CTSSAR – Youth Awards for 2023

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JROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest

Cadet Matthew Guertin of Danbury High Air Force JROTC was selected and received his award and a check for $500 at the Annual Meeting in April. Entry was submitted to National contest.

George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Adam Berger received his award and a check for $500 at the Annual Meeting in April. Entry was submitted to National contest. *Adam finished in 2nd Place at National and was awarded $3,000*.

Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest

Eagle Scout Noel Villepigue of Troop 788, Weston, CT (CT Yankee Council) was selected from 6 entries. He received his Eagle medal, Eagle trophy and a check for $500. His entry was submitted to the National Level for King Eagle Scout Contest, and *placed 20th in the country*.

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest

No entry – only submission was in 2021, where Connecticut finished 6th at National.

Americanism Poster Contest

The 1st place winner was Ismael Perez a 5th grader at the Southwest School in Torrington. He received a certificate and check for $25 from the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch and the poster was submitted to the national contest where it *finished in the top 10*.

Sgt. Moses Adam Brochure Contest

No entry – Connecticut has never entered this contest, which is open to Middle School students.

Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

Robert Buccheri of the Carmel NY High School was selected as the *1st place winner in the High School level* of the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award for a high school teacher. This award is sponsored by the NSSAR and is awarded to a deserving teacher who has distinguished themselves for their exceptional ability as an American history teacher.

The national winner from each school level receives benefits worth up to *$5,000.00 per winner* to attend a teacher workshop or seminar on the American Revolution. Robert chose to attend the Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teacher Workshop in Williamsburg, Virginia.

For more information on any of the Youth Award Programs, go to SAR.org and select the Education menu option.