



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
Announces the 2024-2025 Patriot's Pen  
National Scholarship Winners**

First place winner Evelyn Newbigging, from Lancaster, SC, represented the VFW Department of South Carolina, and was awarded the \$5,000 North End Post 144, Paul A. Spera Past Commander-in-Chief Award.

Second place winner Laila Kamin, from Auburn, WA, represented the VFW Department of Washington, and was awarded the \$4,000 VFW Award.

Third place winner Canaan Ly, from Tempe, AZ, represented the VFW Department of Vermont, and was awarded the \$3,500 VFW Award.

Fourth place winner Alayna Gossett, from Tunnell Hill, GA, represented the VFW Department of Georgia, and was awarded the \$2,750 Alaine Benson Memorial Award.

Fifth place winner Jack Kelly, from Vail, AZ, represented the VFW Department of Arizona, and was awarded the \$2,500 Rehoboth Beach Post 7447 and Auxiliary (Dept. of Delaware) Award.

Sixth place winner Torin Kelly, from Naoles, FL, represented the VFW Department of Florida, and was awarded the \$2,000 Clyde A. Lewis Department of New York and Auxiliary Award.

Seventh place winner Angela Zhu, from Pocatello, ID, represented the VFW Department of Idaho, 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 Quinn Wagner, from Camp Zama, Japan, represented the VFW Department of Pacific Areas, and was awarded the \$1,500 John F. Gwizdak Award.

Ninth place winner Trinitee Mitchell, from New Bern, NC, represented the VFW Department of North Carolina, and was awarded the \$1,500 VFW and James R. and Pat Mueller Award.

10th place winner Lanie Koliscak, from Cranberry Twp, PA, represented the VFW Department of Pennsylvania, and was awarded the \$1,500 VFW Award.

Montgomery Wunker, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, represented the Unaffiliated VFW Posts, and was awarded the \$1,250 VFW Award.

Siddharth Chaudhry, from San Ramon, CA, represented the VFW Department of California, and was awarded the \$1,250 Grace Minnix Memorial Award.

Anna Lucile Eddleman, from Oxford, MS, represented the VFW Department of Mississippi, and was awarded the \$1,000 Golden Valley VFW Post 7051 (Golden Valley, Minnesota) Award.

Nicholas Tolnay, from East Haven, CT, represented the VFW Department of Connecticut, and was awarded the \$1,000 Louis W. Oppenheim VFW Post #1019 Award.

Zimal Khan, from prior lake, MN, represented the VFW Department of Minnesota, and was awarded the \$1,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Colorado Award.

Charlie Thomas, from Spring Lake, NJ, represented the VFW Department of New Jersey, and was awarded the \$1,000 John V. Daniel's Jr. Post 2813 and Auxiliary (Dept. of New York) Award & John E. (Jack) Bales Post 10581 (Dept. of Colorado) Award (combined).

Lillie Kenney, from covesville, VA, represented the VFW Department of Virginia, and was awarded the \$1,000 Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562 (Dept. of Maryland) Award & Department of Utah Award (combined).

Kyle Neleski, from Sorrento, ME, represented the VFW Department of Maine, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Michigan Award & Warren A. Tressler Memorial (Dept. of Minnesota) Award (combined).

Jaedi Guillette, from Las Vegas, NV, represented the VFW Department of Nevada, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Nevada Award & Chaplain Lyman Rollins Post 2005, Marblehead, Massachusetts Award (combined).

Avi Novotny, from Greenwood Village, CO, represented the VFW Department of Colorado, and was awarded the \$1,000 Charlie H. Adamson, Jr. Memorial Award & Joseph A. Scerra Memorial (Dept. of Massachusetts) Award (combined).

Hunter Welch, from Fairmount, ND, represented the VFW Department of North Dakota, and was awarded the \$1,000 James L. Keeley Award & Department of Ohio Award (combined).

Georgia Roscoe, from Grayslake, IL, represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of South Dakota VFW and Auxiliary Award & Department of Idaho and Auxiliary Award (combined).

Riley Mills, from Dunlap, TN, represented the VFW Department of Tennessee, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Georgia and Auxiliary Award.

Alex Zywochenko, from Lincolndale, NY, represented the VFW Department of New York, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Connecticut and Auxiliary Award.

Lev Leontev, from Nahariya, Israel, represented the VFW Department of Europe, and was awarded the \$750 Department of Kansas VFW and Auxiliary Award & Department of Iowa Award (combined).

Noah Rolerson, from Abilene, TX, represented the VFW Department of Texas, and was awarded the \$750 VFW Department of Washington and Auxiliary Eric G. Sandstrom Memorial Award.

James Arias, from Santa Clara, NM, represented the VFW Department of New Mexico, and was awarded the \$500 Glenn D. Raney Memorial (Louisiana) Award.

Eli Chauffe, from Clarksville, AR, represented the VFW Department of Arkansas, and was awarded the \$500 Mary Margaret Romano Memorial (Dept. of Connecticut) Award.

Martin McKinley, from Encampment, WY, represented the VFW Department of Wyoming, and was awarded the \$500 VFW Southern Conference Award.

Chloe Simon, from Mansfield, MA, represented the VFW Department of Massachusetts, and was awarded the \$500 Edward S. Banas, Sr. Award.

Londyn Targa-Stephen, from Eugene, OR, represented the VFW Department of Oregon, and was awarded the \$500 Deering Memorial Post 6859, Portland Maine Award.

Wyatt McGinnis, from Glennallen, AK, represented the VFW Department of Alaska, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Tennessee John Furgess Award.

Reese Goodman, from Avon, OH, represented the VFW Department of Ohio, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Missouri VFW and Auxiliary Award.

Elliana Hammonds, from Havre De Grace, MD, represented the VFW Department of Maryland, and was awarded the \$500 The Robin V. Fell Memorial Award.

Nathan Sewade, from Epsom, NH, represented the VFW Department of New Hampshire, and was awarded the \$500 Deering Memorial Post 6859, Auxiliary Portland Maine Award.

Lariah Trevenen-Ferreira, from Kailua, HI, represented the VFW Department of Hawaii, and was awarded the \$500 Department of South Carolina and Auxiliary Award.

Brooke Perron, from Norfolk, MA, represented the VFW Department of Rhode Island, and was awarded the \$500 Sanford-Springvale Memorial VFW Post 9935 Award.

Makenna Miller, from Tekamah, NE, represented the VFW Department of Nebraska, and was awarded the \$500 Department of California Award.

Peyton Giles, from Adel, IA, represented the VFW Department of Iowa, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Arkansas, "Dewayne Fletcher Memorial" Award.

Silas Wilkerson, from Muldrow, OK, represented the VFW Department of Oklahoma, and was awarded the \$500 Frederick H. Smalley Department of New Mexico Award.

Rozlyn Adamson, from Yankton, SD, represented the VFW Department of South Dakota, and was awarded the \$500 VFW Department of Pacific Areas Award.

Caleb Barron, from Arnaudville, LA, represented the VFW Department of Louisiana, and was awarded the \$500 VFW Department of New Jersey Award.

Jenée St. Pierre, from Harrington, DE, represented the VFW Department of Delaware, and was awarded the \$500 Veterans of Foreign Wars of Ohio Charities Award.

Izaiah Avila, from Magna, UT, represented the VFW Department of Utah, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Wyoming and Auxiliary Award.

Addilyn Thornhill, from Kirksville, MO, represented the VFW Department of Missouri, and was awarded the \$500 The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Mississippi and Auxiliary Award.

Aurora Terry, from Havre, MT, represented the VFW Department of Montana, and was awarded the \$500 Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki and 2015-2016 Department Commanders Award.

Mollie Goral, from greenleaf, WI, represented the VFW Department of Wisconsin, and was awarded the \$500 National President Francisca Guilford and 2015-2016 Auxiliaries Award.

Autumn Gillis, from Freeland, MI, represented the VFW Department of Michigan, and was awarded the \$500 Department of New Mexico and Auxiliary Award.

Brantley Larch, from Seth, WV, represented the VFW Department of West Virginia, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Nevada Award.

Grace Fenwick, from Wichita, KS, represented the VFW Department of Kansas, and was awarded the \$500 Department of Pennsylvania 2015-16 "LDRSHIP" Award.

Kendrick Williams, from Mobile, AL, represented the VFW Department of Alabama, and was awarded the \$500 Peter J. Mascetti Jr. & Department of Europe Award.

Corde Leinenbach, from Jasper, IN, represented the VFW Department of Indiana, and was awarded the \$500 VFW and Auxiliary members of Southern Charles County Memorial Post 10081, Dept. of Maryland Award.

Chloe Sesco, from Pikeville, KY, represented the VFW Department of Kentucky, and was awarded the \$500 Gilbert N. Nelson Post 1326 and their Auxiliary, Bismarck, ND Award.