

IDAHO MR. VFW'S

1952 *Don Ingall	Coeur d'Alene Post 889	1985 *John Mucci	Idaho Falls Post 2146
1953 *Jami Shintani	Boise Post 63	1986 *Bud Freeman	Rexburg Post 3012
1954 *Ben Bear	Orofino Post 3296	1987 *George Bingman	Moscow Post 2905
1955 *Hank Spalding	Bonnars Ferry Post 3622	1988 *Henry Vanderhoef	Boise Post 10444
1956 *Robert Long	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	1989 *Gray Clawson	Rexburg Post 3012
1957 *Dee Summers	Rigby Post 1004	1990 *Carl Paul	Kamiah Post 5407
1958 *Bill Hoppie	Buhl Post 3604	1991 *Walter Parker	Pocatello Post 735
1959 *John Junkert	Gooding Post 3078	1992 *Randy Russell	Twin Falls Post 2136
1960 *Larry Equisquiza	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	1993 *Emmett Olmsted	Burley Post 3043
1961 *Harry Graves	Rupert Post 3678	1994 *C.J. Caporelli	Boise Post 10444
1961 *Ted Crabb	Orofino Post 3296	1995 *Glenn Scott	Idaho Falls Post 2146
1963 *Ray C. Day	Deary Post 3330	1996 Don Burris	Grangeville Post 3520
1964 *Harvey Hildre	Pocatello Post 735	1997 *Norm Kingston	Rexburg Post 3012
1965 *Walter Eschler	Rigby Post 1004	1998 *Ed Heinle	Lewiston Post 10043
1966 *George Parker	Pocatello Post 735	1999 *Junior Larson	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
1967 *Robert M. Power	Rupert Post 3678	2000 *Don Holloway	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
1968 *Theo Pharris	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	2001 *Earl Gardner	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
1969 *Jack Mason	Osburn Post 1675	2002 *Riley Maxwell	Buhl Post 3604
1970 *Elmer Currie	Coeur d'Alene Post 889	2003 Dusty Rhoads	Hayden Lake Post 9831
1972 *Pete Kubicek	Orofino Post 3296	2004 *Gary Ellis	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
1973 *Bill Will	Priest River Post 2909	2005 *Joe Simpson	Rathdrum Post 9894
1974 *Harold Meek	Lewiston Post 10043	2006 *Tom Monson	Boise Post 63
1975 *Alvin Bates	Rigby Post 1004	2007 *Howard Osterberg	Lewiston Post 10043
1976 *Robert Connelly	Hayden Lake Post 9831	2008 *Douglas Olsen	Lewiston Post 10043
1977 *Tim Rowe	Pocatello Post 735	2009 Bill Reed	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
1978 *Jim Facer	Pocatello Post 735	2010 *Robert "Bob" Jackson	Twin Falls Post 2136
1979 *Glenn Phillips	Arco Post 7137	2011 Nathan T. Widgren	Clark Fork Post 10320
1980 *Leonard Butler	Clark Fork Post 10320	2012 Ralph Winterbottom	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
1981 *Steve Olin	Orofino Post 3296	2013 *Donald G. Riegel	Coeur d'Alene Post 889
1982 *Perry Humphrey	St.Maries Post 1390	2014 Rocky Davis	Sourdough Post 10043
1983 *Dave Visser	Twin Falls Post 2136	2015 David M. Jacks Sr.	Sourdough Post 10043
1984 *Jim Shepperd	Coeur d'Alene Post 889		

FEMALE VETERAN OF THE YEAR

2008 *Jean Holt	Coeur d'Alene Post 889	2012 Vicki Fike	Burley Post 3043
2009 Deborah Harmon	Pocatello Post 735	2013 Melanie Foster	Buhl Post 3604
2010 Grace Jacobsen	Pocatello Post 735	2014 Diane Swanke	Capital City Post 63
2011 Kathryn L. Peterson	Twin Falls Post 2136	2015 Sheila Kopczynski	Sourdough Post 10043

"Mr. VFW" and "Female Veteran of the Year" were merged into one award by Council of Administration vote at the State Convention in June 2015. This award is now "Comrade of the Year" and recognizes all comrades in the VFW.

At the State Convention in 2018, this award was permanently renamed "Veteran of the Year".

COMRADE/VETERAN OF THE YEAR

2016 Ronald K. Gray	Sourdough Post 10043	2022 Daniel P. Beyer	Sourdough Post 10043
2017 Virginia L. Cash	Grangeville Post 3520	2023 Christopherson	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
2018 Denny Croner	Midvale Post 6232	2024 Lee Castleman	Meridian Post 4000
2019 Dale L. Town	Sourdough Post 10043	2025 Andy Feebeck	Lewiston Post 10043
2020 David E. Owsley	Orofino Post 3296	2026 Gordon Petrie	Emmett Post 4900
2021 Allen R. Bailey	Arco Post 7137		

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2008 *Donald G. Riegel	Coeur d'Alene Post 889	2016 Fred C. Seubert	Cottonwood Post 4902
2008 *Carl Paul	Kamiah Post 5407	2017 *Robert B. Finney	Capital City Post 63
2008 *Harold Bensching	Lewiston Post 10043	2017 Robert A. Wayment	Twin Falls Post 2136
2008 *Hero Shiosaki	Blackfoot Post 9443	2017 Richard Remacle	Cottonwood Post 4902
2008 *Vern Rogers	Preston Post 10323	2018 David M. Jacks, Sr.	Sourdough Post 10043
2009 *Tom Monson	Boise Post 63	2019 *Harvey C. McCoy	Buhl Post 3604
2009 *Ken Pitcher	Lewiston Post 10043	2019 *Joseph A. Johannes	New Plymouth Post 9036
2009 *Orvin Twitchell	Mud Lake Post 8893	2019 *Robert G. Patterson	Kendrick Post 3913
2009 *Tug Hunami	Caldwell Post 3886	2020 not awarded	
2010 *A.R. "Bud" Mason	Boise Post 63	2021 Denny Croner	Caldwell Post 3886
2010 *Mel Stokes	Boise Post 1173	2021 Charles D. Wininger	New Plymouth Post 9036
2010 *Wayne Lanier	Idaho Falls Post 2146	2021 James N. White	Idaho City Post 142
2010 *Jim Shepperd	Coeur d'Alene Post 889	2022 Rockey Davis	Sourdough Post 10043
2011 Louis K. Nave	St. Anthony Post 9425	2022 Dale F. George	Wilderness Post 8311
2011 *Howard Osterberg	Lewiston Post 10043	2022 Larry D. Mackey	Leland Thomas Post 9036
2012 Don Burris	Grangeville Post 3520	2022 Larry L. Little	Leland Thomas Post 9036
2012 Phil Hawkins	Capital City Post 63	2022 John C. Williams	Boise Basin Post 142
2012 *Wendell Wendt	Lewiston Post 10043	2023 Dale Town	Sourdough Post 10043
2013 *Henry E. Bergdorf	Priest River Post 2909	2023 Herb Endicott	Leland Thomas Post 9036
2013 *Vincent M. Poxleitner	Cottonwood Post 4902	2024 William Roscoe	Meridian Post 4000
2013 Robert T. Spalding	Bonnars Ferry Post 3622	2024 Ron Hellman	New Plymouth Post 9036
2014 *Dale W. Smith	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	2025 Douglas Welch	Lewiston Post 10043
2014 *Daniel K. (Deke) Johnson	Capital City Post 63	2025 Ronald Hart	New Plymouth Post 9036
2014 *Robert L. Jones	Hans Jensen Post 3012	2025 Joseph Wallace	Osburn Post 1675
2014 *John R. Crotinger	Grangeville Post 3520	2026 Tom & Cynthia Jones	Capitol City Post 63
2014 *Harold A. Schacher	Richard Jacobs Post 4902	2026 Everett Maltbie	Emmett Post 4900
2015 Leo Dub	Harold Kinne Post 3296	2026 Joseph English	Priest River Post 2909
2016 *Richard R. Morris	Sourdough Post 10043	2026 Joseph Katancik	New Plymouth Post 9036

NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE POST AWARD

1997-98	Idaho Falls Post 2146	2012-13	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
1998-99	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	2013-14	Pocatello Post 735
1999-00	Lewiston Post 10043	2014-15	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
2000-01	Sandpoint Post 2453	2015-16	Boise Post 1173
2001-02	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	2016-17	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
2002-03	Hayden Lake Post 9831	2017-18	Glenns Ferry Post 3646
2003-04	Idaho Falls Post 2146	2018-19	Caldwell Post 3886
2004-05	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	2019-20	Lewiston Post 10043
2005-06	Hayden Lake Post 9831	2020-21	New Plymouth Post 9036
2006-07	Clark Fork Post 10320	2021-22	New Plymouth Post 9036
2007-08	Lewiston Post 10043	2022-23	Richard Jacobs Post 4902
2008-09	Clark Fork Post 10320	2023-24	Mini-Cassia Burley Post 3043
2009-10	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	2024-25	Orofino Post 3296
2010-11	Glenns Ferry Post 3646	2025-26	TBD
2011-12	Lewiston Post 10043		