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2012 Independent Publishers Awards Contest Gives Gold Medal to

Portraits of Service: Looking Into the Faces of Veterans

by writers and photographers

Robert H. Miller, of Canton, Michigan

and Andrew Wakeford, of Saarbrücken, Germany

Portraits of Service: Looking Into the Faces of Veterans by Robert H. Miller, of Canton, Michigan, and Andrew Wakeford, of Saarbrücken, Germany, and published by Patton Publishing, will be awarded a gold medal at the sixteenth annual Independent Book Publishers Awards ceremony in New York City on June 4. The Independent Publisher Book Awards (“IPPY” Awards), launched in 1996, were designed to bring increased recognition to the deserving but often unsung titles published by independent authors and publishers. *Portraits of Service*, a collection of photos and profiles of living veterans of all wars, won in the Freedom Fighter category and was one of ten out of the more than 4,000 contest entrants to be named an Outstanding Book of the Year.

According to the Web site independentpublishers.com, the ten books singled out were honored “for having ‘the courage and creativity necessary to take chances, break new ground, and bring about change, not only to the world of publishing, but to our society.’ These are the book projects our judges found the most heartfelt, unique, outspoken, and experimental among our 4,000 entries.” [continued]

Patton Publishing, headed by Helen Patton, the granddaughter of World War II general George S. Patton, publishes books that reflect the war experience from all angles and give the individual soldier a voice.

The IPPY Awards are sponsored by the Jenkins Group of Traverse City, Michigan.

Robert H. Miller is executive director of the Patton Foundation in America and author of *Hidden Hell: Discovering My Father's POW Diary*, which will be awarded a bronze medal in the category of biography at this year's IPPY Awards.

Andrew Wakeford is executive director of the Patton Foundation in Europe.

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