The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal was established by Executive Order 12830, dated 9 January 1993.

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 to the civilian community, to include the military family community; (2) be significant in nature and produce tangible results; (3) reflect favorably on the Military Service and the Department of Defense; and (4) 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. 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.

A change to the regulation was made on 11 December 2006 that allows for a service star to be awarded to a service member who continues to meet the criteria for recognition even after receipt of the MOVSM. The information may be found in Chapter 6.

Documentation: Volunteer time and duties must be documented. IAW revision to AR 608-1, December 2010, the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) print-out must accompany the nomination/award packet. Contact the installation’s Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator (formerly IVC) to document volunteer service and hours. Telephone 791-3880 or 3579 to schedule an appointment with Ms. Lynn Harshman, or send an email to lynn.c.harshman.civ@mail.mil.

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