

# **2009 AUSA Newell Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award Information Sheet**

## **The Award**

The AUSA Newell Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award recognizes an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community.

## **Sponsorship**

The Rubbermaid Group and AUSA have partnered to recognize the contribution that families make to the United States Army and to local communities through volunteer service.

## **Eligibility**

Active Duty, Reserve Component, National Guard, Retiree and Army civilian families are eligible for the award. Current AUSA chapter officers and their families are not eligible for this award.

## **Nomination and Submission Process**

Nominations for the 2009 AUSA Newell Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award may be submitted only through AUSA chapters. Each chapter may submit up to three families for consideration and the chapter is responsible for verifying each nomination.

Although all nominations must be submitted and verified through a chapter we are encouraging units, family readiness groups, ACS coordinators and others to contact their local chapter if they know of a deserving family.

Each nomination should consist of a completed nomination form with a point of contact, address and telephone number for the nominating chapter and a 600-800 word narrative describing the nominated family's volunteerism, their overall impact on the community and any awards received. Please do not include pictures or award certificates in your submission packet. A sample narrative is available below.

Completed nominations should be returned to the Family Programs Directorate by fax to 703-236-2926, by e-mail to [familyprograms@ausa.org](mailto:familyprograms@ausa.org), or by mail to AUSA Family Programs, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

**Nominations for the 2009 award must be received by the Family Programs Directorate no later than June 30, 2009.**

**Questions regarding this year's award should be directed to the Family Programs staff at 800-336-4570, ext. 151 or 150, or by e-mail: [familyprograms@ausa.org](mailto:familyprograms@ausa.org).**

## **Judging**

Nominations will then be reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from all components of the Army and the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. The panel will select three outstanding finalists who best represent the selection standards (see below). The AUSA National Awards Committee will make the final selection. The winning family will be notified by the Director of Family Programs. The narrative is the only document seen by the judges and will be in “blind” format with all names and identifying information blanked out.

## **Selection Standards**

The selection of the winning family will be based upon the following selection standards:

- Family must be active volunteers and (one or more member) must have volunteered for a minimum of two years for community, installation or unit programs (not necessarily at the same location) beyond what would be expected due to one’s position in a unit or place of employment.
- Family must have demonstrated outstanding leadership in planning, organizing or directing a major event or program that has resulted in a tangible or intangible benefit to the community or Army families.
- Family must have a demonstrable pattern of volunteering and achievement which has been recognized by other awards.
- Family must have exhibited leadership in performing assigned duties that resulted in improved services and/or programs for service members and families or community.
- Involvement in a variety of volunteer programs is desirable.
- Since we at AUSA believe that an entire family supports the efforts of dedicated volunteers, it is not necessary for each family member to provide specific volunteer service for the family to be nominated.

AUSA Family Programs would like to thank the Rubbermaid Group for their continued sponsorship of this award. Rubbermaid Home Products is the leading designer and manufacturer of organization-focused products. A Newell Rubbermaid (NYSE: NWL) company, Rubbermaid markets a full line of innovative home organization, kitchen, hardware, and office products in a variety of materials. Rubbermaid . . . . *How Life Gets Organized.*

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**AUSA Newell Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award**  
**DEADLINE FOR NOMINEE SUBMISSIONS IS JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**

**A. Criteria:**

Presented annually to an outstanding family in recognition of its volunteer efforts to promote the well-being of Soldiers and their family members. Recipient may be Active duty, Army civilian, or from the Army Reserve Component. This award was established in 2002 as a joint venture of Rubbermaid Group and the Association of the United States Army.

**B. Previous Recipients:**

- 2002 SFC Lynn J. Dedeaux Family, Fort Knox, Kentucky
- 2003 SSG Michael McClaran Family, Wahiawa, Hawaii
- 2004 CSM Brian Wiles Family, Fort Lewis, Washington
- 2005 SGT Jon Kerr Family, Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania
- 2006 CSM Darrell Calton Family, Fort Detrick, Maryland
- 2007 LTC John R. Chavez Family, Korea
- 2008 LTC Ronald Rallis Family, Orange County, California

**C. Nominee Family:**

**D. Supporting Rationale: (See *Sample Narrative* )**  
**PLEASE ATTACH NARRATIVE FOR YOUR NOMINEE.**

**E. Nominating Chapter:**

**Chapter Name:**

**Chapter Address:**

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:**

I verify that the family nominated above has performed the volunteer service as described.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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*Please complete all information.*

**Nominated Family**

**Family Members Name(s):**

**Home Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Home Phone:**

**Email:**

- Status:**
- Active Duty or Reserve Component Family
  - Retired Family
  - Army Civilian Family

**Installation/Community Information**

**Name of Installation/Community:**

**Public Affairs Contact:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

## **AUSA Family of the Year Sample Narrative**

### **The Jones Family**

In my many years of service with the Army and AUSA, I know of no other family that has had such a profound impact on the local community, neighboring families and individual soldiers as the Jones family. Their efforts positively influence every volunteer organization of which they are a part.

Bob Jones is the math teacher at the Happy Daze Middle School in Winnemucca, Texas. For the past six years, one of his prime volunteer efforts has been to manage the Happy Daze After-School Math Tutoring Program. Senior citizens, most of them Korea or WWII veterans, are matched with students who need help mastering the intricacies of fractions, multiplication, long division, percents and decimals. In addition to developing their math skills and improving test scores, the students benefit from the “war stories” told by the vets. The senior “seasoned citizens” pass on their first-person experiences and instill an appreciation of American values in the young people. On his own initiative, Bob works with the Junior ROTC instructor and manages the Happy Daze Junior ROTC Guest Speaker Series, for which Army retirees and veterans are asked to speak about their military experiences and military leadership to the young students. For his volunteer efforts and exceptional day-to-day teaching abilities, Bob was selected Teacher of the Year for 2001 by the middle school students and was presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In his capacity as First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 44th Regional Support Command, 1SG Jones volunteers his time to coordinate the annual Thanksgiving “Food for the Needy” program. Working together with local charities, churches and government agencies, 1SG Jones sets the example and leads headquarters company citizen-soldier volunteers in delivering food baskets to needy Winnemucca families. During 2001, headquarters and headquarters company volunteers delivered Thanksgiving baskets to more than 125 families. For the past eight years, 1SG Jones has also volunteered his time to set up Army general-purpose large tents for the annual United Way Health Fair held on the Winnemucca fairgrounds. Approximately 10,000 people visit the fair each year. For his current and past efforts, 1SG Jones received a Certificate of Achievement from the 44<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Winnemucca United Way during 2001.

Mary Jones, an Army civilian accounting specialist in the Fort Winnemucca, Texas, finance office, voluntarily provides financial counseling to young enlisted families as an Army Community Service volunteer. During 2001, Mary worked with more than 200 families and was honored as the Fort Winnemucca Army Community Service Volunteer of the Year. Mary participates in the Army Family Team Building program and speaks on a monthly basis to groups of enlisted families about financial planning.

Jim Jones, a senior at Winnemucca High School who plans to make the Army a career, follows the example of his parents. For the past two years Jim has volunteered his time to tutor students in the Winnemucca High Exceptional Family Member Program. Twice weekly, Jim works with Downs Syndrome and Attention Deficit Disorder students to help them with class assignments and to cope with the challenges of daily living. Jim’s dedicated efforts were recognized when he received the coveted 2001 Winnemucca High School Citizen of the Year Award for Outstanding Service.

Elizabeth Jones lives at home with her parents and attends the University of Texas at Winnemucca, where she serves with the 606<sup>th</sup> MP Company, Texas National Guard, as a participant in the University of Texas at Winnemucca ROTC Simultaneous Membership Program. A business major in her junior year, Elizabeth volunteers to work with inner-city high school students as a Junior Achievement Advisor. In this capacity, Elizabeth gains practical experience as she encourages young people to develop an

entrepreneurial, self-reliant spirit through the creation of an individual business. Through her mentoring efforts, the high school students earned more than \$5,000 during the past year and donated the money to the Red Cross. The School of Business Outreach Program has honored Elizabeth with the 2001 Mentor of the Year Award for showing how to make money and “give back” to the community.

The entire Jones family deserves recognition from the Association of the United States Army for the impact that it makes on the families and soldiers of Fort Winnemucca and the community of Winnemucca, Texas. Clearly, the Jones family significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the community.