

Table 8-1. Volunteer recognition awards

Department of the Army	Justification	Authority	Reference
Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service	Substantial contributions to accomplishing the Army's mission	Secretary of the Army	AR 672-20, Chap 9-2
Secretary of the Army Public Service Award	Individuals who have provided exceptional public service to the Army.	Secretary of the Army	AR 672-20, Chap 9-1.1
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Award	Substantial humanitarian actions, deeds, or achievements for the welfare of Army personnel and Families.	Secretary of the Army	AR 672-20, Chap 9-6
Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service	Substantial humanitarian actions, deeds, or achievements for the welfare of Army personnel and Families.	CDR MACOM level or above	AR 672-20, Chap 9-6
Outstanding Civilian Service Award	Substantial contributions or significant service to MACOM	CDR, III Corps and Fort Hood	AR 672-20, Chap 9-3
Commanders Award for Public Service	Significant contributions to the Army's mission	CDRs (COL) and above.	AR 672-20, Chap 9-4
Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service	Recognizes patriotic civilian service that contributes to the mission of an Army activity, command or staff agency, or to the welfare of Army personnel.	CDRs (LTC) and above	AR 672-20, Chap 9-5
FORSCOM	Justification	Authority	Reference
Dr. Mary E. Walker Award	Spouses who have a history of serving Soldiers and Families	CSM, FORSCOM	FORSCOM Reg 215-5
Installation	Justification	Authority	Reference
Helping Hand Award ¹	Distinguished volunteer service in two or more volunteer areas	CDR, III Corps and Fort Hood	III Corps & FH Reg 672-5
Certificate of Achievement ¹	Significant service to a unit/installation	CDR, III Corps and Fort Hood	AVC Office
Certificate of Appreciation	Used to recognize accomplishments when a higher level honorary award is not appropriate.	All CDRs or authorized individuals	AR 672-20, Chap 9-7
State	Justification	Authority	Reference
Yellow Rose of Texas	Significant community service and/or accomplishments of lasting impact	Governor of the State of Texas	AVC Office

Legend:

AR - Army regulation

AVC – Army Volunteer Corps

CDR – commander

COL – colonel

CSM – Command Sergeant Major

FORSCOM – U.S. Army Forces Command

LTC – lieutenant colonel

MACOM – major command

Reg - regulation

¹The AVC office processes nomination memorandums.