

2023 FORT BLISS VOLUNTEER WEEK AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Instructions

The Fort Bliss Volunteer Week Recognition is to recognize Soldiers, Family members, civilians and youth volunteers who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and who are actively engaged in service.

All volunteers chosen to be recognized will receive a commemorative award at the ceremony.

Eligibility

- Registered volunteers with Fort Bliss Army Volunteer office. (Active volunteers in the Volunteer Management Information System with volunteer hours found at www.myarmyonesource.com)
- Volunteers registered with installation private volunteer organizations i.e. American Red Cross and USO.
- Soldiers volunteering in a Partners In Education School.

Selection Criteria

This nomination form is designed to provide the judging panel with important information about the nominee. Please be as thorough as possible about the volunteer's work.

The following criteria will be considered by the selection panel:

- Scope of the work undertaken and outcome of volunteer achievement
- Initiative and innovation demonstrated by the volunteer
- Impact and benefit the individual has made in the course of their volunteering in the Fort Bliss/El Paso community
- Any obstacles which the nominee may have had to overcome to achieve the outcomes of the work

Nomination Form Instructions

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FRC, Bldg.250 Club Rd.
NOMINATION DEADLINE: 03 March 2023

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- Assume nothing is known about the nominee or organization. Be as thorough but concise as possible. Include all volunteer activities that you are aware of including organizations other than your own.
- Receipt of the nomination form will be acknowledged by the Fort Bliss Army Volunteer Corps office.
- **Nominations must be submitted only at www.bliss.armymwr.com or schedule an appointment to drop off at the FRC, Bldg. 250 Club Rd. Nomination deadline is 03 March 2023.**
- **Volunteer Management Information System has been waived for one final year.**

Nomination Writing Hints:

- **Activity** - Describe outstanding volunteer service (s). Explain how the results were accomplished and # of hours.
- **Initiative** - Describe any of the nominee's initiatives, such as starting a new activity or program, using innovative methods to solve problems, organizing an event, promoting collaboration with other units/organizations or any other activities.
- **Impact** - Describe the difference the nominee's service made for the unit, Family Members, clients, agency and the community. Who was positively affected and how? Who values the work of the nominee and why?
- **Team Player**- Describe any of the nominee's activities that required a team effort.
- **Leadership** – Describe any of the nominee's activities where the nominee exemplified leadership ability.
- **Reflection** - Offer your personal comments here – anything you wish to share that was not covered above.
- **Family of the Year Nomination Hint:** Family demonstrated volunteerism outside of what would be expected due to position in a unit, place of employment or community.
- **Family of the Year Nomination Hint:** Family exhibits leadership in performing assigned duties that have resulted in improved services and/or programs for service members and Families of the Fort Bliss community
- **Family of the Year Nomination Hint:** Family demonstrates outstanding leadership in planning, organizing, or directing a major event that resulted in a tangible or intangible benefit to the Fort Bliss community

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Award Categories:

Fort Bliss Outstanding Youth Volunteer This prestigious award is given to recognize three (3) outstanding youth volunteers who volunteer their time and talents within the Fort Bliss and/or El Paso community in an effort to improve the Army well-being and the well-being of the Fort Bliss and El Paso Community. Youth are those who are 18 years of age and below and unmarried. Fort Bliss Outstanding Youth Volunteer will be chosen by a **blind sight panel**.

Fort Bliss Outstanding Ambassador Volunteer This award is to recognize ten (10) outstanding volunteers who have exemplified community service in the El Paso Community. Volunteers will be chosen by a blind site panel. Volunteers may be a Service Member, Family Member, DOD Civilians or Retirees who work on the installation. Fort Bliss Outstanding Ambassador Volunteer will be chosen by a **blind sight panel**.

Community Spirit Award This award recognizes three (3) organizations or groups for strengthening their community through intentional partnerships. 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. Any group can be nominated for this award. Community Spirit Award will be chosen by a **blind sight panel**.

Fort Bliss Outstanding Volunteer Family This award is to recognize three (3) families who volunteer their time and talents within the Fort Bliss and/or El Paso community in an effort to improve the Army well-being and the well-being of the Fort Bliss and El Paso Community. Note: Only Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and Retirees are eligible for this award. Families are two or more members related by blood or law. For example, Soldier and Spouse, Soldier and Child, or Retiree and Spouse. Outstanding Volunteer Families will be chosen by a **blind sight panel**.

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Sample Fort Bliss Outstanding Soldier Volunteer Award Nomination

SPC John Doe has volunteered nearly 200 hours of his time to the youth of the Fort Post Community as a soccer coach for both the Jay Hawks and Pink Panthers. He took his team to the next level showing them not only basic soccer moves but advance soccer techniques that led them to the city soccer finals. SPC Doe also volunteer regularly at the university soccer games where he assists with managing the field. SPC John Doe is also a dedicated volunteer with Partners In Education where he volunteers on a weekly basis as tutor for kids of the local middle school. His dedication helping these kids can be attributed to their ability to pass the STAR exam.

Sample Fort Bliss Outstanding Volunteer Family Award Nomination

1SG John F. Smith, along with his wife, Sue, and his two children, Bob and Mary, are a family committed to volunteer service. 1SG Smith, while taking college courses online at the University of Maryland University College and holding down the demanding position of battery First Sergeant for Unit, volunteers countless hours with the Miracle League of El Paso, in which his daughter, Mary, plays non-competitive baseball for children with disabilities. He coaches the team, assists the children with hitting, fielding, and running the bases. He also attends regular coaches meetings and drafts the game and snack schedules.

During the season, the Smith family regularly contributes thirty or more hours each month to the Miracle League, with which they have been involved since their arrival to Fort Bliss in the summer of 2012. Sue holds the position of Team Mom, for which she acts as the assistant coach and coordinates for fundraising, uniforms, and recruits more volunteers. Bob serves as an Angel in the Outfield, assisting his sister and other players with catching, running the bases, and playing at games and practices.

To assist with the Miracle League's funding, the Smith Family regularly helps conduct fundraisers, such as by manning concession stands at the following UTEP events: the Monster Truck Jam, Sun Bowl, UTEP football games, a Julio Caesar Chavez boxing match, and several concerts. The volunteer sessions usually entail an eight to twelve hour day in which they set up the concession stand, inventory all the goods that will be sold, prepare all the food and beverages, re-inventory after the event, count the money, and turn in the proceeds. The Miracle League's continued success requires dedicated volunteers. The expensive requirement for child care often prevents enough families from participating. So, the Smith family fills this gap by encouraging Soldiers and other military families to volunteer, making it possible for these exceptional athletes to continue to

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participate in this valuable program. Soldiers who volunteer expand their worldview and gain a deeper appreciation of what volunteerism truly means.

The Smith family's commitment to the Miracle League extends beyond coaching and into all phases of planning and fundraising, enabling the League to branch out into other sports, such as golf. Moreover, and just as importantly, John and Sue Smith serve as role models and mentors to other families who have children with disabilities, connecting those families with resources in the community and providing support through friendship and guidance.

Fall 2012, the Smith family volunteered at the El Paso Rescue Mission once a week for six weeks last fall, serving veterans and other less fortunate adults and children with a hot meal. They prepared and served the food, washed the dishes, cleaned the tables, served the beverages, and cleaned the kitchen when the meals were over. From this experience, five Soldiers became regular volunteers during the months of September and October 2012.

For the last two years, in the months of November and January, 1SG Smith and his wife volunteered with an organization known as Christmas Street, which is an auxiliary to Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center. They loaded and unloaded Christmas trees and decorations that the organization raffles off to benefit the Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center.

The Smith family also stays actively involved in the Unit ADA Family Readiness Group (FRG). Not only does 1SG Smith support his battery's FRG himself, but he involves his entire family. Sue served as the battery's FRG Leader from May 2012 to January 2013. Bob does his part by helping his parents with set up and clean up before and after meetings and fundraisers.

During her tenure as FRG Leader, Sue planned and organized multiple fundraisers and battery-level events, including a Concert in the Canyon for Alpha Battery's Soldiers, a bowling night, two motor pool bake sales, and a battery holiday party. Moreover, she improved the quality of Soldiers' and families' lives by conducting financial management classes, suicide prevention classes, and coordinating for Soldier volunteers to serve food at the El Paso Rescue Mission. Just recently, her efforts were instrumental to the overwhelming success of the bake sale fundraiser conducted for the February 2013 Senior Leader Planning Conference.

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NOMINATION FORM A

Recognize your volunteers!

**Volunteers will be recognized at the Fort Bliss Volunteer Awards Ceremony
Friday, 21 April 2023 at 1330 hours at the Centennial Club, 11199 Sergeant E.
Churchill St.**

A. Nominee Information (please type or print):

Name: _____

Rank (If applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

B. Nominator

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

C. Volunteer Award Categories: (Choose one)

☐ Fort Bliss Outstanding Youth Volunteer

☐ Fort Bliss Outstanding Ambassador Volunteer

☐ Fort Bliss Outstanding Volunteer Family

☐ Fort Bliss Community Spirit Award

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Nominee Information (please print or type):

Name: _____

Brigade or Agency: _____

Community Activities/Contribution:[illegible]

Award history of nominee:

Verification (Army Volunteer Corps Office):

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