

VFW Announces Annual Publications Contest

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (January 4, 2015) — The VFW Publications Department announced today that it is accepting submissions for VFW's 2016 National Publications Contest. Like last year, the VFW National Publications Contest will be judged within sub-categories based on publication frequency (one to four times per year and five or more times per year).

The four categories are:

Department:

- * Overall Design and Content of Newspaper (defined as being printed on newsprint)
- * Best Feature Story (all frequencies judged together in this category and submitted separately)
- * Magazine (defined by physical size and paper stock)

District/Post (combined):

- * Overall Design and Content

Each category will be awarded three places: a grand award (first overall), silver (second overall) and bronze (third overall). The silver and bronze awards will take the form of a certificate suitable for framing.

Our awards system conforms to that of professional societies within the association publishing industry: National Mature Media Awards, Association Trends, Society of National Association Publications, Society of Professional Journalists and Communications Concepts. In other words, the same types of awards for which VFW magazine competes.

Please note that our Best Feature Story category is no longer retroactive. (That was a one-time introductory offer.) All stories submitted to this category must have been published sometime between Jan. 1, 2015, and Dec. 31, 2015. The story must be a published article of at least 300 words. It can be originally written by your newspaper staff or by a freelance writer or be reprinted from a newspaper within your state.

Examples of eligible subjects include operations of state VA departments, National Guard/Reserve unit deployments overseas, troop-support activities, Department VFW programs, dedication of state memorials, state or local commemorative events for the 50th anniversary of Vietnam and editorials advocating positions on veteran issues within your state.

All national entries must place first in Department-level contests. One copy of each winning Post and District publication — as well as one issue of the Department newspaper and one copy of the Department's selected "Best Feature Article" — must be mailed by Department adjutants, Department quartermasters or Department editors by APRIL 1, 2016, to:

Publications Contest
VFW magazine
406 W. 34th St., Suite 523
Kansas City, MO 64111

All issues and articles published between Jan. 1, 2015, and Dec. 31, 2015, qualify.

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PUBLICATIONS CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Department Adjutants: Please include a copy of this form with each winning entry. Include a **separate form for each entry**.

DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION

Name of Publication: _____

Editor: _____ Editor's Email: _____

Editor's address (street): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Publication Frequency: 1-4 times per year _____ 5 or more times per year _____

Submission Category (please check only one):

Magazine: _____

Best Overall Content/Design: _____

Best Feature (title of article, issue of publication): _____

DISTRICT/POST PUBLICATION

Name of Publication: _____

District/Post Number: _____ Post Location: _____

Editor: _____ Editor's Email: _____

Editor's address (street): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Publication Frequency: 1-4 times per year _____ 5 or more times per year _____