Status Report of the CTSSAR Eagle Scout Patriotic Program: February 20, 2025

2025 has been a good year, during which we received 2 applications for our Eagle Scout program contest.

A CTSSAR review team of five compatriots was assembled to review the applications namely: Dave Perkins, Roger Smith, Jogn Emblidge, John Cooke, and myself (Tim Wilkins). Thank you, gentlemen and compatriots, for your continued support.

This year's applications were split between 2 of the 4 BSA Councils in state of Connecticut: The first of 2 applications was from the Connecticut Rivers Council [CRC]. The second application was from the Connecticut Yankee Council [CYC].

We are planning on celebrating the state winner (and this year's best essay writer) at the next state annual meeting and luncheon on April 12, 2025 at the Casa Mia Restaurant at the Hawthorne in Berlin CT. On that day, we will celebrate Eagle Scout *Eagle Scout Gavin Marlowe Villepigue* of Troop 788, Weston, CT (CYC) as our state winner where he will be presented with a framed certificate of recognition, an engraved silver medal, and a $500 fiduciary check from the CTSSAR. Additionally, Gavin's documentation has been sent to NSSAR to compete at the National Level for the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. Moreover, Gavin was our state winner last year.

We are eager to celebrate each of the 2 branch winners at an Eagle Scout CTSSAR Scholarship Court of Honor. We have secured both June 7, 2025 at the War Office in Lebanon, CT from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM to hold this Court of Honor.

At the CTSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Court of Honor, the following scouts will be honored:

- *Eagle Scout Gavin Villepigue* of Troop 788, Weston, CT (CYC) to be recognized by the Gen. David Humphreys Branch No. 1.
- *Eagle Scout Ethan Lessen-Crawford, Troop 355, Newington, CT* (CRC) to be recognized by the Gov. Wadsworth Branch 7.

All award medals and patches for both of the eagle scouts and the state winner award will be purchased from the NSSAR Merchandise store. After receipt of the award shipment, the next step is to have them engraved in time for the scheduled recognition ceremonies. Note: Per NSSAR direction, the eagle scout state winner trophy has been replaced with a Silver Medal.

Invitations for both the court of honor and state ceremonies have been conveyed to both eagle scouts in order to have them read their essays and receive their well-earned recognition.

I again wish to the thank the entire CTSSAR for their continued support of this important program.

Respectfully Submitted;

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