

2025 American Legion Media & Communications Contest

Chairman's Award: Sandra Dunn, American Legion Post 54, Amarillo, Texas

Innovation Award: Jennifer Cole, American Legion Riders Chapter 560, Zimmerman, Minn.

WEBSITES

Department/District: Jennifer Cole, Department of Minnesota 10th District

(<https://www.mnmighty10thdistrict.org/>)

- Honorable Mention: Kevin Burns, Department of California Aerospace Commission website (<https://calegion.org/aerospace>)

Posts up to 249: Robert Dolan, American Legion Post 501, Woodbury, Minn.

(<https://americanlegionpost501.org>)

Posts 250-750: Peter Koerner and Clyde "Budd" Webster, Post 42, Evanston, Ill.

(<https://www.evanstonpost42.com/>)

Posts over 750: Bernard Baumann, American Legion Post 1776 in Apple Valley, Minn.

(<https://americanlegionpost1776.com/>)

EDITORIAL/NEWS

Department/District: Timothy Engstrom, American Legion Department of Minnesota

("Legion-Hearted" story about Army veteran and Legionnaire Anthony Koop)

- Honorable Mention: Russell Myers III, Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New Jersey (Cookies for Vets program)

Posts up to 249: Russell Myers III, Squadron 105, Belleville, N.J. (Post 105 Legion Family celebrates the Legion's 105th birthday)

Posts 250-749: Patricia Douglas, American Legion Post 911, Hoover, Ala. (passing of oldest Post 911 member)

Posts over 750: Richard Cole, American Legion Post 284, Colonial Heights, Va. (Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C.)

EDITORIAL/INFO

Dept/District: Timothy Engstrom, American Legion Department of Minnesota (“Ripley’s believe it” guide on turkey hunting with disabled veterans)

Posts up to 249: no award given; entries did not meet criteria

Posts 250-749: John Gessner, Post 100, Sparta, Wis. (column in Monroe County Herald)

Post over 750: no award given; entries did not meet criteria

PUBLICATIONS

Dept/District: Timothy Engstrom, Department of Minnesota (Minnesota Legionnaire)

Posts up to 249: Christine Hummel, American Legion Post 404, St Louis, Mo. (The Feminaires)

Posts 250-749: William Usry, Post 1, Tulsa, Okla.

Posts over 750: John Bowen, American Legion Post 209, Colorado Springs, Colo.

VISUAL MEDIA

Dept/District: Timothy Engstrom, Department of Minnesota (national commander photo)

- Honorable Mention: Edward Lewis, Department of Florida (flag retirement photo)

Posts up to 249: Jennifer Cole, American Legion Riders Chapter 560, Zimmerman, Minn. (annual veterans ride video)

Posts 250-749: no award

Posts over 750: ShaWanda Brown and Taylor Skye, American Legion Post and Unit 259, Clinton, Md.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Department/District: no entries

Posts up to 249: Sandra Dunn, American Legion Post 54, Amarillo, Texas (a monthly television segment with a local news channel’s morning show called 2 CUP where post members discusses programs, activities, etc.)

- Honorable mention: Philip Kiley, American Legion Post 21, Brooklyn, Conn. (appearance on a local podcast to share youth scholarships and Be the One)

Posts 250-749: John Miles and Joe Wiezorek, American Legion Post 163, North Platte, Neb. (second annual American Legion Heroes March to support PTSD and Be the One)

Posts over 750: no award given; entries do not meet criteria

SOCIAL MEDIA

Department/District: no award given; entries did not meet criteria

Posts up to 249: Nancy Rivera, American Legion Post 477, St. Nazianz, Wis.

(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064770335805>)

- Honorable Mention: Vince Winter, American Legion Post 13, Sitka, Alaska
(<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionSitkaPost13>)

Posts 250-749: Dean Erck, American Legion Post 904, Alexandria Bay, N.Y.

(<https://www.facebook.com/abay904ssp>)

Posts over 750: no award given; entries do not meet criteria

2025 M&C CONTEST WINNERS

The Fourth Estate Award:

Print – Stephanie Kuzydym, *The Courier Journal*, Louisville, Ky.

Broadcast - Josh Hinkle, KXAN, Austin, Texas

The American Legion Patriot Award:

Phyllis Wilson, president of the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery