

2010 NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Our chapter is once more excited and pleased to have nine recipients for a Freedoms Foundation National Award in four different categories. One recipient, Evelyn Swennson, was chosen as **the** meritorious awardee in the category of Adult Community — only one is chosen in each category for all submissions from across the country — and she will receive a very special George Washington Honor Plaque. All other recipients will receive a George Washington Honor Medal.



Category - Adult Community

Evelyn Swennson, Hockessin, DE - Project Title: *Billy Lee's Washington, a Musical* - Nominated by Gail Smith

Plantation Historical Society, Plantation, FL - Project Title: *Winter Wonderland* - Nominated by Patricia McDougle

The Oak Ridge Boys, Hendersonville, TN - Project Title: *Colors* - Nominated by Patricia McDougle

The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale - Project Title: *Making a Better Community* - Nominated by Patricia McDougle

Gunnery Sgt. Abiud Montes, USMCR, Ft. Lauderdale - Project Title: *Hometown Hero* - Nominated by Boyce Ann Bryant

First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale - Project Title: *4th of July Patriotic Celebration* - Nominated by Patricia McDougle

Category - Special Events

Tom Day, Berwyn, IL - Project Title: *Bugles Across America* - Nominated by Jane Wikberg

Category - Teacher/Educator

Rafael Giraldo, Tequesta Trace Middle School, Weston, Florida - Project Title: *Ride for the Republic* - Nominated by Barbara Proctor

Category - Youth Essay

Susanna Botkin of Fort Lauderdale, a student at Westminster Academy and one of the Broward students who went to Valley Forge this year, is a recipient of a National Award in the category of Youth Essay for her entry titled, *What is Your American Dream?* Susanna will receive a George Washington Honor Medal in the military style and a \$50 US savings bond.

Freedoms Foundation Certificates of Merit will be awarded to:

- In the category of Special Events, Fort Lauderdale Branch of National League of American Pen Women for the project *Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday Party* – nominated by Gail Smith.
- In the category of Youth Essays, Michael "Alex" Serra-Jovenich, a student at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory who also went to Valley Forge this year, for his essay titled *A Lesson Learned*.

The awards will be presented at a special awards event, the date and place to be announced. For more information about this year's awards or to make a nomination for 2011, contact Christine Matotek, Vice President Awards, at fsunnychristine@yahoo.com or by phone at 954-801-0120.