



Army Community Service

ACS, ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS PROGRAM

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**Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
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Volunteer Management Information System

www.myarmyonesource.com



I want to volunteer...

Now what? 1) All volunteers must be registered through the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS). Contact The Volunteer Corps Program Manager for details or visit www.myarmyonesource.com for available volunteer positions.

2) Consider what you want to do for the community and the committed time required to accomplish the volunteer job's tasks.

3) Consider what you may want in return from your volunteer position, job skills specialized training, leadership recognition and/or satisfaction in yourself for making a difference.

4) Complete DD Form 2793, Volunteer Agreement Form, with authorized signatures from the organization's supervisor. (*Note-Background Checks must be conducted in order for a volunteer to work with children and youth.)

5) Submit your hours through the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS).

6) Have fun, be proud and know that you are a valued member of this community who makes a difference.

Free Training – All volunteers can expect initial training and on-going specialized training. Some organizations offer more training than others depending on the type of position.

Employment – promises cannot be made as a result of volunteering. Neither is volunteering a prerequisite for employment. But many volunteers are in the right place at the right time with the advantage of already having demonstrated their qualifying skill level. Documented volunteer service is an excellent way to “get your foot in the door” to a great job.

Why volunteer?

- To feel needed
- To share knowledge
- For a change of pace
- To meet new people
- To explore a career
- To be a part of a team
- To be challenged
- To keep skills alive
- For fun!



These are only a few reasons why people volunteer. If you can say yes to one of these, volunteering may be the answer for you. The Army Volunteer Corps Program Manager (AVCPM) can offer volunteer opportunities to meet your needs.

Why all the paperwork?

It is important to be registered as a volunteer and to maintain and submit your work hours for several reasons:

- Volunteer work is recognized as actual work experience
- Acceptance to some volunteer training will be based on hours worked
- Department of the Army awards sometimes require volunteer hours
- Your work, whether volunteer or paid, counts! Documentation helps to verify your work and experiences.



Hours – Every Volunteer hour equals one hour of paid work experience. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) credits applicants' volunteer experience when matching and qualifying skills criteria for Appropriated Fund (AF) and Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) positions.

Volunteers – directly impact change within military communities, (i.e. Spousal Preference, Army Family Team Building (AFTB), Quality of Life issues, New Jobs, Changes to Policies, etc...)

Networking – Volunteers are usually well known amongst civilian and military personnel thus lending greater opportunities for networking jobs.