

# Winners of Publications Contest Announced

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — VFW has announced the winners of the 2017 National Publications Contest. Two years ago, the publications contest underwent significant changes to encourage continued participation. The contest's reorganization created two new categories: 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:

### Magazine

Grand Award:  
Texas VFW News  
Roy Grona, Editor

Silver Award:  
The Leader Magazine  
Greg Stafford, Editor

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Bronze Award:  
The California Veteran  
Stephen H. Milano, Editor

### **Best Feature Article**

Grand Award:  
“PA VFW’s Eagle Award Honors Combat Veterans and Builds Relationships with National Guardians”  
David A. Sandman, Pennsylvania VFW News  
Department of Pennsylvania

Silver Award:  
“Fisher House Wisconsin Dedicated in Milwaukee”  
Wisconsin VFW News  
Department of Wisconsin

Bronze Award:  
“Hurricane Matthew/Operation Flood Relief”  
Russ Chambers, The Leader Magazine  
Department of North Carolina

### **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:  
VFW Arizona News  
Ski Kuczynski, Editor

Silver Award:  
The VFW Voice  
Linda Jones, Editor

Bronze Award:  
Pennsylvania VFW News  
David A. Sandman, Editor

**District/Post Publications**

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

Grand Award:  
VFW Post 5864 Newsletter  
Steve Milbourn  
Department of Indiana

Silver Award:  
VFW Post 10818 Monthly Newsletter  
Ron Ramos  
Department of Wisconsin

Bronze Award:  
Informer (Post 2866)  
Candace Wansing  
Department of Missouri

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

Grand Award:  
VFW Post 4709  
W.L. "Strick" Strickland  
Department of Texas

Silver Award:  
VFW Post 2016 News  
Ski Iworsky  
Department of Massachusetts

Bronze Award:  
Official Newsletter (Post 10406)  
Al Kochenderfer  
Department of Wisconsin