

Report of the CTSSAR Eagle Scout Patriotic Program: September 19, 2020

This year has been an exceptional year where we received 7 applications for this program. We also had to create an alternate plan for the recognition ceremonies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The alternative plan utilized outdoor venues to conduct the Eagle Scout recognition ceremonies by the branches and the state. All of the ceremonies were very successful via an atmosphere of celebration and social distancing.

This year's applications were a split between 2 BSA Councils: 4 of 7 applications were from the Connecticut Rivers Council [CRC] and the remaining 3 were from Connecticut Yankee Council [CYC]. A CTSSAR review team of four compatriots was assembled to review the applications. We thank them for their support.

The following is the 2020 revised status for Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremonies:

- A combined ceremony to recognize both Eagle Scout Gabriel Stephen Denison T44, Haddam [CRC] and Eagle Scout Jonathan Maynard T73 Lisbon [CRC] by the Capt. Nathan Hale Branch No.6 was held on June 6, 2020 at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in East Haddam at 12:00 PM.
- A combined ceremony to recognize Eagle Scout Stephen Zigmond T15 Redding [CYC] by the Rev Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9 and Eagle Scout Spencer William Carlson, T76, Ridgefield [CYC] by the Roger Sherman Branch No. 5 was held on July 26, 2020 in Putnam Park at 2:00 PM.
- An outdoor ceremony to recognize Jason Luciani, T907 Woodbridge [CYC] – by the Humphreys Branch No. 1 was held in the East Side Cemetery in Woodbridge where his Eagle Scout Project was done on July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

- An outdoor ceremony was held to recognize Jacob Gordon O'Reilly T9 Cromwell [CRC] – by the Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch at the CTSSAR President's home in Wethersfield on June 27, 2020. Subsequently Jacob was also recognized as our State Winner by our CTSSAR President Damien Cregeau and Eagle Scout Program Chairman Tim Wilkins.
- Nathan R Zwart, T001 Torrington [CRC] – was recognized by the Go. Oliver Wolcott Branch No. 10 on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the Litchfield Historic Cemetery.

Award Medals and patches for all 7 of the eagle scouts were acquired and presented at the recognition ceremonies. The engraved state winner trophy was also presented to Eagle Scout Jacob Gordon O'Reilly.

Respectfully Submitted;

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