

MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL CRITERIA

1. Eligible personnel: Members of the Armed Forces including reserve components.
2. Precedence and the subsequent Awards: to be worn immediately after the Humanitarian Service Medal. Subsequent awards are denoted by 3/16 inch bronze stars. A 3/16 inch silver star will be worn in lieu of 6th award. No citation or certificate will be issued. The medal may be obtained from:
 - Defense Personnel Support Center
 - 2800 South 20th St
 - Philadelphia, PA 19101-8419The cost is \$7.90 each and the national stock number is 8455-01-400-3295.
3. Eligibility Requirements: A SUSTAINED AND DIRECT OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF A CONSEQUENTIAL NATURE PERFORMED AFTER 31 DEC 92, NORMALLY FOR A 3-YEAR PERIOD. THE 3-YEAR PERIOD NEED NOT BE CONSECUTIVE. THE INDIVIDUAL'S SERVICE MUST BE:
 - a. TO THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY, TO INCLUDE THE MILITARY FAMILY COMMUNITY.
 - b. SIGNIFICANT IN NATURE AND PROVIDE TANGIBLE RESULTS.
 - c. REFLECT FAVORABLY ON THE MILITARY SERVICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
 - d. OF A SUSTAINED AND DIRECT NATURE.
4. No specific log of individual service is required. Members assigned to deploying units may include deployed time in the 3-year period. Although minimal requirements are left up to the awarding authority, service performance must be a sustained, long term nature. Awarding authority will ensure the service to be honored merits the special recognition afforded by the medal. The award is intended to recognize exceptional community support over time and not a single act or achievement. Attending membership meetings or social events of a community group or attending occasional scout meetings would not normally be considered qualifying service, while manning a community crisis action phone line or serving 3 years as a boy/girl scout leader would. The MOVSM recognized service provided to a community over a period of time, therefore multiple awards during a single tour of duty are not authorized.
5. Recommendation: service members must be recognized by anyone senior to them and submitted to their Commanding Officer using OPNAV 1650/3. The CO will certify the eligibility requirements have been met and service was honorable throughout the award period.
6. Ref F delegated the authority to award the MOVSM to any Commanding Officer or Commander who has awarding authority to approve Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal: this may be without regard to quota limitation imposed upon the Achievement Medal.

For further information regarding the Medal, refer to SECNAVNOTE 1650/2, MARADMIN 461/00.