



NOTE: Although this sample press release is designed as Department winner announcement, with a few slight text modifications it can also be used to announce a Post winner.

City Teacher Receives VFW Award

VFW's annual contest recognizes teachers who promote civic responsibility, patriotism

City, State abbreviation. (Month day, 20XX) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of **State** is proud to announce **TeacherFullName**, a **GradeTaught** grade teacher at **SchoolName** in **SchoolCity, SchoolState**, as a winner of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. **TeacherName** was selected from entries submitted to VFW Posts across the state.

Sponsored by VFW Post **Name/Number** and its Auxiliary in **PostCity, PostState**, **TeacherFirstName** will receive a national citation, along with one for **his/her** school.

“We are so appreciative of **TeacherFirstName** and every teacher who participated in this year’s program. Their commitment to teach the value of citizenship and patriotism to their students will greatly benefit our communities as these students grow into involved adults,” said VFW Department of **State** Commander **CommanderFullName**.

The VFW Teacher of the Year award program was enacted in 1999 as a way to identify and recognize America’s best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students by teaching citizenship education topics regularly and promoting America’s history and traditions effectively. The program continues to exceed expectations and program administrators expect the number of participants will continue to grow each year. For more information on the program, visit vfw.org/TeacheroftheYear.

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About the VFW: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in nearly 6,000 Posts worldwide, the nonprofit veterans service organization is proud to proclaim “NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS” than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans’ service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. For more information or to join, visit our website at vfw.org.

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