



# 2020 National Publications Contest Winners Named

## VFW recognizes the nation's top publications

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (May 20, 2020)** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has announced the winners of the 2020 National Publications Contest.

Covering the 2019 calendar year, this year's publications contest garnered 39 entries, which fell 36 short of the 2019 contest

Entries for the contest derived from 24 Posts/Districts and six Departments. There were two submissions for the "Best Magazine" category and 12 submissions for "Best Feature Article." Of the 39 entries, 16 placed.

Two non-VFW-affiliated journalism professionals served as judges for the competition. This is designed to guarantee impartiality and objectivity in the judging.

The VFW congratulates all entrants for their hard work and service to their respective members. The pool of entries this year proved to be very competitive. Awards will be mailed in June to each Department for distribution.

If you have suggestions for how we can improve the National Publications Contest for 2021, write to us at VFW Publications Contest, 406 W. 34th Street, Suite 523, Kansas City, MO 64111 or email [irodriguez@vfw.org](mailto:irodriguez@vfw.org).

The winning publications in each category are:

### **Best Magazine**

### **Grand Award:**

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*Texas VFW News*  
Dan West, Editor

**Silver Award:**

*NC VFW The Leader Magazine*  
Russ Chambers, Editor

**Best Feature Article**

**Grand Award:**

“History Class In A Box?”  
Kat Bryant, *The Daily World*  
Aberdeen, Wash.

**Silver Award:**

“Two Mon Valley Veterans Use Pittsburgh Warriors Hockey Action to Ice Wounds”  
Michael P. Mauer, *VFW Department of Pennsylvania*  
Homestead, Pa.

**Bronze Award:**

“Showing The Way”  
Mark Klaas, *Auburn Reporter*  
Federal Way, Wash.

**Department Publications**

***Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year)***

**Grand Award:**

*Wisconsin VFW News*  
Marla J. Morgan, Editor

**Silver Award:**

*Pennsylvania VFW News*  
David Sandman, Editor

***Small Frequency (printed 1-4 times per year)***

**Grand Award:**

*Illinois VFW News*  
Barbara Wilson, Editor

**Silver Award:**

*Michigan Overseas Veteran*  
Stacey Roberts, Editor

**Bronze Award:**

*Gopher Overseas'r*  
Melody Shryock, Editor

**District/Post Publications**

***Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year)***

**Grand Award:**

*Post Chatter (Post 7591)*  
Pat Ryan, Editor  
Department of Wisconsin

**Silver Award:**

*Cannon News (Post 7589)*  
Rick Raskin, Editor  
Department of Virginia

**Bronze Award:**

*Charles R. Knaeble VFW Post 494*  
Lesley Kurke, Editor  
Department of Minnesota

***Small Frequency (printed 1-4 times per year)***

**Grand Award:**

*Hough-Pontius Post 3701 Report*  
Stacey Roberts, Editor  
Department of Michigan

**Silver Award:**

*VFW Post 2016 News*  
Ski Iworsky, Editor  
Department of Massachusetts

**Bronze Award:**

*VFW Post 10406 and Auxiliary Official Newsletter*  
Allen W. Kochenderfer, Editor  
Department of Wisconsin