

Report of the CTSSAR Eagle Scout Patriotic Program: February 20, 2021

2021 has been a good year where we received 4 applications for our Eagle Scout program contest. Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to be creative in developing alternative plans for the recognition ceremonies. As of this writing, we are planning to utilize outdoor venues to conduct the Eagle Scout recognition ceremonies by the branches as we did last year. All of the 2020 ceremonies were very successful via an atmosphere of celebration and social distancing.

This year's applications were a split between 2 out of 4 BSA Councils in Connecticut: 3 of 4 applications were from the Connecticut Rivers Council [CRC] and the remaining single application was from the Connecticut Yankee Council [CYC]. A CTSSAR review team of five compatriots was assembled to review the applications namely: Dave Perkins, John Gelinias, Andrew Gelinias, Roger Smith, and myself. Thank you, gentlemen and compatriots, for your continued support.

The following is the 2021 status for the Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremonies:

- An outdoor ceremony to recognize Eagle Scout Jacob Gordon O'Reilly, T16, Middletown [CRC] by the Capt. Nathan Hale Branch No. 6 is tentatively scheduled to be held on June 5, 2021 at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in East Haddam at 12:00 PM.
- A ceremony to recognize Eagle Scout John Hart, T50, Wethersfield [CRC] by the Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch No. 7 is presently TBD.
- A ceremony to recognize Eagle Scout Evan Misinski, T26, Windsor [CRC] by the Gen. David Humphreys Branch No. 1 is presently TBD.
- A ceremony to recognize Eagle Scout Spencer William Carlson, T76, Ridgefield [CYC] by the Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9 is also presently TBD.
- It should be noted that Eagle Scout Spencer Carlson will be also recognized as our State Winner at our CTSSAR state meeting on April 24, 2021 in Hartford.

Additionally, as our state winner, Eagle Scout Spencer William Carlson's documentation has been sent to NSSAR to compete at the National Level for the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest.

All award medals and patches for all 4 of the eagle scouts and the state winner trophy have been 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.

New Information:

For your information, the Boy Scouts of America have accepted females into the boy scout ranks. Some of these new female scouts are pursuing their advancement in scouting toward Eagle Scout. On February 10, 2021, I was contacted via email by Eagle Scout Brooke Thibodeau, T179 New Fairfield [CYC]. She is one of the first female Eagle Scouts in the state and the country. She passed her Eagle Scout Board of Review on October 26, 2020 and was officially inaugurated with other female Eagle Scouts on February 8, 2021. She turns 18 years old in July. On February 10, 2021, she has inquired about our Eagle Scout Contest

As of this writing, I have not received her application documentation. However, I expect her application for the next cycle of our CTSSAR Eagle Scout contest ending in December 2021. We have congratulated her on becoming an Eagle Scout and look forward to helping her with the contest process.

As we move forward through the COVID-19 Pandemic and other changes, it is good to see that the Boy Scout of America (BSA) program is still moving forward and continues to help develop our youth into being our next leaders.

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

Respectfully Submitted;

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PS: As noted above, the review committee was comprised of compatriots Dave Perkins, John Gelinas, Andrew Gelinas, Roger Smith, and Timothy Wilkins.