



## **Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Announces the 2018-19 Voice of Democracy National Scholarship Winners**

First-place winner Christine Troll, from Somerset, Pa., represented the VFW Department of Pennsylvania, and was awarded the \$30,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship.

Second-place winner Kyle Polen, from Phoenix, Ariz., represented the VFW Department of Arizona, and was awarded the \$16,000 Charles Kuralt Memorial Scholarship.

Third-place winner Andrew Dodd, from Whiting, N.J., represented the VFW Department of New Jersey, and was awarded the \$10,000 VFW Scholarship.

Fourth-place winner Isaac Bock, from Indianapolis, Ind., represented the VFW Department of Indiana, and was awarded the \$7,000 LeRoy Moorhead Memorial Scholarship.

Fifth-place winner Jennifer Tedesco, from East Calais, Vt., represented the VFW Department of Vermont, and was awarded the \$5,000 Floyd County VFW Post 3281, New Albany Indiana Scholarship.

Sixth-place winner Noah Hilderbrand, from Spokane, Wash., represented the VFW Department of Washington, and was awarded the \$5,000 Rehoboth Beach Post 7447 and Auxiliary Dept. of Delaware Scholarship.

Seventh-place winner Ashby Trotter, from Fallon, Nev., represented the VFW Department of Nevada, and was awarded the \$4,000 Department of Indiana and Auxiliary Scholarship & Department of New Jersey Howard E. Vander Clute Scholarship (combined).

Eighth-place winner Ryan McDowell, from Annapolis, Md., represented the VFW Department of Maryland, and was awarded the \$4,000 Department of Minnesota William F. Halsey Memorial.

Ninth-place winner Rachael Dahl, from Owosso, Mich., represented the VFW Department of Michigan, and was awarded the \$3,500 Department of New York and Auxiliary, Rev. Albert G. Salmon Memorial Scholarship.

Tenth-place winner Cassandra James, from Kissimmee, Fla., represented the VFW Department of Florida, and was awarded the \$3,000 Joseph and Irene Hansen Memorial Scholarship (MD).

Alyssa Troyer, from Manhattan, Kan., represented the VFW Department of Kansas, and was awarded the \$2,500 Daniel Sean Wallace Memorial Scholarships (NJ).

Abigail Kerestes, from Huber Heights, Ohio, represented the VFW Department of Ohio, and was awarded the \$2,500 Troy and Sandy Rothbart Memorial Scholarship (NY).

Sierra Hillard, from Whitewood, S.D., represented the VFW Department of South Dakota, and was awarded the \$2,000 Jesse A. Lewis Memorial Scholarship (CA).

Sofia Isabella, from Jamestown, N.Y., represented the VFW Department of New York, and was awarded the \$2,000 Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562 Scholarship (MD).

Kinley Wilson, from Fort Gibson, Okla., represented the VFW Department of Oklahoma, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Arizona and Auxiliary Harry A. Kosht Memorial Scholarship.

Jordanne Steuck, from El Dorado Springs, Mo., represented the VFW Department of Missouri, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of California and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Stephen Venable, from Milford, Del., represented the VFW Department of Delaware, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Illinois VFW – Ray Soden/George Cramer Scholarship.

Aabid Razvi, from College Station, Texas, represented the VFW Department of Texas, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Wisconsin Wally Hogan/Tom Tradewell Commanders-in-Chief Scholarship.

Reagan Yamauchi, from Soda Springs, Idaho, represented the VFW Department of Idaho, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Kentucky and Auxiliary Brian Duffy and Marion Watson Scholarship.

Hannah Karg, from Cotopaxi, Colo., represented the VFW Department of Colorado, and was awarded the \$2,000 Francis Tallman Memorial Scholarship & Robert A. Stock Memorial Scholarship (NY) (combined).

William Deering, from Anchorage, Alaska, represented the VFW Department of Alaska, and was awarded the \$2,000 Walter and Doris Marshall Memorial Scholarship (MT) & Southern Conference Scholarship (combined).

Collin Sexton, from Norris City, Ill., represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and was awarded the \$2,000 Mr. and Mrs. James H. Black Scholarship (NC) & Jane Young Memorial Scholarship (OH) (combined).

Stephanie Wright, from Petersburg, Neb., represented the VFW Department of Nebraska, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Alabama Scholarship & Department of Georgia James H. “Sloppy” Floyd Memorial Scholarship (combined).

Faith Houston, from Laurel, Miss., represented the VFW Department of Mississippi, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Georgia R.D. "Bulldog" Smith, Jr. Scholarship & Department of Ohio Chester J. Koch Memorial Scholarship (combined).

Maxwell Nakos, from Manchester, N.H., represented the VFW Department of New Hampshire, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Connecticut and Auxiliary Scholarship & Stephen and Elsie Riordan Memorial Scholarship (NJ) (combined).

Dylan Leebrick, from West Linn, Ore., represented the VFW Department of Oregon, and was awarded the \$2,000 Larry W. Rivers Scholarship (LA) & Department of Illinois Scott Post 4183 Scholarship (combined).

Hannah Rabon, from Tega Cay, S.C., represented the VFW Department of South Carolina, and was awarded the \$2,000 All American Post 284 Scholarship (D.C.) & Bernard J. Michels, Post 9610 and Auxiliary Scholarship (combined).

Emily Smith, from Harpswell, Maine, represented the VFW Department of Maine, and was awarded the \$2,000 Juanita Crowe-Durbino, Department of Tennessee Scholarship & Ervin and Lorraine Rothenbuhler Scholarship (MD) (combined).

Abigail Parker, from Lino Lakes, Minn., represented the VFW Department of Minnesota, and was awarded the \$2,000 Fridley VFW Post 363 and Auxiliary Scholarship (MN) & Department of Michigan and Auxiliary Scholarship (combined).

Sydney Caulder, from Concord, Calif., represented the VFW Department of California, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of New Hampshire Scholarship.

Isabella Tobin, from Portsmouth, R.I., represented the VFW Department of Rhode Island, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Illinois and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Bethany Cooksey, from Albuquerque, N.M., represented the VFW Department of New Mexico, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Missouri and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Eoin Oravetz, from Heidelberg, Germany, represented the VFW Department of Europe, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of New Mexico and Auxiliary Scholarship.

McKenna Christmas, from Fredericksburg, Va., represented the VFW Department of Virginia, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Massachusetts Edward A. Nardi Scholarship.

Malachi Williams, from Evans, Ga., represented the VFW Department of Georgia, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Colorado and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Jentry Myers, from Van Buren, Ark., represented the VFW Department of Arkansas, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Arkansas and Auxiliary Les Thone Memorial Scholarship.

Ruby Lenard, from Bozeman, Mont., represented the VFW Department of Montana, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Pennsylvania Joseph L. Vicites Memorial Scholarship.

Evan Hagen, from Osceola, Iowa, represented the VFW Department of Iowa, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Idaho and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Amaya Peruccio, from Tokyo, Japan, represented the VFW Department of Pacific Areas, and was awarded the \$1,000 Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Eubank and 2010-2011 Department Commanders Scholarship (CA).

Jonathan Baker, from Double Springs, Ala., represented the VFW Department of Alabama, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Tennessee Cooper T. Holt - John Furgess Scholarship.

Robert Harris, from Fairdale, W.V., represented the VFW Department of West Virginia, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Kansas and Auxiliary Robert R. Whipple Memorial Scholarship.

Emily Bolin, from McKenzie, Tenn., represented the VFW Department of Tennessee, and was awarded the \$1,000 Arthur W. Jones VFW Post 7564 and Auxiliary Scholarship (ND).

Jake Engle, from Panama City, Panama, represented unaffiliated Posts, and was awarded the \$1,000 Roy Chandler VFW Post 762 and Auxiliary Scholarship (ND).

Te'a Daniel, from Kahuku, Hawaii, represented the VFW Department of Hawaii, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Hawaii and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Abby Post, from Hankinson, N.D., represented the VFW Department of North Dakota, and was awarded the \$1,000 Ray Sisk Memorial Scholarship (CA).

Kamryn Passman, from Franklinton, La., represented the VFW Department of Louisiana, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Mississippi Toxie K. Stapleton Post 6473 Luther J. Cox Memorial Scholarship.

Shayla Hendricks, from Highland, Utah, represented the VFW Department of Utah, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Wyoming and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Jacquelyn Yorker, from East Hampton, Conn., represented the VFW Department of Connecticut, and was awarded the \$1,000 Mr. and Mrs. John Biedrzycki and the 2015 Homecoming Committee Scholarship (PA).

Matthew Tibbitts, from Ludlow, Mass., represented the VFW Department of Massachusetts, and was awarded the \$1,000 Gilbert N. Nelson - Post 1326 and their Auxiliary - Bismarck, North Dakota Scholarship.

John Brooks, from Scaly Mountain, N.C., represented the VFW Department of North Carolina, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Mississippi VFW and Auxiliary Bernard McClelland Memorial Scholarship.

Elyse Rutherford, from Wheatland, Wyo., represented the VFW Department of Wyoming, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Florida John M. "Jack" Carney Scholarship.

Natalie Warren, from Stomping Ground, Ky., represented the VFW Department of Kentucky, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Maine Scholarship “to Remember the U.S.S. Maine.”

Nicholas Kempf, from Appleton, Wis., represented the VFW Department of Wisconsin, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Nevada and Auxiliary Scholarship.