



MARYLAND, DELAWARE and DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION

A Fraternal Organization

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
United States of America

ENRIQUE CAMARENA AWARD

HISTORY

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985. Prior to serving with the DEA, Agent Camarena was a firefighter, a criminal investigator, and a narcotics officer. Agent Camarena believed that one person could make a difference. His sacrifice serves as a catalyst to encourage others to make a visible commitment to eradicating drug abuse from our homes, schools, communities, and nation.

October is traditionally Red Ribbon month, a time when people wear red ribbons to commemorate Agent Camarena's ultimate sacrifice. The millions of Americans who wear these ribbons visibly take a stand that they are opposed to illicit drug use and commemorate all of those who have been tragically affected by the results of use and abuse.

Each year, the BPO Elks present the Enrique S. Camarena Award to a member of law enforcement who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life. Nominees should be involved in their communities in efforts to make them drug-free. Nominees should have the support of their agency and respect of their community.

Nominations shall be submitted to the local Elks Lodge by October 15, 2009. National selection will take place in December and the award will be presented at an appropriate setting during 2010.

CRITERIA

Nominees must:

- Be an individual, not a corporation or organization.
- Be a Law Enforcement Professional.
- Be a positive Role Model committed to a Healthy Lifestyle.
- Have made an outstanding contribution in the field of Drug Awareness/prevention.
- Have gone beyond the normal responsibilities of their position.
- If selected, attend the Awards Ceremony.

GUIDELINES

1. Nominations must be submitted with the attached nomination form.
2. Nominations should be in narrative form and no more than two [2] pages in length and include as many of the following as possible:
 - Indicate how the nominee's commitment has helped the youth in his/her state.
 - Specific achievements, such as new programs developed through nominee's efforts.
 - Specific programs, publications, community activities, etc. that the nominee has participated in that encourage / motivate citizens to take active roles in drug education and prevention.
 - Leadership and organizational abilities of the nominee.
 - Time and effort contributed by the nominee "**Beyond the call of Duty.**"
 - Success in recruiting and motivating others.

*** Letters of Support from the Nominees Respective Community are encouraged, but not required.**

Please visit our website at: www.mddedcelksassn.org & click on our Drug Awareness Pages.
Elks Drug Awareness Email: DAP@mddedcelksassn.org
Let's continue to keep our Youth Drug Free!!!