

## **GETTING INVOLVED**

Volunteers are making a difference in the Marine Corps! You too can make a difference in your military community by volunteering!

## **BENEFITS**

Volunteering allows you to:

- Learn new skills or brush up on old ones.
- Meet new people and make new friends.
- Work flexible hours.
- Learn about the different base services.
- Receive on-the-job training.
- Fill resume gaps.
- Receive references and letters of recommendation.
- Network and build working relationships with individuals within your community.
- Receive recognition for your volunteer work.
- Invest in your community.
- Fulfill community service obligations.

## **TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

- The volunteer organization you choose may require special skills for the volunteer position. Therefore a resume and interview may be requested.
- If the volunteer organization you decide to become involved with has an orientation, it is in your best interest to attend. Informed volunteers are excellent volunteers!
- Time management is important for a successful volunteer experience for both you and the organization. Be sure to only volunteer for those hours that fit into your schedule.
- Remember that volunteering requires commitment and dedication so if you need to miss a scheduled day, notify your organization. You will want to be punctual and complete assignments.
- In some locations, organizations send their volunteers to training. Take advantage of this opportunity. It will make your resume shine, and better prepare you for your volunteer job.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Marine Unit
- Unit Family Readiness Program
- L.I.N.K.S (Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills)
- Youth Centers
- Youth Sports
- Local Schools
- Religious Organization
- Hospital-On and Off the Installation
- Single Marine Program
- Community Services-On and Off the installation
- Education Office
- Marketing Office
- ASYMCA

- Public Affairs Office
- American Red Cross
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
- Many, many more places!

## **APPRECIATION**

In accordance with the All Marine (ALMAR) Message, endorsed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Marine Corps installations around the world celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation every year in April.

These are just a few of the ways that the Volunteer Coordinators at Marine Corps installations show appreciation.

### **Volunteer Awards**

- Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Letter of Recommendation
- Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
  - This award is awarded to Active Duty Military. For more information on this award, please contact your local installation.
- President's Service Award
  - This award comes from the U.S. President of the United States and his council. For more information on this award, simply click on this link: [Adult Volunteer Tips](#).