



August 4, 2009

To: District Drug Awareness Chair-person(s),
Lodge Drug Awareness Chair-person(s)

August, is a good month to get the word out, through the District Deputy clinics, about the Enrique S. Camarena Award. It's easy to do; it's fantastic publicity and it lets your community know that you take a stand. It's also a great way to recognize and support law Enforcement. Lodges should make their selection of a nominee in October and forward the application on to Frank Burr. Please work with your local Law Enforcement Agencies and nominate an officer for this award. I would like to see one from every Lodge or at least one from every District. **I have attached the necessary forms.**

The big news out of the Drug Awareness Training sessions was the announcement of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. This award honors each person that has dedicated at least 4,000 hours to helping their neighbors, communities, and Nation. This Award is being handled by the Elks Drug Awareness Program. I will have additional information and procedures for apply for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award in my September news letter.

Another announced that was made at the National training was that The Elks Drug Awareness Program purchased the rights to the Parenting is Prevention Program. It will now be available at no cost, instead of the current \$500 - \$600 per set. If you would like a copy of the Parenting Program, please let me know.

The Elks new Drug Awareness Video has been posted to the Illinois Elks Association Web page and is on YouTube. The link to the video on YouTube is:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vd3XK6czbO4>

As, I outlined in my last news letter we are in the process of getting a fifth Elroy customer. The necessary paperwork and funds have been sent to the National Director. We are now just waiting for the company to ship the costume. I will let everyone know when it has arrived and how to schedule it.

Does your Lodge or District have a WEB page? If so, is there information about your Drug Awareness Program on it or a link to the National Web Page (www.elks.org/dap)? If not Why? If you need any help or material for your Lodge or District web site, please let me know or the Illinois Website Monitoring Committee. Also, if you do have Drug Awareness Information on your web site, please let me know so I can let other know of your hard work and support of the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

Please remember when sending an e-mail relating to the Elk's, please put ELKS – at the front of the subject line. This way everyone will know it is an Elks issue and not just another email.

In response to the need for year-round prevention ideas and materials, Drug-Free Action Alliance recently launched the creation of www.DrugFree24-7.org, a website dedicated to providing these needed materials.

Drug Free 24/7 is encouraging all segments of a community throughout the country to become involved in the planning, implementation and recognition of the importance of being alcohol, tobacco and other drug free. The newly redesigned website, www.DrugFree24-7.org, serves as a resource for schools, businesses and community groups to implement substance abuse prevention activities throughout the year.

The important message of prevention should not be limited to only one week or month, but all year round. There are numerous opportunities to promote healthy lifestyles and send the message that substance abuse is something that needs to be avoided. The goal of www.DrugFree24-7.org is to provide resources to help spread the prevention message and to provide resources to reinforce your message whether it is Red Ribbon Week, Alcohol Awareness Month, the Great American Smoke Out, World No Tobacco Day or any other prevention observances.

To assist your prevention efforts, Drug-Free 24/7 supplemental materials have also been developed. Items include stickers, posters, red ribbons, pencils and more.

For questions about ordering or to talk to a Drug-Free Action Alliance representative, contact us at (614) 540-9985 or Contact@DrugFreeActionAlliance.org.

[News of Interest:](#)

US NEWS - From Newsroomamerica.com
Drug Czar: U.S. Won't Support Legal Marijuana
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<http://www.newsroomamerica.com/usa/story.php?id=460952>

The federal government would not support legalizing marijuana and will not stop its efforts to curtail pot farming, the nation's drug czar said Thursday.

"Legalization is not in the president's vocabulary, and it's not in mine," said Gil Kerlikowske, director of the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy, while standing near a marijuana field federal agents discovered on U.S. Forest Service land near Fresno, Calif.

Kerlikowske went onto say he understood why state legislators were considering taxing marijuana farming. California is facing a massive \$26 billion budget deficit and taxing pot cultivation is one measure some lawmakers were considering as they try to find ways to close the budget gap.

But such measures aren't likely to pass federal muster, Kerlikowske said.

"Marijuana is dangerous and has no medicinal benefit," he said.

Marijuana plants valued at more than \$1.26 billion have been confiscated and 82 people arrested over the past 10 days in Fresno County.

Federal agents and local police began the operation last week and it is ongoing, reports said.

Always remember, participation in a positive Drug Awareness Program enhances the lives of Americans at all levels and helps shape the future of young Americans.

Sincerely:

Frank J. Burr

CC: F. Louis Sulsberger (State Sponsor – Past Grand Exalted Ruler),
John Horkay (IEA State President),
IEA State Officers

Enrique S. Camarena Award Criteria
Elks Drug Awareness Program

Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was an 11 year veteran agent of the DEA, who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and then murdered in Mexico in 1985. Prior to serving with the DEA, Agent Camarena was a firefighter, a criminal investigator and a narcotics officer. He was a loving husband and a father of three children. His death has inspired millions of Americans to lead a drug-free life and the Elks celebrate his commitment to this effort with an annual award.

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 should be submitted to the local Elks Lodge by October 15, 2008. National selection will take place in December and the award will be presented at an appropriate setting during 2009.

Basic Criteria

- This award should be presented to an individual and not an organization. Consideration will be given to a "team" within an organization, but ideally the award should go to an individual.
- The individual should be living, but consideration will be given to presenting this award posthumously.
- The nominee should be involved in law enforcement
- The nominee should be a positive role model committed to a healthy lifestyle
- The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution in the field of drug awareness/prevention
- Ideally, the nominee has been identified as someone who has gone "above & beyond" their normal duties – someone who has made a difference
- The nominee must have the support of their superiors
- If selected, the nominee must be willing to attend an awards ceremony
- Nomination must be in narrative form and include endorsements & recommendations from appropriate sources (Departments, Governments, Citizens etc)
- Nomination should contain a list of nominee's previous awards & accomplishments
- Lastly, the nominee should exemplify the standards by which Enrique Camarena lived, worked and died – that one person can make a difference

Time Line For Enrique Camarena Award 2008-2009

August - This is a good time to get the information to your Lodges. (hint: District Deputy Clinics is an excellent opportunity as all Lodges must be present.)

October 15- Lodges should select their nominee and should forward that selection to you.

November 15 - You should select your state winner and forward it to:

*William J. Bryan
366 Vermont Route 313W
Arlington, Vermont 05250*

(EACH STATE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A "RUNNER-UP" AWARD)

November 30 - National Winner will be selected and will be invited to attend A National Ceremony along with sponsoring State Chairman

December 15 - All National Runner-ups will receive a letter from the Directors.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING STATE NOMINATIONS IS NOVEMBER 15TH!

**Elks Drug Awareness Program
Enrique S. Camarena Award
Nomination Form**



THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO STATE CHAIRMAN BY OCTOBER 15, 2008

NOMINEE: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WORK TELEPHONE: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____

NOMINEE'S EMPLOYER/AGENCY: _____

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: _____

SPONSORED BY LODGE NAME & NUMBER:

Nomination form should be accompanied by letters of support for the nominee, providing reasons why nominee would be a good selection and what they have done to deserve recognition.

THIS FORM, ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RETURNED TO STATE DRUG AWARENESS CHAIRMAN BY OCTOBER 15, 2008.