

## Eleventh Annual Newman's Own Award Ceremony September 2, 2011 ~ Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia



Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, presents Newman's Own Award to Stacy Bayton; to her left, Mr. Thomas Indoe, President of Newman's Own

On Friday, September 2, 2011, the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network (MSCCN) was honored at the eleventh annual Newman's Own Award Ceremony. The ceremony was held in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon in the Hall of Heroes.

The MSCCN was one of six non-profit organizations chosen as 2011 grant recipients. Each organization, including MSCCN, was chosen for their passionate and unique plans to support our nation's heroes by enhancing the communities in which they live and serve.

Accepting the award for MSCCN was Stacy Bayton the Executive Director.

This annual grant competition is sponsored each year by Newman's Own, Fisher House Foundation, and Military Times. These three corporations and their panel of judges seek awardees each year that have ingenious and innovative programs that benefit service members and their families.



Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, Acting Director, Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Stacy Bayton, Kelly Loring, and Colonel Rich Baldwin, Division Chief of the National Guard Bureau - Education, Incentives & Employment division.



Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., Mrs. Schwartz, and Stacy Bayton

The MSCCN received their \$12,000 award for their National Guard Employment Program – Helping Our Heroes at Home. It is the intent of this program to improve National Guard force stability by improving its members’ ability to seek, obtain, and retain civilian employment after they return home from overseas deployments.

The program was created from a partnership that MSCCN entered into with National Guard Bureau and DirectEmployer’s Association in late 2010. Together the three founded the National Guard Employment Network to expand employment programs and support to all National Guard by providing employment readiness and job placement support for all National Guardsmen and their families as well as employment training and support for each National Guard state Command and their employment teams. Thomas Indoe, President of Newman’s Own served as the main presenter for the event; special remarks were given by Admiral Mullen; Ken Fisher, Fisher House Foundation Chairman and CEO; Tobias Naegele, Editor in Chief at Military Times; and David Coker, President of Fisher House Foundation.

Including this year’s awards, the annual competition that began in 1999 has recognized 139 programs with awards totaling \$725,000. A total of 186 entries were received for the 2011 program. Six judges evaluated each entry based on the organization’s impact to the respective communities, creativity and innovation with a total of \$75,000 gifted.

Joining MSCCN at the ceremony was Major General Carpenter, Acting Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau; Major General McKeague, the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard and Reserve Matters; Colonel Baldwin, Major Ellison, and Kelly Loring from National Guard Bureau; and Edward Greene, MSCCN Board of Directors Member.

MSCCN is very humbled to have been granted this award in support of our National Guard Employment Program. It is truly an honor to have been selected and noted amongst the other awardees. Thank you to Newman’s Own, Fisher House Foundation, Military Times, the 2011 panel of judges, Admiral Mullen and the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Major General McKeague, General Carpenter and the National Guard Bureau, the MSCCN Board of Directors, and all of our MSCCN supporters.

We dedicate this award to all of the men and women in uniform who serve this country selflessly and unwaveringly and their families who serve in support of them.



Tobias Naegele, Editor in Chief for Military Times (Gannett Government Media Corporation); Stacy Bayton, Executive Director MSCCN; Paulette Ruffin, Senior Marketing Manager, Military Times (GGMC).



Maj. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters, Stacy Bayton, and Mrs. McKeague.