

ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS (AVC)

- **BLUF: Volunteer service enables the Army to augment staff and expand program capability, providing quality of life programs and services to Soldiers and their Families.**
- Volunteers play an integral role in the life of Soldiers and their Families by sustaining community programs, transforming organizations, enriching lives, and connecting Families to the community.
- Army Volunteer Corp Coordinator serves as the single installation point of contact for volunteerism, unifying volunteer efforts of Army offices and private organizations across the installation.
- AVC exists to serve the needs of the entire Army community: Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve.
- AVC promotes an environment that values volunteers, characterized by mutual respect, institutional support, volunteer recognition, and opportunities for personal growth.
- Through volunteer service, individuals can learn or enhance skills, develop and grow personally, connect with their community, enhance their resume, make important networking contacts, share skills, and gain new ones.
- Values of selfless service and character are evident in the dedication and commitment of Army volunteers—Soldiers, retirees, civilian employees, spouses, teens, youth, and community members.
- Type of opportunities available depends on community needs, including but not limited to: medical, dental, Wounded Warrior support, museums, spouse employment, schools, youth programs, religious activities, recreation programs, BOSS, FRGs, Soldiers and Family members life skills education, relocation assistance, information and referral, Family advocacy, financial planning, and preparing foreign-born individuals for citizenship.

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- Army has a robust volunteer recognition program that honors its volunteers through innumerable types of recognition.
- Volunteers can also be recognized through the White House, national organizations, DA headquarters level, and installations recognition activities.
- Individuals seeking volunteer positions should contact the installation Army Volunteer Coordinator at the ACS Center, the nearest National Guard Armory or Army Reserve Center, or visit the AOS “Getting Involved” (www.armyonesource.com) online Opportunity Locator.

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Q: How can community members learn about volunteer opportunities available to them in their military community?

A: Individuals interested in volunteering on installations should contact the ACS Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator (AVCC). Those interested in volunteering for the National Guard or the Army Reserve should contact their local National Guard Armory or Army Reserve Readiness Center Volunteer Coordinators. Interested volunteers can also visit AOS /Getting Involved (www.armyonesource.com).

Q: Who can volunteer?

A: Volunteer opportunities are available to Army Soldiers, retirees, government employees, civilians, and their Family members.

Q: How can a prospective volunteer find opportunities at a specific location and how can they apply for them?

A: With the AOS "Getting Involved" (www.armyonesource.com) online Opportunity Locator, interested volunteers can find Army volunteer positions by area, military community, organization, and keywords and then submit their application. Individuals seeking volunteer positions on installations should contact the Army Volunteer Coordinator in their Army Community Service (ACS) Center. Those seeking positions with the National Guard or Army Reserve should contact the nearest National Guard Armory or Army Reserve Center.

Q: Why should anyone volunteer?

A: Volunteering is a defining part of the American experience. Volunteerism stabilizes our Army communities by contributing to community cohesion, increasing self-reliance, and enhancing the well-being of Soldiers and their Families. It's an opportunity to advance in all areas of their lives and to serve our country.

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Q: Who oversees the Army Volunteer Program and what is their role?

A: AVC is an enterprise approach for Army volunteerism in the Active and Reserve Components. In the Active Component, the AVCC may serve as the commander's consultant on volunteer issues; provide training to other volunteer managers; develop a job bank; recruit, interview, and refer volunteers to organizations; maintain a record of hours collected from other volunteer managers; assist volunteer managers in developing job descriptions; serve as advocate for volunteer issues; chair the Volunteer Advisory Council; provide recognition or advise others in this area; and manage volunteer activities.

Q: What type of volunteer opportunities are available to those interested in volunteering their time and service?

A: Type of opportunities available will depend on the military community.

Q: How are volunteers recognized for their significant contributions?

A: The Army has a robust volunteer recognition program that honors its volunteers through innumerable types of recognition.