

2026 American Legion Media & Communications Contest Winners

Chairman's Award: Timothy Engstrom and Jennifer Cole, Department of Minnesota

Frank Ward Innovation Award: Mark L. Nestor, Peter Favazza III and Paul Krueger, Post 3, Gloucester, Mass.

WEBSITES

Department/District: Timothy Engstrom and Jennifer Cole, American Legion Department of Minnesota (new version of mnlegion.org/)

Posts up to 249: John Kearins, Jack Kearins and Mike Heffron, American Legion Post 210, Doylestown, Pa. (doylestownpost210.org/)

- Honorable Mention: Ruth Cordner, American Legion Post 419, Jersey City, N.J. (jerseycitypost419.com/)

Posts up to 250-749: John Miles, Michelle O'Dea and Pam Elliott, American Legion Post and Unit 163, North Platte, Neb. (americanlegionnp.org/)

- Honorable Mention: Jennifer Cole, American Legion Post 36, Fairmont, Minn. (fairmontlegion.org/)
- Honorable Mention: Nancy O'Brien, American Legion Post 59, Hillsboro, N.H. (post59nh.org/)

Posts over 750: Steve Hayes and George Sedlack, American Legion Post 209, Colorado Springs, Colo. (legion209.org/)

PUBLICATIONS

Department/District: Timothy Engstrom, American Legion Department of Minnesota ([Minnesota Legionnaire](#) example)

- Honorable Mention: John Meyer Sr., Detachment of Arizona ([Blue Cap News](#) example)
- Honorable Mention: Richard Cole, American Legion Department of Virginia ([Virginia Legionnaire](#) example)

Posts up to 249: American Legion Post 186, Seattle, Wash. ([Cathay Post 186 digital newsletter](#) example)

- Honorable Mention: Christine Hummel, American Legion Post 404, Saint Louis, Mo. ([The Femiaires](#) example)

Posts up to 250-749: William Usry, American Legion Post 1, Tulsa, Okla. ([Post 1 newsletter](#) example)

Posts over 750: Richard Cole, American Legion Post 284, Colonial Heights, Va. ([News and Views Post 284](#) example)

EDITORIAL/NEWS

Department/District: Burrell Parmer, American Legion District 20, Department of Texas (20th District Oratorical Contest held at St. Mary's University School of Law, [Legion Times, Pages 11-13](#))

Posts up to 249: Winston Boddie, Jane Doolittle, Diane Peterson and William Beaver, American Legion Post 30, Edgefield, S.C. ([Post 30 visits with students in the classroom](#) to teach patriotism during Children & Youth Month)

- Honorable Mention: Russell Myers III, Squadron 105, Nutley, N.J. ([Post 105 supports COTA on American Legion Family Day](#))

Posts up to 250-749: Burrell Parmer, American Legion Post 828, San Antonio, Texas (Fred Brock Post 828 honored at San Antonio NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner ([Published in Legion Times, pages 20-21](#)))

Posts over 750: No entries

VISUAL MEDIA

Department/District: Russell Myers III, Detachment of New Jersey (2025 Detachment Commander Keith Barnes video [visit to Paramus Veterans Memorial Home to dedicate his project](#), an outdoor recreation area for the veteran residents of the facility.)

Posts up to 249: Dawn Moore, American Legion Post 94, Troy, Mo. (First season for [Post 94 Legion Baseball team](#) photo)

- Honorable Mention: Kent Wong, American Legion Post 186, Seattle, Wash. ([Chinatown Seafair Parade](#) photo)

Posts up to 250-749: Richard Bean, Peter Favazza III and Paul Krueger, Post 3, Gloucester, Mass. ([Video shows cosmetic updates to the outside of Post 3](#) with support from the city.)

Posts over 750: No entries

SOCIAL MEDIA

Department/District: Eric R. Luke, Department of Pennsylvania District 29, North East, Pa. ([District 29 Facebook page](#) has three priorities – communicate, educate and incorporate new ideas.)

Posts up to 249: Winston Boddie and Diane Peterson, American Legion Post and Unit 30, Edgefield, S.C. ([Post 30 Facebook page](#) promoted the monthly [Community Cadence Fitness Walk](#) initiative that Post 30 started in May 2025 to engage veterans with community members.)

Posts up to 250-749: Amanda Nieto, American Legion Post and Unit 184, Moore, Okla. ([Post 184 used Facebook](#) to promote its [Be the One walk](#) in October 2025)

Posts over 750: Kimberly Spirit, American Legion Post 618, Willis, Texas ([Post 618 Facebook page](#) strengthens community engagement while advancing the organization's mission of supporting veterans, their families and the local community.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Department/District: Entries do not meet qualifications; submissions were in department newsletters not external media.

Posts up to 249: Bruce Camerer, Scott Kallberg and Larry Larson, Legion Riders Chapter 264, Glenville, Minn. ([Albert Lea Tribune announce Legion Riders Chapter 264 leading Nations of Patriots Tour](#))

- Honorable Mention: Clifton Morlan, American Legion Post 360, Indianapolis, Ind. ([Schoolhouse 7 Café promotes University Post 360's coffee with a veteran](#))

Posts up to 250-749: Steven Shaffer, American Legion Post 13, Tallahassee, Fla. ([A century of service for Post 13](#))

- Honorable Mention: John Miles and Joe Wieszorek, American Legion Post 163, North Platte, Neb. ([North Platte Post features Post 163 Heroes March](#))

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