



**Military Spouse of the Year Awards Luncheon
Washington, DC – May 6th, 2010
Event Report**

MSCCN Attendees: Britt Gumpert and Mikyong Warren

Mikyong Warren and Britt Gumpert attended the 2010 Military Spouse of the Year Awards Luncheon in Washington, DC on May 6, 2010. The luncheon was very well suited to the setting - the Sewell Belmont House and Museum is dedicated to acknowledging women's efforts towards equality and their contributions to society. Welcome remarks were given by Babette Maxwell, Co-Founder and Executive Editor, Military Spouse Magazine. Presenters for each of the Branch Finalists included Sheila Casey, Spouse of Gen. George Casey, Chief of Staff of the Army, Annette Conway, Spouse of Gen. James Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Darleen Greenert, Spouse of Adm. Jonathan Greenert, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Suzie Schwartz, Spouse of Gen. Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Pam Allen, Spouse of Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Award finalists were Mrs. Nicki Bunting, Maryland - Army, Mrs. Erin Whitehead, North Carolina - Marine Corps, Mrs. Loree Tillman, Texas - Navy, Mrs. Lori Bell, Alaska - Air Force, and Mrs. Raymond Hatfield, Maryland - Coast Guard. Each of these women reflected an unselfish commitment to helping military families in the many challenges facing them across the nation. Ms. Lori Bell, selected as the 2010 winner will be featured in a documentary beginning next week on Lifetime (www.mylifetime.com). Ms. Bell's idea in September 2009 to create an online solution for her squadron spouses to connect and interact has evolved into a national association - the National Association of Military Moms and Spouses. She gave a moving, very personable speech reflecting her deep Christian faith and desire to serve others.

Although there was no official time to network, we were able to have some brief conversations with the following individuals who were interested in speaking with us regarding potential opportunities to work together: Pamela Stokes Eggleston, Director of Development, Blue Star Families, Nancy M. Roddy, Human Capital Management Analyst, National Science Foundation, Tammy McCreary Moore, Member, National Leadership Council Service to the Armed Forces, American Red Cross, and Mary Collins, Senior Account Executive, Victory Media (Milspouse) who works with Babette. We also spent a few minutes with winner Lori Bell and finalist Erin Whitehead. There are some great potential areas of opportunity for MSCCN in connecting with the efforts receiving their support.



Britt Gumpert with the Military Spouse of the Year, Lori Bell



Britt Gumpert, Babette Maxwell, and Mikyong Warren



Mrs. Erin Whitehead Military Spouse of the Year Finalist, and her family