

# **Marine Corps Gazette Writing Awards & Contests**

- 1. The MajGen Harold W. Chase Essay Contest (1500-2000 words)**
  - a. Open to all active, retired, and reserve military personnel. Topic: challenge conventional wisdom by proposing change to a current Marine Corps directive, policy, custom, or practice.
  - b. The top 3 submissions receive a “Boldness & Daring Award.” 1<sup>st</sup> Place receives a \$3,000 check & plaque. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place receives a \$1,500 check & plaque. Honorable Mention receives a \$500 check & plaque.
  - c. Contest Runs: 01 January to 30 April.
  
- 2. The Gen Robert E. Hogaboom Essay Contest (1500-2000 words)**
  - a. Open to all active, retired, and reserve military personnel. Topic: The contest honors the essay that is the most original in its approach to the various aspects of leadership.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Place receives a \$3,000 check & plaque. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place receives a \$1,500 check & plaque. Honorable Mention receives a \$500 check & plaque.
  - c. Contest Runs: 1 September to 31 January.
  
- 3. LtCol Earl “Pete” Ellis Annual Essay Contest (2000-3000 words)**
  - a. Civilian and military writers are eligible. Multiple entries are allowed; only one will receive an award. Topic: future war and innovation. The specific “call for papers” or research question varies annually based on the the most significant future challenge facing the Corps.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Place receives a \$3,000 check and a plaque, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place receives a \$1,500 check funded a plaque, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place receives a \$1,000 check and a plaque.
  - c. Contest Runs: 1 June to 31 August.
  
- 4. Kiser Family Irregular Warfare Essay Contest (2000-3000 words)**
  - a. Civilian and military writers eligible. Topic: Irregular Warfare; the specific “call for papers” or research question is updated annually.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Place receives a \$3,000 check and a plaque, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place receives a \$1,500 check and a plaque, Honorable mentions receive checks for \$500 and plaques.
  - c. Contest Runs: 1 August to 30 October. The contest is bi-annual running in even years, next contest will be 2020.
  
- 5. LtGen Bernard E. “Mick” Trainor Military Writing Award (2000-2500 words)**
  - a. Both civilian and military writers eligible. Topic: Propose an innovative solution to one of the warfighting challenges that the Marine Corps will face in the future operating environment.
  - b. The winner receives a \$1,000 check and a plaque funded by the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Association and the Marine Corps Association & Foundation
  - c. Contest Runs 1 April to 30 June.