

# 2014 ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest

**T**he ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest is back for 2014!

First, let me thank the photographers — all 246 of them — who submitted more than 1,100 photos. Some were beautiful, some were touching, some were dramatic — and every single one had a helicopter in it.

Running this contest is one of the fun parts of my job, but it also reminds us why we work with helicopters.

For a moment, let's set aside the regulations, the politics, the finances, the labor involved in helicopter aviation. Let's just focus on these beautiful, powerful machines that, with the right pilot and crew, can do things and go places that no other machine can.

For the next six pages, take a break from the day-to-day business of work and enjoy some great photos of helicopters, courtesy of ROTOR magazine.

— Gina Kvitkovich  
*Editor, ROTOR Magazine*

PS: The 2015 ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest will open in August. Anyone can enter — professional or amateur, HAI member or not. Each photo has to contain all or part of a helicopter, and you have to own the rights to the photograph.

Photos may be submitted in five categories:

- Helicopters at Work
- Helicopters Serving the Community
- Helicopters in the Military
- People and Their Helicopters
- Cellphone Photos.

The photographer who submits the overall winning photograph will receive \$500; each category winner will receive \$50.

Start submitting your favorite shots at [rotor.org/photo](http://rotor.org/photo), beginning August 1, 2014!



▲ **Grand Prize Winner**

**TOM BUYSSE**

*Asper, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium*

Buyse photographed a rescue demonstration by a Belgian Air Force Sikorsky SeaKing and a lifeboat of the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution. Among the muted colors of the spray and the gray, threatening sky, the aircraft and lifeboat seem drawn together by their dramatic colors.