



## **Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Announces the 2017-18 Patriot's Pen National Award Winners**

First-place winner Karolina Mazur, from Reisterstown, Md., represented the VFW Department of Maryland, and received the \$5,000 North End Post 144, Paul A. Spera Past Commander-in-Chief Award.

Second-place winner Victoria Perry, from New Bedford, Mass., represented the VFW Department of Massachusetts, and received the \$4,000 VFW Award.

Third-place winner Isabella Garces, from Smithfield, R.I., represented the VFW Department of Rhode Island, and received the \$3,500 VFW Award.

Fourth-place winner Alexzander Barbuto, from Hampstead, N.H., represented the VFW Department of New Hampshire, and received the \$2,750 Alaine Benson Memorial Award.

Fifth-place winner Hala Anderson, from Honolulu, Hawaii, represented the VFW Department of Hawaii, and received the \$2,500 Rehoboth Beach Post 7447 and Auxiliary Award.

Sixth-place winner Diane Vaught, from Mandeville, La., represented the VFW Department of Louisiana, and received the \$2,000 Clyde A. Lewis Department of New York and Auxiliary Award.

Seventh-place winner Ben Sparks, from Branson, Mo., represented the VFW Department of Missouri, and received the \$1,750 Dept. of New Hampshire George J. Maxfield Post 1772 and Auxiliary John A. Knapper Memorial Award.

Eighth-place winner Katelyn King, from Van Buren, Ark., represented the VFW Department of Arkansas, and received the \$1,500 John F. Gwizdak Award.

Ninth-place winner Aliuna Schorn, from Caldogno, Italy, represented the VFW Department of Europe, and received the \$1,500 VFW and James R. and Pat Mueller Award.

Tenth-place winner Noor Naseer, from Eden Prairie, Minn., represented the VFW Department of Minnesota, and received the \$1,500 VFW Award.

Jaden Campbell, from Saratoga, Wyo., represented the VFW Department of Wyoming, and received the \$1,250 VFW Award.

Skylar Crawford, from Wheeling, W.Va., represented the VFW Department of West Virginia, and received the \$1,250 Grace Minnix Memorial Award.

Faith Palma, from Dundee, Ore., represented the VFW Department of Oregon, and received the \$1,000 Golden Valley VFW Post 7051 Award.

Rachael Reed, from Ferndale, Wash., represented the VFW Department of Washington, and received the \$1,000 Louis W. Oppenheim VFW Post #1019 Award.

Morgan Peterson, from Enders, Neb., represented the VFW Department of Nebraska, and received the \$1,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Colorado Award.

Braydon Hays, from Natoma, Kan., represented the VFW Department of Kansas, and received the \$1,000 John V. Daniel's Jr. Post 2813 and Auxiliary and John E. (Jack) Bales Post 10581 Awards.

Delaney Phelps, from Preston, Conn., represented the VFW Department of Connecticut, and received the \$1,000 Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562 and Department of Utah Awards.

Kathryn Doom, from Wagner, S.D., represented the VFW Department of South Dakota, and received the \$1,000 Department of Michigan and Warren A. Tressler Memorial Awards.

Elizabeth Frost, from Los Alamos, N.M., represented the VFW Department of New Mexico, and received the \$1,000 Department of Nevada and Chaplain Lyman Rollins Post 2005, Marblehead, Massachusetts Awards.

Carter Templeton, from Rainbow City, Ala., represented the VFW Department of Alabama, and received the \$1,000 Charlie H. Adamson, Jr. Memorial and Joseph A. Scerra Memorial Awards.

Ethan Avery, from Staunton, Va., represented the VFW Department of Virginia, and received the \$1,000 James L. Keeley and Department of Ohio Awards.

Gracie Shields, from Morganton, N.C., represented the VFW Department of North Carolina, and received the \$1,000 Department of South Dakota VFW and Auxiliary and Department of Idaho and Auxiliary Awards.

Hannah Woodward, from Shelburne, Vt., represented the VFW Department of Vermont, and received the \$750 Department of Georgia and Auxiliary Award.

Emma Davidson, from Northwood, Iowa, represented the VFW Department of Iowa, and received the \$750 VFW Department of Washington and Auxiliary Eric G. Sandstrom Memorial Award.

Olivia Burns, from New Richmond, Wis., represented the VFW Department of Wisconsin, and received the \$500 Glenn D. Raney Memorial Award.

Isabella Gnida, from Bay City, Mich., represented the VFW Department of Michigan, and received the \$500 Mary Margaret Romano Memorial Award.

Jacob Halpin, from West Sand Lake, N.Y., represented the VFW Department of New York, and received the \$500 VFW Southern Conference Award.

James Numbers, from Sandy, Utah, represented the VFW Department of Utah, and received the \$500 Edward S. Banas, Sr. Award.

Colin Campbell, from Panama City, Fla., represented the VFW Department of Florida, and received the \$500 Deering Memorial Post 6859, Portland Maine Award.

Lauren Gearheart, from Minnie, Ky., represented the VFW Department of Kentucky, and received the \$500 Department of Tennessee John Furgess Award.

Sophie Trujillo, from Sacramento, Calif., represented the VFW Department of California, and received the \$500 Department of Missouri VFW and Auxiliary Award.

Sarah Rice, from Wharton, N.J., represented the VFW Department of New Jersey, and received the \$500 The Robin V. Fell Memorial Award.

Angelina Hamilton, from Long Beach, Miss., represented the VFW Department of Mississippi, and received the \$500 Deering Memorial Post 6859, Auxiliary Portland Maine Award.

Carley Mykut, from Huntingdon, Pa., represented the VFW Department of Pennsylvania, and received the \$500 Department of South Carolina and Auxiliary Award.

Kathryn Columbus, from Phoenix, Ariz., represented the VFW Department of Arizona, and received the \$500 Sanford-Springvale Memorial VFW Post 9935 Award.

Jayden DePriest, from Linden, Tenn., represented the VFW Department of Tennessee, and received the \$500 Department of California Award.

Jane Menard, from Fairbanks, Alaska, represented the VFW Department of Alaska, and received the \$500 Department of Arkansas, "Dewayne Fletcher Memorial" Award.

Madeleine Fernandez, from Broomfield, Colo., represented the VFW Department of Colorado, and received the \$500 Frederick H. Smalley Department of New Mexico Award.

Jenna Williams, from Douglas, Ga., represented the VFW Department of Georgia, and received the \$500 VFW Department of Pacific Areas Award.

Jaiden Farmer, from Columbia, S.C., represented the VFW Department of South Carolina, and received the \$500 VFW Department of New Jersey Award.

Brock Lindner, from Georgetown, Ohio, represented the VFW Department of Ohio, and received the \$500 Department of Kansas VFW and Auxiliary Award.

Isabella Fernandez, represented Panama, and received the \$500 Veterans of Foreign Wars of Ohio Charities Award.

Brenna Murnion, from Jordan, Mont., represented the VFW Department of Montana, and received the \$500 Department of Wyoming and Auxiliary Award.

Braelyn Blasengame, from Stuart, Okla., represented the VFW Department of Oklahoma, and received the \$500 The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Mississippi and Auxiliary Award.

Asia Loney, from Greenwood, Ind., represented the VFW Department of Indiana, and received the \$500 Department of Connecticut and Auxiliary Award.

Jacob Castagneto, from Glens Ferry, Idaho, represented the VFW Department of Idaho, and received the \$500 Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki and 2015-2016 Department Commanders Award.

Sedona Cline, from Santa Rita, Pacific Areas, represented the VFW Department of Pacific Areas, and received the \$500 National President Francisca Guilford and 2015-2016 Auxiliaries Award.

Lynnli Wiseman, from Lubbock, Texas, represented the VFW Department of Texas, and received the \$500 Department of New Mexico and Auxiliary Award.

Sierra Wyant, from Las Vegas, Nev., represented the VFW Department of Nevada, and received the \$500 Department of Nevada Award.

Isabella Ponciroli, from Shiloh, Ill., represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and received the \$500 Department of Pennsylvania 2015-16 "LDRSHIP" Award.

Ena Muzafirovic, from Fargo, N.D., represented the VFW Department of North Dakota, and received the \$500 Peter J. Mascetti Jr. & Department of Europe Award.

Logan Gann, from Dover, Del., represented the VFW Department of Delaware, and received the \$500 VFW and Auxiliary members of Southern Charles County Memorial Post 10081, Dept. of Maryland Award.

Aiden Allen, from South Berwick, Maine, represented the VFW Department of Maine, and received the \$500 Gilbert N. Nelson Post 1326 and their Auxiliary, Bismarck, ND Award.