

Corps Foundation Volunteer Excellence Coin Criteria



1. Who can receive a coin?
 - Every year, each Division may nominate 5 candidates (individuals or family/couples) for the annual National Volunteer Award. Each of these nominees will receive a coin.
 - In addition to the annual National Volunteer Award, the coins may be used throughout the year to recognize exceptional/outstanding achievements. It is possible that no coins will be awarded in a year if volunteer efforts are routine.
2. When considering a volunteer or a group of volunteers to receive a coin for exceptional service, consider the following accomplishments as a guide. This is neither a comprehensive list nor meant to exclude other achievements.
 - How did this volunteer or volunteer group go above and beyond other volunteer's efforts? For example: Did they participate in a lifesaving action.... Did they organize a significant event?
 - How did they work with partners to improve recreation, environmental conditions or visitor interpretive facilities?
 - How did the volunteer or group contribute significantly to public understanding of the Corps? (Developed a brochure, an app, cell phone

interpretation, self-guided experience, podcast, consistently communicate key messages while roving, etc.)

- Did the volunteer or group help keep an area remain open that would have otherwise been closed?
- How did the volunteer or group contribute to natural resource conservation?

3. Note:

- Achieving a large number of hours is not considered an accomplishment worthy of this award, by itself. However if the volunteer also had a significant impact, that volunteer could be nominated.
- There are a limited number of volunteer coins available annually. Therefore, award them only to the best of the best.

4. Request for volunteer coins for exceptional service should be sent to your respective Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) team member.

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