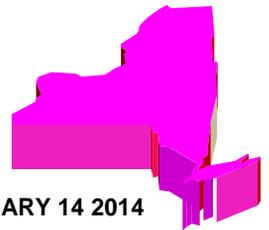




In a New York Minute

"All the News you Need to Know – In a NY Minute"

FEBRUARY 14 2014



PRESENTING NOMINATION PERIOD IS NOW OPEN

New York National Guard
State Family Programs Office
2013 Volunteer and Youth Awards



See pages 3&4 for information and nomination forms.

Don't wait get your nomination in before March 14

**This is your opportunity to nominate an outstanding
Volunteer, Service Member, Community Organization**

NY STATE FAMILY PROGRAMS VOLUNTEER AND YOUTH WORKSHOPS

This year's workshops are open to Air and Army National Guard Volunteer and Youth. These workshops meet the annual requirements for training to make an FRG Green.

The theme for the Workshop this year is "Health and Wellness." During the General Session, we will have guest speakers and discuss topics of interest to the NYNG. The Workshop will include volunteer annual training sessions, an awards ceremony to recognize our adult and teen volunteers, youth/teen training, and a Question and Answer panel. There will also be a Provider Forum for you to meet with some organizations that support Military Families.

The NYNG Youth (ages 6-18) will be attending an off-site facility for a one-day event, challenging their strength, balance and agility while providing team-building experiences. The youth will have the potential to conquer their fears and get an adrenaline rush while experiencing obstacles which will offer a sense of accomplishment with each element they complete. Some of the personal rewards your children can achieve are: acquiring self worth, competence, judgment and decision making, and effective communication.

For children that are between 0-5 years old, childcare will be provided at the Workshop hotel.

To reduce the travel burden of attendees we will be hosting two identical Workshops. The Workshops will be **Saturday, 5 April thru Sunday, 6 April 2014 in Westchester County** and **Saturday, 17 May thru Sunday, 18 May 2014 in Syracuse**. Please attend one nearest to your Home of Record.

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Register Here

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April <http://alturl.com/dvy34>

May <http://alturl.com/6b4o6>

NEXT WEEK February 24 – March 1, 2014 is Military Saves Week coordinated by Military Saves, a partner in the DoD's Financial Readiness Campaign, seek to motivate, support, and encourage military families to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth.

For information Personal Financial Counselor,
Adam Stevens (518) 786-0406 Cell (518) 275-5765

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Check out the weekly Guard Watch for items of interest to the New York Army and Air National Guard which have appeared in the media this past week.

<http://dmna.ny.gov/ngwatch>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

22 FEB	 George Washington's Birthday
24 FEB -1 MAR	Military Saves Week! http://www.militarysaves.org/
1-2 MAR	222 MP 30/60 Day Yellow Ribbon event Rochester https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events
7-9 MAR	STRONG BONDS Married couple event Albany POC Mark.H.Getman.mil@mail.mil
13-14 MAR	Supporting Military Children through School Transitions West Point, NY No Cost to Participants Registration Myriam Virella 254-953-1923 x 1119 myriam.virella@militarychild.org
14 MAR	STATE FAMILY PROGRAMS AWARDS NOMINATIONS CLOSE 
28-30 MAR	STRONG BONDS Family Event NYC/Long Island POC Mark.H.Getman.mil@mail.mil
5-6 APR	SAVE THE DATE! Annual Volunteer Training and Youth Symposium Suffern NY
17-18 MAY	SAVE THE DATE! Annual Volunteer Training and Youth Symposium Syracuse NY



The Family Assistance Center

located at the Glenmore Rd Armory in Troy is **OPEN** Monday –Friday 8:00am-4:00pm Drop in or call for information /assistance (518)285-5830

Under new state law... School districts have the option of extending a partial property tax break to veterans. School boards were required to hold public hearings and pass the exemption to go into effect for 2014-2015 school taxes. For information <http://goo.gl/k19ATn>



NY NG Family Readiness Council \$cholar\$hip
For Information and Details, keep an eye out here and on our Face book page <http://goo.gl/a5TXKk>

ITS TAX TIME..... & if you are eligible under the **Military OneSource** program, you can complete, save and file your 2013 Federal and up to three State returns online at no charge to you with the H&R Block Basic tool. The link below will take you to the Military OneSource public website, click on "Access Resources" on the right to login and utilize this program. <http://goo.gl/pkhFLK>

NEW YORK
NATIONAL GUARD 

JOB ZONE **DMNA.NY.GOV/JOBS**

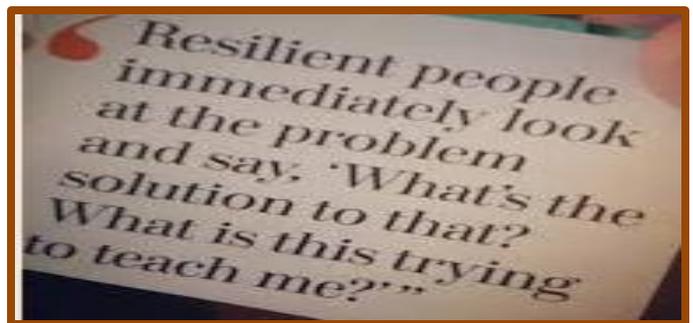
View job postings & Career Fair info
<https://dmna.ny.gov/jobs/jobs.php?id=nyng>

Military Kid Day

In recognition of the "Month of the Military Child" Strong museum and OMK are partnering to designate April 26, 2014 "Military Kid Day"!

10am – 8pm \$11. For YOUTH 2 years and up
**** Service Member, Spouse, or Guardian Admitted FREE**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Contact Erin Fulton (315) 788-8450 / eaf235@conell.edu museumofplay.org





New York National Guard
State Family Programs Office
2013 Volunteer and Youth Awards
Nomination Form

Nominations are due no later than 14 MAR 2014

Please see the attached award category descriptions and select the award below:

Army Guard

- Service Member Volunteer of the Year
- Military Point of Contact of the Year
- Unit Commander of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- FRG of the Year
- Community Organization

Air Guard

- Airman Member Volunteer of the Year
- Military Point of Contact of the Year
- Wing Commander of the Year
- Key Volunteer of the Year
- FRG/Key Volunteers of the Year
- Community Organization

Nominee's Name _____ **Rank (if applicable)** _____
 Army or Air _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____
 Unit Name and Address _____

Nominator's Name _____ **Rank (if applicable)** _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____
 Unit Name and Address _____

Accomplishments of the Nominee (be specific)

Send completed form to: Larry Linville, FRSA at larry.d.linville.ctr@mail.mil or SSG Peek, Wess, Family Programs Admin Assistant at wess.l.peek.mil@mail.mil or fax to 518-786-6075

Family Programs staff will complete the following:
Date Received _____ by _____



**New York National Guard
State Family Programs Office
2013 Volunteer and Youth Awards Nomination Categories**

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 14 MAR 2014

Award Categories:

Military Point of Contact of the Year (MPOC) is presented to the service member who consistently displays outstanding leadership as a liaison between Family Programs, Family Readiness Groups, and Commands. The service member must be appointed on a Duty Appointment Order to be eligible for this award..

Volunteer of the Year is presented to an individual that demonstrates outstanding support to military families. To be eligible, the individual must consistently display generosity that goes above and beyond the act of giving and providing assistance to military families.

FRG of the Year is presented to the most outstanding FRG. To be eligible, they must meet the requirements to be a "green" FRG. Visit the below website for more details on a green FRG. <http://dmna.state.ny.us/family/FRGSCORECARD.pdf>

Community Organization is presented to that organization who has made a significant contribution to the NY National Guard through their volunteerism, support, or monetary contributions (gratuitous volunteers).

Key Volunteer of the Year is presented to an individual that demonstrates outstanding support to unit family members. To be eligible, the individual must consistently display the act of going above and beyond for the unit family members.

If you have any questions regarding the above categories, please contact : Larry Linville, FRSA at larry.d.linville.ctr@mail.mil (518) 588-6662 or SSG Peek, Wess, Family Programs Admin Assistant at wess.l.peek.mil@mail.mil or any State Family Program Office staff member.