

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
(AR 600-8-22, DA Form 638)

**Fact Sheet**

The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal was established by Executive Order 12830, dated 9 January 1993. The regulation was revised on 25 June 2015 and 5 April 2019. An amendment was made 28 February 2003.

**Criteria:** Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature.

To be eligible, an individual's service must (1) be voluntary; (2) to the civilian community, to include the military family community; (3) be significant in nature and produce tangible results; (4) reflect favorably on the Military Service and the Department of Defense; and (5) be of a sustained and direct nature.

While there is no specific time threshold to qualify for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM), approval authorities shall ensure the service to be honored merits the special recognition afforded by this medal. It is no longer required to have, "**Volunteer service must exceed 3 years and/or 500 hours of service.**" 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 changes in AR 600-8-22, 25 June 2015 state: No more than one MOVSM will be awarded to any Service member. However, this applies strictly to each assignment. For subsequent periods of community service justifying award of the medal, a bronze service star will be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the medal.

**Documentation:** Volunteer time and duties must be documented. IAW AR 608-1, 19 October 2017, the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) printout must accompany the nomination/award packet. Contact the installation's Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator (AVCC) to document volunteer service and hours. Telephone 791-3579 to schedule an appointment with Ms. Pamela B. Rachal, or send an email to [pamela.b.rachal.civ@army.mil](mailto:pamela.b.rachal.civ@army.mil).