Senior NCO, Officer, and Spouse.

**2. Nomination Prerequisites –**. Volunteers must have made an overall substantial contribution to the Fort Bliss and El Paso Community. Nominees must have logged a minimum of 100 hours on VMIS. If no record is available on VMIS, a memo signed by a Colonel (O-6) or the highest senior position in the organization will be accepted.

**3. Award Description –** This award consists of a plaque.

**4. Nomination Procedures –** Chosen by Brigade

**5. Additional Information –** This award is presented at the Annual Volunteer Ceremony.

**FORT BLISS COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD**

**1. Award Purpose –** This award recognizes three (3) organizations or groups (i.e. Non-Federal Entities, Private Organizations) for strengthening their community through intentional partnerships.

**2. Nomination Prerequisites –** Nominees understand the importance of service and developing connections between groups and individuals and forge collaborative solutions to meet Fort Bliss and El Paso needs. They exhibit a dedication to their communities that inspires those around them to serve.

**3. Award Description –** This award consists of a plaque.

**4. Approval Authority –** N/A

**5. Nomination Procedures –**

**a.** A blind site panel will select awardees.

**6. Additional Information –** This award is presented at the Annual Volunteer Ceremony.

**Heart of the Borderland: Honoring Ft. Bliss Soldiers Serving in the El Paso Community**

**1. Award Purpose** – This award is given to recognize one outstanding Volunteer per Brigade. The Brigade will choose the volunteer.

**2. Nomination Prerequisites** – Volunteers must have made an overall substantial contribution to the El Paso Community. Nominee must have volunteered for a minimum of three separate organizations within the El Paso community and logged a minimum of 100 hours on VMIS. If no record is available on VMIS, a memo signed by a Colonel (O-6) or the highest senior position in the organization will be accepted. May be awarded to Soldiers, Family Members, or Civilians.

**3. Award Description** - Plaque

**4. Nomination Procedures** – Chosen by Brigade.

**5. Additional Information –** This award is presented at the Annual Volunteer Ceremony.

**Making a Difference Award**

**1. Award Purpose** – To recognize up to three volunteers per Brigade for a significant contribution to the mission of an Army activity, command, staff agency, and to the welfare of the Fort Bliss community.

**2. Nomination Prerequisites** – Nominees are chosen by the submitting Brigade for contributions that may not necessarily qualify the volunteer for other installation or higher awards.

**3. Award Description** - Certificate

**4. Nomination Procedures** – Chosen by Brigade

**5. Additional Information –** This award is presented at the Annual Volunteer Ceremony.