From: Michael Bird, Connecticut Congress Committee

To: CTSSAR BOM

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Subject: Gold Good Citizenship Medal Candidates for 2025 by CTSSAR

The Connecticut Society is allowed to present up to two GGC medals in one year.

The following two candidates were recommended, and I am requesting the BOM to review the candidate bios and be prepared to discuss and vote at the February 22nd BOM.

The current cost for a GGC medal is $150 per SAR National Store.

Candidate 1:

The acclaimed writer **Nathaniel Philbrick**.

His bio: https://www.nathanielphilbrick.com/about

He was our CTSSAR guest speaker at the November 2021 state meeting at Lucky Lou's in Wethersfield. He was invited to speak by Damien Cregeau, who knows him and arranged for him to speak.

Candidate 2:

Colonel Ahmed Beermann

Born in Egypt on the Mediterranean Sea in 1975 Colonel Ahmed Beermann moved to Kuwait and attended government schools up to college. Earning a degree in architectural engineering Col. Beermann moved to the USA to continue his higher education attending Trinity College where he met his wife, Eva.

He enlisted in army reserve and entered combat engineer basic at AIT at Ft Leonard wood MO.in 1979 After graduation from OCS Col Beermann was commissioned a second lieutenant in US army corps of engineers CT ARNG then transferred to the Mass ANGa civil engineer officer and later after completing AFSC training he was assigned as the disaster preparedness flight chief. Col. Beermann served in support of Desert Storm and later as a USSCOM weapons inspector in IRAQ where his team uncovered Sadam’s biological weapons program to weaponize Anthrax.

After the attacks of 9/11 as a Major, he was deployed to Afghanistan with the 101st airborne division conducting HUMINT operations. In 2003 he was deployed to Iraq with JSOC tasked to capture/kill the blacklisted senior officials also known as the deck of 54 cards.

After killing Saddam's sons blacklist #2&3 Odaie & Quassie he was promoted to LTC and later was instrumental in capture of Saddam Hussein and personally pulled him out of the spider hole and conducted his debriefing for 30 days before his capture was revealed.

He was promoted to Colonel in 2008 and assigned to USSOCOM international programs division chief. He left AD in 2011 and returned to his civilian job as licensed Architect at state of CT CSCU. He earned another AFSC EPLO in 2012 and retired from USAFR in 2013.

Col. Beermann and his wife EVA live in Eastford CT and have two sons Joseph, a former marine and Adam a former Green Beret as well as three grandchildren.

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