



Winners of VFW Publications Contest Announced

This years' winners represent the best of the best

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has announced the winners of the 2024 National Publications Contest. More than seven years ago, the contest changed significantly to encourage more participation. This created two new categories: Best Magazine and Best Feature Article. This year's competition retained those changes.

Two non-VFW-affiliated journalism professionals served as judges for the competition. This is designed to ensure impartiality and objectivity in the judging process. To reiterate, VFW staffers play no part in judging the entries.

The winning publications in each category are:

Best Magazine

Grand Award:

California Veteran
Rodger Meier, Editor

Silver Award:

Department of South Carolina Sentinel
Bill LaMonte, Editor

Best Feature Article

Grand Award:

"Vietnam vet plays 'TAPS' every day with Boy Scout Bugle"
Jarrod Schoenecker, *Montgomery Messenger*
Department of Minnesota

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Silver Award:

“Alachua VFW Post 2811 Auxiliary President honors son with service”

Michael P. Mauer, *Alachua County Today*

Department of Florida

Bronze Award:

“WWII POW’s Remains Return to Illinois Following Identification”

Barbara Wilson, *Illinois VFW News*

Department of Illinois

Department Publications

Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year)

Grand Award:

Wisconsin VFW News

Marla J. Morgan, Editor

Small Frequency (printed 1-4 times per year)

Grand Award:

Illinois VFW News

Barb Wilson, Editor

Silver Award:

Michigan Overseas Veteran

Alyssa McElfresh, Editor

District/Post Publications

Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year)

Grand Award:

SSG Dozier VFW Post 2894 Newsletter

Dan Eaker, Editor

Department of Virginia

Silver Award:

Cannon News (VFW Post 7589)

Rick Raskin, Editor

Department of Virginia

Bronze Award:

The Chatter (VFW Post 7591)

Cole Slominski, Editor

Department of Wisconsin

Small Frequency (printed 1-4 times per year)

Grand Award:

VFW News (Post 1318)

Gundel Metz, Editor

Department of Wisconsin

Silver Award:

VFW Post 2113 & Auxiliary Joint Newsletter

Randy Hansen, Editor

Department of Wisconsin

Bronze Award:

Waverley VFW Post 1272 Newsletter

D. Bruce Pahlm, Editor

Department of Massachusetts