



1st AD & Fort Bliss

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CEREMONY

Shining the Light on Our Volunteers

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ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS FORT BLISS, TEXAS



“If you light a lamp for another, it will also brighten your path.”

by Nichiren Daishonin

Thank you

for your exceptional service and for uplifting the resilience and readiness of our military community.

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Yvette Ramirez

Army Volunteer Corps Program Manager

National Anthem

1st AD Woodwind Quintet

Invocation

CH (COL) Timothy G. Cross

1st AD & Fort Bliss Senior Command Chaplain

Introduction of the Host

Colonel Michael V. Soyka

Fort Bliss Garrison Commander

Host Remarks

Major General Curtis D. Taylor

1st AD & Fort Bliss Commanding General

Presentation of Awards

Major General Curtis D. Taylor

1st AD & Fort Bliss Commanding General

Command Sergeant Major James L. Light

1st AD & Fort Bliss Command Sergeant Major

Closing Comments

Major General Curtis D. Taylor

1st AD & Fort Bliss Commanding General

Army Song

1st AD Woodwind Quintet

Acknowledgments

Awardees

Please approach the podium in order of recognition

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SGT Samuel Alese

Soultana Biehl

SSG Giovany Ceballos

SGT Shireke Crenshaw

SSG Marly Dannemiller

CW3 Christopher Dees

SGT Ryan Felix

PFC Nakida L. Fletcher

CPT Angelica Gacayan

CPT Melissa Gammons

Havilah Beth Hansen

Kevin Ho

Gabriella Keast

CPT Tiernan Keast

SSG Matthew W. Leis

SPC Nathan P. Martin

SFC Brenton J. Nixon

SGT Anthony Rhodes

SPC Vanina Santos

1LT Dainia Sharma

Awardees

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SGT John Story

Kira Thomas

Megan Wadsworth

Elizabeth C. Wilson

HEART OF THE BORDERLAND

PFC Nierra Coleman

SSG Rachael Connelly

CPT Santino Francisco

SFC Cristian I. Hidalgo

SFC Jermin Salvador

Awardees

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FORT BLISS OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER

Junior NCO

SGT Kofi Clarke

SGT Govaniel Morales Rodriguez

SSG Tierra S. Moultry

SGT Tyron G. Porter

SGT Robert P. Stewart

PFC Destiny Winfield

SSG Lucie Zoko

FORT BLISS OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER

Senior NCO

SSG Vicente Coronado

SFC Alexis Feliciano

SFC Jarrod Jones

SFC Brian Lefevers

SFC Charles R. Nash

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FORT BLISS OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER

Officer

1LT Kyle A. Dennis

CPT Nancy Gomez

CPT Chanz V. Moore

CPT Jason Nepa

CPT John W. Perry

1LT Timothy Polovchik

FORT BLISS OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER

Spouse

Ashley Boyd

Destinee Brooks

Kyra Denai Garcia-Compton

Rachael Jernigan

Amanda Neltner

Kimberly Flynn-O'Donnell

Melinda Treakle

Megan Wadsworth

Taylor Warren

Zadia Nani Gomez

Awardees

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FORT BLISS COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

Armed Services YMCA

Beaumont Cares

Fort Bliss Spouses Association

FORT BLISS VOLUNTEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The Roberts Family

FORT BLISS OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Nelena M. Avila

Awardees

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FORT BLISS BRIGADE AND AGENCY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

SSG Brittani Bailey

SFC Charles E. Bell

Carrie Collado

Peyton Cox

Edward Daniels

SSG Khristopher K. Dewalt

SSG JoseAdolfo C. Godinez

COL Philip CW Jeon

Ji Sun Lee

SPC Sandip Mahat

SSG Richard A. Marin

Chelsie Maury

Ashley Mills

Gloria Smay

Schrenna Tarlton

SPC Elye Trescott

1ST AD & FORT BLISS INSTALLATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

To Be Announced

The Army Song

Verse: March along, sing our song, with the
Army of the free. Count the brave, count the
true, who have fought to victory.

We're the Army and proud of our name!

We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

Chorus: First to fight for the right,
and to build the Nation's might, And The
Army Goes Rolling Along. Proud of all we
have done, Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain: Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way. Count
off the cadence loud and strong;
For where'er we go, You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

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