HAI Announces 2020 ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest Winners

Alexandria, Va. (Dec. 3, 2019) – Helicopter Association International (HAI) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest. Now in its eighth year, the contest encourages photographers from around the world to submit their images of helicopters and drones in a variety of categories that represent the helicopter industry.

In addition to cash prizes, the winning photos will also be displayed at HAI HELI-EXPO 2020 in Anaheim, California, January 28–30, where thousands of attendees will get a chance to see these examples of fine helicopter photography. Winning photos will also be published in the Winter 2020 issue of ROTOR magazine.

“Each year, as we look through the contest entries, we find images that put a fresh, new face on our industry, as though we are seeing helicopters for the first time,” says Gina Kvitkovich, director of publications and media for HAI. “The photographers captured some truly magical moments, and their passion helps the rest of us to remember what is special about these aircraft and the people who fix, fly, and operate them.”

As in the past, HAI received hundreds of excellent photo entries this year, but the photos listed below stood out. Visit contest.rotor.org to view the following winning photos:

- Grand Prize Winner: Fabio Piacenza, Lombardy, Italy
- Category Winner – Helicopters/Drones at Work: Papillon Helicopters, Boulder City, Nevada, USA
- Category Winner – Helicopters in the Military: Ron Kellenaers, Horst, Limburg, The Netherlands
- Category Winner – People and Their Helicopters/Drones: James DeBry, Cedar City, Utah, USA
- Category Winner – Digitally Enhanced Photos: Jacob Straube, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who submitted a photo to this year’s contest. Please plan to participate in the 2021 ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest by submitting your entries at contest.rotor.org, beginning August 1, 2020.

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