



National Publications Contest Winners Announced for 2023-24

Publications from across eight VFW Departments have been chosen as this year's winners

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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 six 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 guarantee impartiality and objectivity in the judging. 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:

N/A

Best Feature Article

Grand Award:

"Mama Bear"
Lt. Col. Brad Leighton, *Illinois VFW News*
Department of Illinois

Silver Award:

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“Flag Finds Way Back to Alachua County VFW Post 2811”

Michael P. Mauer, *Alachua County Today*

Department of Florida

Bronze Award:

“Shared Link to The Past”

Sara Jane Ruggles, *The Coeur d’Alene Press*

Department of Idaho

Department Publications

Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year)

Grand Award:

Illinois VFW News

Barb Wilson, Editor

Small Frequency (printed 1-4 times per year)

Grand Award:

Wisconsin VFW News

Marla J. Morgan, Editor

Silver Award:

Louisiana Combat Veteran

Mitchell Cota, Editor

Bronze Award:

Pennsylvania VFW News

David Gyger, Editor

District/Post Publications

Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year)

Grand Award:

Cannon News

Rick Raskin, Editor

Department of Virginia

Silver Award:

VFW Post 392 Newsletter and Calendar

Michael T. Marushia Sr., Editor

Department of Virginia

Bronze Award:

The Dispatch

Stephen Blackwell, Editor

Department of Florida

Small Frequency (printed 1-4 times per year)

Grand Award:

VFW SSG Dozier Memorial Post 2894

Dan Eaker, Editor

Department of Virginia

Silver Award:

Fort Atkinson Post Dispatch (VFW Post 1879)

Kelly Stine, Editor

Department of Wisconsin

Bronze Award:

VFW Post 2113 & Auxiliary Newsletter

Randy Hansen, Editor

Department of Wisconsin