



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Announces the 2019-20 Patriot's Pen National Award Winners

First place winner Ruby Howe, from Rochester Hills, MI, represented the VFW Department of Michigan, and was awarded the \$5,000 North End Post 144, Paul A. Spera Past Commander-in-Chief Award.

Second place winner Casseus Rhodes, from Apache Junction, AZ, represented the VFW Department of Arizona, and was awarded the \$4,000 VFW Award.

Third place winner Rei Borges, from Navarre, FL, represented the VFW Department of Florida, and was awarded the \$3,500 VFW Award.

Fourth-place winner Talisa Dean, from Ochlocknee, GA, represented the VFW Department of Georgia, and was awarded the \$2,750 Alaine Benson Memorial Award.

Fifth place winner Lucia Williams, from Los Angeles, represented the VFW Department of California, and was awarded the \$2,500 Rehoboth Beach Post 7447 and Auxiliary (Dept. of Delaware) Award.

Sixth place winner William O'Bryan, from Canonsburg, PA, represented the VFW Department of Pennsylvania, and was awarded the \$2,000 Clyde A. Lewis Department of New York and Auxiliary Award.

Seventh place winner Bryan Couzens, from Camden, DE, represented the VFW Department of Delaware, and was awarded the \$1,750 Dept. of New Hampshire George J. Maxfield Post 1772 and Auxiliary John A. Knapper Memorial Award.

Eighth place winner Sadie Lamerson, from Springfield, NE, represented the VFW Department of Ohio, and was awarded the \$1,500 John F. Gwizdak Award.

Ninth place winner Amelia Brumley, from Waverly, OH, represented the VFW Department of Washington, and was awarded the \$1,500 VFW and James R. and Pat Mueller Award.

Tenth place winner Sam Verdoni, from Springfield, NE, WA, represented the VFW Department of Nebraska, and was awarded the \$1,500 VFW Award.

Hannah Ayzman, from Highland Park, IL, represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and was awarded the \$1,250 VFW Award.

Harlee Cooley, from Merryville, LA, represented the VFW Department of Louisiana, and was awarded the \$1,250 Grace Minnix Memorial Award.

Ava Bennett, from Hampstead, NH, represented the VFW Department of New Hampshire, and was awarded the \$1,000 Golden Valley VFW Post 7051 (Golden Valley, MN) Award.

Holly Davenport, from Gadsden, AL, represented the VFW Department of Alabama, and was awarded the \$1,000 Louis W. Oppenheim VFW Post 1019 Award.

Julianna Morelli, from Delmar, MD, represented the VFW Department of Maryland, and was awarded the \$1,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Colorado Award.

Evangeline Gingerich, from Ramstein, Germany, represented the VFW Department of Europe, and was awarded the \$1,000 John V. Daniels Jr. Post 2813 and Auxilliary (Department of New York) Award and John E. "Jack" Bales Post 10581 (Department of Colorado) Award.

Simon Zawistowski, from Youngstown, NY, represented the VFW Department of New York, and was awarded the \$1,000 Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562 (Department of Maryland) Award and Department of Utah Award (combined).

Asher McGlinchy, from Fairbanks, AK, represented the VFW Department of Alaska, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Michigan Award and Warren A. Tressler Memorial (Department of Minnesota) Award (combined).

Raunak Singh, from Basking Ridge, NJ, represented the VFW Department of New Jersey, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Nevada Award & Chaplain Lyman Rollins Post 2005, Marblehead, Massachusetts Award (combined).

James Caddell, from Edgefield, SC, represented the VFW Department of South Carolina, and was awarded the \$1,000 Charlie H. Adamson, Jr. Memorial Award and Joseph A. Scerra Memorial (Department of Massachusetts) Award (combined).

Violet Lotenschlein, from Harlan, IA, represented the VFW Department of Iowa, and was awarded the \$1,000 James L. Keeley Award and Department of Ohio Award (combined).

Vanessa Perkins, from Mountain City, TN, represented the VFW Department of Tennessee, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of South Dakota VFW and Auxiliary Award & Department of Idaho and Auxiliary Award (combined).

Hannah Cunningham, from Burlington, VT, represented the VFW Department of Vermont, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Georgia and Auxiliary Award.

Brilee Knight, from Evansville, IN, represented the VFW Department of Indiana, and was awarded the \$750 Department of Kansas VFW and Auxiliary Award and Department of Iowa Award (combined).

Evelyn Fisher, from Lubbock, TX, represented the VFW Department of Texas, and was awarded the \$750 VFW Department of Washington and Auxiliary Eric G. Sandstrom Memorial Award.

Kailyn Stokes, from Marion, KY, represented the VFW Department of Kentucky, and was awarded the \$500 Glenn D. Raney Memorial Award (LA) Award.

Elexis Harring, from Oakes, ND, represented the VFW Department of North Dakota, and was awarded the \$500 Mary Margaret Romano Memorial (Department of Connecticut) Award.

Jubilee Brown, from Menomonie, WI, represented the VFW Department of Wisconsin, and was awarded the \$500 VFW Southern Conference Award.

Hershey Bhutoria, from O'Fallon, MO, represented the VFW Department of Missouri, and was awarded the \$500 Edward S. Banas, Sr. Award.

Finnegan Straub, from Cohasset, MA, represented the VFW Department of Massachusetts, and was awarded the \$500 Deering Memorial Post 6859, Portland, Maine Award.

Jonah Keithan, from Higganum, CT represented the VFW Department of Connecticut, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Tennessee John Furgess Award.

Kaleigh Graham, from Lumberton, NC, represented the VFW Department of North Carolina, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Missouri VFW and Auxiliary Award.

Timothy Haynes, from Gypsum, CO, represented the VFW Department of Colorado, and was awarded the \$500 The Robin V. Fell Memorial Award.

Charley Kwaprs, from Deweyville, UT, represented the VFW Department of Utah, and was awarded the \$500 Deering Memorial Post 6859, Auxiliary Portland Maine Award.

Thea Bothun, from Rochester, MN, represented VFW Department Minnesota, and was awarded the \$500 Department of South Carolina and Auxiliary Award.

Norah Winslow, from Tiverton, RI, represented the VFW Department of Rhode Island, and was awarded the \$500 Sanford-Springvale Memorial VFW Post 9935 Award.

Addisyn Smith, from Canton, OK, represented the VFW Department of Oklahoma, and was awarded the \$500 Department of California Award.

William Brewer, from Salem, OR, represented the VFW Department of Oregon, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Arkansas, "Dewayne Fletcher Memorial" Award.

Hendrik Heerema, from Las Cruces, NM, represented the VFW Department of New Mexico, and was awarded the \$500 Frederick H. Smalley Department of New Mexico Award.

Chase Adcock, from Morton, MS, represented the VFW Department of Mississippi, and was awarded the \$500 VFW Department of Pacific Areas Award.

Elisabeth Beattie, from Norfolk, VA, represented the VFW Department of Virginia, and was awarded the \$500 VFW Department of New Jersey Award.

Brodie Merrell, from Glenn's Ferry, ID, represented the VFW Department of Idaho, and was awarded the \$500 Veterans of Foreign Wars of Ohio Charities Award.

Lilja Anderson, from Honolulu, HI, represented the VFW Department of Hawaii, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Wyoming and Auxiliary Award.

Deven Miller, from Hurricane, WV, represented the VFW Department of West Virginia, and was awarded the \$500 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Mississippi and Auxiliary Award.

Camillah Mariano, from Barrigada, Guam, represented the VFW Department of Pacific, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Connecticut and Auxiliary Award.

Jenna Holland, from Circle, MT, represented the VFW Department of Montana, and was awarded the \$500 Commander-and-Chief John Biedrzewski and 2015-2016 Department Commanders Award.

Gracelyn Farnham, from Cheyenne, WY, represented the VFW Department of Wyoming, and was awarded the \$500 National President Francisca Guilford and 2015-2016 Auxiliaries Award.

Katie Cooke, from Wichita, KS, represented the VFW Department of Kansas, and was awarded the \$500 Department of New Mexico and Auxiliary Award.

Arina Weber, from Union, ME, represented the VFW Department of Maine, and was awarded the \$500 VFW Department of Nevada Award.

Cartere Jensen, from Lennox, SD, represented the VFW Department of South Dakota, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Pennsylvania 2015-16 "LDRSHIP" Award.

Fontaine Rossi, from Fort Smith, AR, represented the VFW Department of Arkansas, and was awarded the \$500 Peter J. Mascetti Jr. & Department of Europe Award.

Spencer Gale, from Wells, NV, represented the VFW Department of Nevada, and was awarded the \$500 VFW and Auxiliary members of Southern Charles County Memorial Post 10081, Dept. of Maryland Award.