



National Guard
Volunteer
Awards
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Volunteer Award Recognition 2012

1. The National Guard Joint Family Program recognizes the importance of volunteers in the success of our national program. The Family Program's goal is to recruit, train and motivate volunteers. To further this goal, the recognition of volunteers is a priority.
2. The Volunteer Award Recognition began in 2008 with the help of the National Guard Family Volunteer Program Coordinators and National Guard Regional Volunteer Team (NGRVT). It is designed to promote superior performance among all volunteers and recognize outstanding contributions made by volunteers and organizations. Selected volunteers, groups and/or organizations will be presented with National Guard Family Program Volunteer Awards annually.
3. The nominations will be reviewed and awarded through a specific selection process. Recipients will be active volunteers who represent and enhance the quality of life in support of Service Members and Families.
4. Selected volunteers, groups and/or organizations will be presented awards in seven (7) categories, with a total of eighteen (18) recipients. The performance period, except for the Gold Award, will be for the previous fiscal year (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.)
5. Award Nomination Selection procedure:
 - a. Any member of a state, territory, or district may nominate a National Guard Volunteer, Family, or group and/or organization for the following awards by completing the nomination form.
 - b. Nominations are to be submitted online at:
<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=749>
 - c. Nominations will NOT be accepted after **December 31, 2011**.
 - d. All nominations will be reviewed by the NGRVT, per the NGRVT Award Rating System. The NGRVT will make the selections with final review by Ms. Erika Slaton, Volunteer and Youth Policy Coordinator and Ms. Paula Sumrall, Chief, Volunteer and Child/Youth Program.
 - e. Selections will be vetted by the respective State Family Program Directors and Airman & Family Readiness Program Managers.
 - f. Winners of the 2012 Volunteer Award Program will be announced to their respective State Family Program Directors and Airman & Family Readiness Program Managers prior to a formal announcement made by the National Guard Joint Family Program Office.
 - g. Awards will be presented at a formal recognition ceremony.

6. 2012 National Guard Family Program Volunteer Awards

- a. **Guard Family of the Year Award** – Presented to one Air Guard and one Army Guard Family (2 or more people constitute a Family) that shows outstanding and exceptional service to the Family Program.
(2 recipients)
- b. **Regional Volunteer of the Year Award** – Presented to one Adult Volunteer from each of the ten regions that shows outstanding and exceptional service to the family program.
(10 recipients)
- c. **Extra Mile Award (Retiree)** – Presented to one Air Guard and one Army Guard retiree who distinguishes themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the family program by continuing to serve the Guard through volunteering.
(2 recipients)
- d. **Family Program Community Purple Award** - Presented to a community group or organization that best exemplifies the true meaning of the purple concept within the Joint Family Program by working with both Air and/or Army Guard activities.
(1 recipient)
- e. **The Gold Award** – Presented to a person showing long-term, consistent, and dedicated support to volunteering with the Family Program and volunteering within their community.
(1 recipient)
- f. **Youth Volunteer Award** – Presented to a National Guard Military Youth 15-17 years old who exhibits exemplary commitment to and support of the National Guard Family Programs. Need to show school and community involvement. The recipient will be invited to the National Guard Volunteer Youth Symposium.
(1 recipient)
- g. **Youth Development Volunteer Award** – Presented to an adult who has made a significant impact in the development and support of the youth program.
(1 recipient)

Definition of Family – 2 or more people

Appendix A: National Guard Volunteer Award Recipients

➤ **Air Guard Family of the Year**

- 2009 SMSgt Mike Kovach, Kristy Kovack & Family
193rd Special Operations Wing in Middletown, PA
- 2010 SMSgt Duane Moore, Lisa Moore & Family
189th Airlift Wing in Little Rock, AR
- 2011 MSgt Julie Snyder, Gary Snyder & Avery Snyder
189th Airlift Wing in Little Rock, AR

➤ **Army Guard Family of the Year**

- 2009 SGT Kenneth Messick Family
Btry B, 1/178 FA in Clinton, SC
- 2010 SFC Richard Haugen, Tess Haugen & Family
816th Engineer Company (Horizontal) in Dickinson, ND
- 2011 Kelley Family
Btry E, 101st FA in Rehoboth, MA

➤ **Air Family Member of the Year**

- 2009 Sarah Blank
111th Fighter Wing in Willow Grove, PA
- 2010 Suzanne Moles
144th Fighter Wing in Fresno, CA

This award has been changed to regional

➤ **Army Family Member of the Year**

- 2009 Jenny Testerman
HHT 278 ACR in Knoxville, TN
- 2010 Janell Kellett
32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team HQ in Camp Douglas, WI

This award has been changed to regional

➤ **Air Extra Mile Award (Retiree)**

- 2009 CMSgt (Retired) John Moretti
111th Fighter Wing in Willow Grove, PA
- 2010 Col (Retired) Larry G. Harrington
185th Refueling Wing in Sioux City, IA
- 2011 SMSgt (Retired) Margaret Jasman
153rd AW in Cheyenne, WY

➤ **Army Extra Mile Award (Retiree)**

- 2009 SGT (RET.) Karen Barbitto-Vecchione
1058th Transportation Company in Wellesley, MA
- 2010 Mr. Gary Conley
WV NG JFHQ, Charleston WV
- 2011 Mr. Donald Baglien
ND NG JFHQ, Bismarck, ND

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- **Family Program Community Purple Award**
 - 2009 Mrs. Carol Hotaling
Volunteer, New York National Guard
 - 2010 Red Hat Ladies Militia: Ms Chris Monger &
Ms. Linnae Soldatke, South Dakota NG
 - 2011 Anita Fleming – Saint Alphonsus Elementary School Teacher
111th Fighter Wing in Horsham, PA
- **The Gold Award**
 - 2010 Deborah S. Eyre
140th FW at Buckley AFB, CO
 - 2011 James Protzmann
157 ARW in Pease, NH
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 1**
 - 2011 Mary Small
86th Troop Command HQ in Colchester, VT
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 2**
 - 2011 Glenda Richards
651st SMC4031, St. Croix, US VI
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 3**
 - 2011 Becky Ball
Charleston, WV
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 4**
 - 2011 Paula Smith
Soldier & Family Support, Montgomery, AL
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 5**
 - 2011 Donna Baki
179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield, OH
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 6**
 - 2011 Lisa L'Huillier
256th IBCT HHC 1806, Lafayette, LA
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 7**
 - 2011 Jessica Kramer
A CO-1-138th INF REGT BN, Kansas City, MO
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 8**
 - 2011 Melissa Spencer
489th Brigade Support BN, StreetLehi, UT
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 9**
 - 2011 Laurie Clark
JFHQ CA, Sacramento, CA
- **Family Member of the Year – Region 10**
 - 2011 Jen Patzner
141 Brigade Support BN, Portland, OR

The logo for the year 2012, featuring the number '2012' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The number is centered within a light purple circle, which is itself set against a larger, darker purple circular background. The entire graphic is partially cut off by the top-left corner of the page.

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Appendix A: National Guard Volunteer Award Recipients

- **Youth Volunteer of the Year** – New Award for 2012

- **Youth Development Volunteer Award** – New Award for 2012

Appendix B: Information, Tips for Success, and Region Map

➤ **Information:**

- Self nominations will **NOT** be accepted.
- Current members of the NGRVT and VTT are **NOT** eligible.
- National Guard Family Program Paid personnel are **NOT** eligible.
- Military Members are **NOT** eligible except for the “Guard Family of the Year Award.”
- Submissions that do not meet all the requirements will not be considered.

➤ **Tips for Success:**

- Include at least two (2) references.
- Show examples of community involvement (i.e. Scouting, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, Performing Arts, etc.) in the past fiscal year.
- List detailed examples of Family Program activities (i.e. holiday parties, homecoming activities, ceremonies, family day, drill bake sale, leadership roles, etc.) in the past fiscal year.
- Describe how the nominee has made a positive impact.
- Complete the nomination form available at <https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=749>
- Quality is appreciated more than quantity. A well-written and documented submission increases the likelihood of a positive outcome.
- Nominees may be spouses, parents, adult children, siblings, grandparents, aunts/uncles, friends and community members.
- Please contact, Ms. Erika Slaton, Volunteer and Youth Policy Coordinator, at (703)607-5485 or erika.r.slaton@us.army.mil, with any questions.

➤ **Regional Map:**

➤ **RATING INFORMATION**

Nominees will be rated based on their nomination forms. Rating will be done on a scale of 0 to 25, with twenty-five (25) being the highest possible points. All nominations will be gauged by the following criteria.

Whole and half point increments may be used to calculate. (i.e. .5, 1, 1.5)

➤ **Up to TWENTY-FIVE (25) Points may be awarded for:**

- An essay that has met the award criteria and shows the nominee's belief in the Family Program mission, demonstrates the nominee's impact within their community, and provides references.
- All examples need to be for the past fiscal year, October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. (Examples outside the fiscal year will not be included in the rating, except the "Gold Award.")

➤ **A "No Go" will be awarded for:**

- Incomplete and non-verifiable information within the form.
- Lack of references.
- Nominations received after **December 31, 2011**.

**The 2012 Volunteer Nomination Form is available online beginning
October 1, 2011:**

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=749>

Nomination Deadline: DECEMBER 31, 2011

Appendix C: NGRVT Award Rating Form

Criteria	Possible Points	Awarded	Comments
ID			
Date / /			
Shows Guard volunteer work	0 - 6		
Shows community volunteer work	0 - 4		
Shows examples of Guard impact	0 - 6		
Shows examples of community impact	0 - 4		
Training/Awards	0 - 2		
Recruited Additional Volunteers	0 - 1		
Shows belief in Family Program mission	0 - 2		
Total Points			
Date Rated: / /	Region:		

Volunteer Award Nomination Form

1. Nomination Tracking Number:
2. Region:
3. Award Nominated For:
 - a. **Guard Family of the Year Award**
(1 Air Guard & 1 Army Guard recipient)
 - b. **Regional Volunteer of the Year Award**
(10 recipients; 1 from each region)
 - c. **Extra Mile Award** (1 Air Guard & 1 Army Guard recipient)
 - d. **Family Program Community Purple Award** (1 recipient)
 - e. **The Gold Award** (1 recipient)
 - f. **Youth Volunteer Award** (1 youth recipient)
 - g. **Youth Development Volunteer Award** (1 adult recipient)
4. Nominee Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, & Daytime Phone Number
5. Nominator Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, & Daytime Phone Number
6. Unit/Wing and Address
7. Two (2) References
8. "I am nominating the above mentioned person for the following reasons..."
Use bullet points to describe how the nominee meets the award category and criteria (one or more). Be brief but provide specific examples to illustrate your point.
9. Previous Volunteer Awards & Training:
10. Guard Activities/Leadership Positions/Accomplishments
Additional Comments:
11. Impact Activities Nominee Has Had on Guard Unit(s), Guard over-all:
12. Nominee's Involvement in Community (Activities/Leadership Positions/Accomplishments):
13. Show How Nominee's Activities Have Positively Impacted Upon Guard FRG efforts:
Additional Comments:
14. Displays Belief in Family Program Mission:
15. Recruited Additional Volunteers?
16. Statement of Accuracy:

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