



2011 Awards Matrix

Deadline February 15, 2011

Elizabeth Armstrong Award

- Nomination made by peers
- Final selection made by State Family Program Director/JFAC
- 1 Award per year, annually
- Certificate and Medal



- Eligibility
 - Any Illinois National Guard spouse volunteer that is actively involved in the Family Readiness Program.
- Criteria
 - Award is presented to the individual that best exemplifies outstanding commitment and leadership to the Family Readiness Program
 - This award may be given only once, as it is the highest award available to an individual recipient

Family of the Year Award, Air/Army

- Nominated and selected by peers
- 1 Award per year, annually
- Illinois Plaque



- Eligibility
 - Any ILNG member and his/her family.
- Criteria
 - Family must show the range of depth of Family Readiness Program activities they have participated in, activities must also include community involvement
 - Unit activities must include Family Readiness Group participation, unit family oriented activities, or unit activities that supported the community

Brigade/Battalion/Unit of the Year Award

- Nominated by units through application
- 1 Award per year, annually
- Illinois Plaque



- Eligibility
 - Any Illinois Army National Guard units may apply.
- Criteria
 - Selection is based on the involvement of the total unit in the community and family program
 - "Total Unit" includes the unit family members, as well as, assigned guard personnel
 - Some examples of community projects are: Sponsorship of a scout troop, participation in Special Olympics, active participation and support in community events
 - News clippings, photographs or other documentation must support nominations

Wing/Squadron/Section of the Year Award

- Nominated by sections through application
- 1 Award per year, annually
- Illinois Plaque



- Eligibility
 - Any Illinois Air National Guard sections may apply.
- Criteria
 - Selection is based on the involvement of the total wing in the community and family program
 - “Total Wing” includes the wing family members, as well as, assigned guard personnel
 - Some examples of community projects are: Sponsorship of a scout troop, participation in Special Olympics, active participation and support in community events
 - News clippings, photographs or other documentation must support nominations

Youth of the Year Award

- Nomination made by adult peers
- 1 Award per year, annually
- Certificate and Medal



- Eligibility
 - The youth must be under the age of 18
- Criteria
 - Award will be presented to one youth that actively volunteers on a regular basis
 - The youth should exemplify moral and ethical standards of the ILNG.

Parent(s) of the Year Award

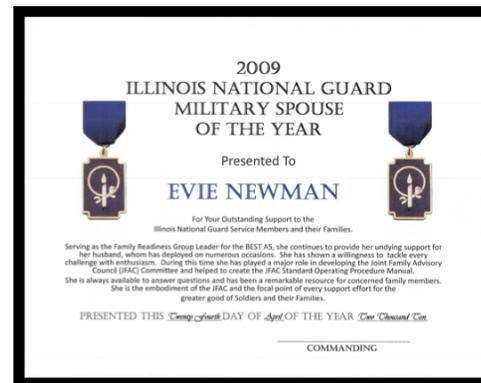
- Nomination made by adult peers
- 1 Award per year, annually
- Certificate and Medal



- Eligibility
 - Any parent(s) can apply
- Criteria
 - Award will be presented to one set of parents that actively volunteers on a regular basis
 - The parents should exemplify moral and ethical standards of the ILNG.

Spouse of the Year Award

- Nomination made by peers, any
- 1 Award per year, annually
- Certificate and Medal



- Eligibility
 - Any ILNG member, family member or community member or retiree
- Criteria
 - Certificate is given to any Illinois National Guard service member, family member, community member, or retiree who has provided support to the Family Readiness Program

Illinois Plaque

- Nominated by peers
- 10 Awards per year at State Conference
- Illinois Plaque



- Eligibility
 - Any Illinois National Guard service member, Family member, community organization, or retiree.
- Criteria
 - Award is made to an individual that shows outstanding leadership in and support of the Family Readiness Program
 - Award may be received more than once

Certificate of Appreciation

- Nomination made by peers, any
- Awarded as desired
- Choice of 3: “I am the Guard,”
“We are the Guard Family,” or
“I am a Guard Spouse”



- Eligibility
 - Any ILNG member, family member or community member or retiree
- Criteria
 - Certificate is given to any Illinois National Guard service member, family member, community member, or retiree who has provided support to the Family Readiness Program



Unsung Hero Award

- Nominated at large to JFAC
 - JFAC reviews and recommends to accept or decline
- Awarded Quarterly
- Spot in Guardian

- Eligibility
 - Any ILNG member, family member or community member or retiree
- Criteria
 - Certificate is given to any Illinois National Guard service member, family member, community member, or retiree who has provided support to the Family Readiness Program