

VFW to Sponsor Army Reserves' Best Warrior Competition Awards Dinner

VFW will award winners prizes

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters is proud to announce its sponsorship of the 2011 Army Reserve's Best Warrior Competition Awards Dinner June 24. VFW will award various winners of the competition prizes, including iPads, Xbox Kinects, iPods, handycams and gift cards to Best Buy and Wal-Mart.

The Army Reserve's Best Warrior Competition was held June 19-24 at Fort McCoy, Wis. The two overall winners will be selected as the Army Reserve's Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year and will go on to represent Army Reserve at the Department of the Army "Best Warrior" Competition, to be held in October 2011, at Fort Lee, Va. Approximately 50 soldiers from the 206,000-strong Army Reserve were selected to compete.

The soldiers spent the week on a variety of challenges. They took the Army Physical Fitness Test consisting of push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run; completed a written examination on general military topics; fired M-4 rifles; negotiated day and night Urban Warfighting Orienteering courses; and proved their mettle in other tests of skill such as hand-to-hand combat, first aid, and weapons assembly.

Their military backgrounds and experience represent the entire spectrum of the Army Reserve. Many have deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Their career fields include military police, healthcare, mechanics, human resources, intelligence, chaplain assistant and engineering. They also represent a wide cross-section of America, hailing from various states across the country.

For more information, visit the "Best Warrior" website at: <http://www.usar.army.mil/arweb/bestwarrior2011/Pages/default.aspx>.

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