Report of the CTSSAR Eagle Scout Patriotic Program: November 18, 2023

The year 2023 has been a good one where we received 6 applications for our Eagle Scout program contest.

A CTSSAR review team of seven compatriots was assembled to review the applications namely: Dave Perkins, John Gelinas Jr, Andrew Gelinas, Jackson Gelinas, John Emblidge, Roger Smith, and 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: 2 of 6 applications were from the Connecticut Rivers Council [CRC] and 4 of the 6 applications were from the Connecticut Yankee Council [CYC].

We celebrated our state winner and best essay writer Eagle Scout *Eagle Scout Noel Villepigue* of Troop 788, Weston, CT (CYC) at the April state annual meeting at J. Timothy's in Plainville.

Additionally on Sunday, July 2, 2023, we celebrated each of the 6 branch winners, as well as our state winner, at our first annual Eagle Scout CTSSAR Scholarship Court of Honor at Putnam Park in Redding, CT. Many SAR members and Scouting enthusiasts attended in addition to the CTSSAR Color Guard who presented colors and 3 volleys. Mary and Tim Wilkins also sang the national anthem. It was a wonderful celebration.

At the CTSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Court of Honor, the following scouts were recognized:

- *Eagle Scout Jackson Baimel* of Troop 770, Newtown, CT (CYC) – was recognized by the Roger Sherman Branch No. 5.

- *Eagle Scout Adam Glassman* of Troop 41, Woodbridge, CT (CYC) was recognized by the Gen. David Humphreys Branch No. 1.

- *Eagle Scout Joshua Kapp* of Troop 51, Old Saybrook, CT (CRC) was recognized by the Nathan Hale Branch No. 6.

- *Eagle Scout Michael Niktchyuked* of Troop 770, Newtown, CT (CYC) was recognized by the Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9.

- *Eagle Scout Alexander Rivard* of Troop 68, Farmington, CT (CRC) was recognized by the Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch No. 7.

- *Eagle Scout Noel Villepigue* of Troop 788, Weston, CT (CYC) was recognized by the CTSSAR.

As of this writing we have received one application for the current calendar contest cycle. However, it is still early. All applications for the next cycle are to be received by 12/31/2023. Judging will begin in early 2024.

At this time, I want to express my sincere thanks to our SAR compatriot, John Gelinas Jr (Eagle Scout Class of 1975, and the father of two former CTSSAR Eagle Scout scholarship winners, Andrew and Jackson), for his tremendous help in 2023 and organizing the 1st Court of Honor. Unfortunately, John has stepped down from being our chairman of the CSSAR Eagle Scout Program. Therefore, I have reassumed my prior role as chairman for the CTSSAR Eagle Scout Program as we move forward.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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