

Teacher of the Year

Duane Krueger

Each year, the VFW selects teachers are nominated to receive the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Established in 1999, the award recognizes our nation's top teachers for their exceptional commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students by promoting civic responsibility, flag etiquette, and patriotism in the classroom. The award is named after former VFW National Commander John Smart and retired VFW Quartermaster General Larry Maher.

Due to Mr. Kruegers years of service as a teacher and the tremendous impact he has made on his students, he was selected as the Teacher of the Year.

This award comes with a monetary award of \$250 to use towards his students or education as he see needed.

As the Post winner, he has been advanced to the District level of our VFW. If he is chosen as the District winner, he will be notified and moved up to the Department level which is made up of all the winners of the 11 Districts in Wisconsin. If he is chosen as the State winner, he will then advance to the National level with a chance to compete for a \$1,000 prize for him and a \$1,000 prize for his school. Monetary awards will be accumulated as he moves up each level. More information can be found here: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year>

