

The Virginia 4-H Military Youth Programs Team Receives 4-H/Navy "Pledge" Award

The **4-H/Navy "Pledge" Award** recipient is the **Virginia Military Youth Program Team** consisting of the following individuals: **Kathleen Jamison**, Extension 4-H Military Liaison, **Nancy Schaff**, 4-H Military Youth Consultant, **Louetta Jones**, 4-H Military Club Program Manager, **Chris Clark**, MIDLANT CYP Regional Training & Curriculum Specialist, **Marian Leverette**, Mid-Atlantic Regional School Liaison Officer, **Theresa Haskins**, Installation Club Coordinator, **Megan Baker**, Virginia OMK Program Director. The Team received the award at the National NAE4-HA Conference in Orlando, FL on October 25, 2012.

Over the past year, the Virginia Military Youth Program has greatly expanded its depth and reach to provide supports for the states nearly 150,000 military children and youth. Critical to the successful reorganization has been this team of dedicated professionals whose focus has been on the needs of the more than 66,000 Navy children and youth in Virginia. Under the leadership of Dr. Kathleen Jamison, this team has increased not only community awareness about the challenges of Navy youth within their communities but also the number of Navy youth participating in 4-H Club opportunities.



Lisa Lauxman, Nancy Schaff, Louetta Jones, Brent Edwards



Louetta Jones, Brent Edwards, Nancy Schaff

Brent Edwards, Navy Family Readiness School-Age Care/Youth Program Coordinator, Commander Naval Installations Command, presented the award to the Virginia 4-H Military Youth Programs Team present at the ceremony, Nancy Schaff and Louetta Jones. Lisa Lauxman, Director, 4-H National Headquarters, Division of Youth and 4-H, Institute of Youth, Family and Community, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA introduced Brent Edwards.

Recipients of the 4-H/Navy "Pledge" Award:

2012 - Virginia 4-H Military Youth Programs Team: Kathleen Jamison, Nancy Schaff, Louetta Jones, Chris W. Clark, Marian Leverette, Theresa Haskins, Megan Elizabeth Baker

2011 - Sheran Watkins - Mississippi

2010 - Kay Brown - Florida

2009 - Amber Defore - Georgia

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