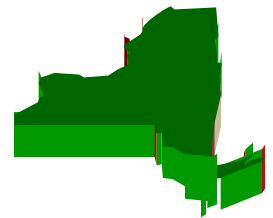




In a New York Minute

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



MARCH 7, 2014

ONLY 7 DAYS LEFT!

NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES ON 14 MARCH

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



FAMILY PROGRAMS VOLUNTEER & YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Comprehensive Soldier & Family Fitness (CSF 2) theme for March is Spiritual Fitness

The Human Spirit relates differently for many, Some would contend that interacting with animals builds the spirit. Research in the human-animal bond support the idea that animals make us more human. Spending time with your pet is probably good for both you and your pets spirit!



MARCH 1 FRG SCORECARD

<http://dmna.ny.gov/family/scorecard/>

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. Workshops will be held:

Westchester County <http://alturl.com/dvy34>

Saturday, 5 April thru Sunday, 6 April 2014

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

Saturday, 17 May thru Sunday, 18 May 2014

Please attend nearest to your Home of Record

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7-9 MAR	STRONG BONDS Married couple event Albany POC Mark.H.Getman.mil@mail.mil
13-14 MAR	TRAINING: Supporting Military Children through School Transitions West Point, No Cost to Participants myriam.virella@militarychild.org
14 MAR	STATE FAMILY PROGRAMS AWARDS NOMINATIONS CLOSE 
17 MAR	 ST PATRICKS DAY 
27 MAR	HIRING OUR HEROES VETERANS EVENT 68 Lexington Ave For registration questions, please contact us at hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807
28-30 MAR	STRONG BONDS Family Event NYC/Long Island POC Mark.H.Getman.mil@mail.mil
5 APR	Gold Star Wives Day Remember ~ Respect ~ Honor
5-6 APR	Annual Volunteer Training and Youth Symposium Suffern NY http://alturl.com/dvy34
15 APRIL	LAST DAY TO FILE YOUR STATE AND FEDERAL TAX RETURNS
26 APR	Military Kid Day Strong Museum of Play REGISTRATION REQUIRED (315) 788-8450 / eaf235@conell.edu
17-18 MAY	Annual Volunteer Training and Youth Symposium Syracuse NY http://alturl.com/6b4o6



The ShopRite Military Family Scholarship

The Chamber of Schenectady County and the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, Inc. are pleased to announce the ShopRite Military Family Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to a student OR A student whose parent(s) Currently serves active duty, guard or reserve in the military at one of the military installations below and will enter college in Fall.

- Stratton Air National Guard Base
- Navy Operational Support Center Glenville
- Naval Support Activity Saratoga
- Watervliet Arsenal
- Joint Force Headquarters in Latham

For application and information contact ghopper@schenectadychamber.org

Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event – NYC
March 27, 2014 69th Regiment Lexington Ave. Armory

HIRING FAIR: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM :
EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP 8:00 AM
A workshop for veterans and other military job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 8:00 AM. To register for the Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshop, visit <http://goo.gl/DsZnHA> For registration questions, hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or 202-463-5807.

EMPLOYERS Must register for FREE
<https://hoh.greatjob.net/sc/index.action>

JOB SEEKERS Register for FREE at
<https://hoh.greatjob.net/sc/index.action>
Walk-ins welcome but space not guaranteed.

ITS TAX TIME..... & you can complete, save and file your 2013 Federal and State returns online at no charge to you with the H&R Block Basic tool through Military OneSource <http://goo.gl/pkhFLK>

Military Kid Day

STRONG MUSEUM Rochester
April 26, 10 am -8pm \$11 for Youth **parent or guardian FREE ~ REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
(315) 788-8450 / eaf235@conell.edu
museumofplay.org



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



**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.