

The VFW Post 392 and Auxiliary 392 Annual Community Service Awards Ceremony was held on April 11th, 2024, at VFW Post 392, 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA. We proudly announced and recognized the following winners:

Voice of Democracy:

First Place	Eli S. Barritt	Oaktree Academy
Second Place	Gabriel Vandervelde	Oaktree Academy
Third Place	Nathanial Swindle	Ocean Lakes High School

Patriot's Pen:

First Place	Charlotte A. Nguyen	Star of the Sea School
First Place	Emma M. Fender	Star of the Sea School
Second Place	Liam G. Radigan	Star of the Sea School
Third Place	Camden R. Medrano	Star of the Sea School

Smart/Maher Teacher Award:

First Place	Rachel Z. Schwarting	Strawbridge Elementary School
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Scout of the Year:

First Place	Hunter J. Olsen	Boy Scout Troop 62, Virginia Beach
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Community Service Awards:

Deputy Sheriff of the Year	Sergeant Nicholas Davison
Emergency Medical Technician	Senior Paramedic Jason Jones
Firefighter of the Year	Captain Scott M. Springer
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year	Detective Angela Murphy
911 Responder of the Year	Master PSET Jesse Burdin

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS! These programs are a yearly event with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary. This year, VFW Post 392 and Auxiliary worked in combination with VFW Post 1211. Virginia Beach is very lucky to have such great students, scouts, teachers and community service members.

Also, **THANK YOU!** to all who volunteered: Marisa Tanner, Post 1211 Co-Chairperson, Gloria Jackson, Carol Tippin, Laura Santos, D.C. Santos, Kenny Golden, Ann Marie Brothers, Sylvia Smith, Jim Smith, Lillian Parker-Shuler, Connie Mitchell, Martin Wood, T.J. DeChamplain and VFW Post 392 Auxiliary President, Dinah Doyle.
Submitted by: Sue Sowers, Scholarship Chairperson