

Troop 907 Eagle Scout Jason Luciani Receives SAR Essay Award

On Monday, July 13, a special event was held at the Eastside Cemetery on Pease Road in Woodbridge. This was sponsored by the General David Humphreys Branch #1 of the Sons of the American Revolution and Scout Troop 907. It was held to commend Jason Luciani on his Eagle project and to present him with recognition certificate, a pin and a stipend for his essay on General Nathaniel Greene. Jason is the son of Scoutmaster Tom Luciani and Roxanne Luciani of Woodbridge, and has two Eagle Scout brothers and a sister, who all were present. It attended by approx. 50 SAR members and youth and adult members of Troop 907, past and today. Jason received the State SAR Essay Contest Award for his thoughtful Revolutionary War essay. His Eagle Scout Project was also completed at three Woodbridge cemeteries, researching and locating veterans of all wars. If you ever visit one of the cemeteries, you will now find a sign listing all veterans graves along with a map to locate these. Every spring, Troop 907 places new flags on the Veterans graves, and along with the signs, new secure flag holders were installed as part of Jason's Eagle project. The event was held at the Eastside Cemetery especially to also honor Patriots of the Revolutionary War buried there.

This brief recognition event also acknowledged our troop's dedication to the cemeteries and veterans which has been very solid for many years so it is tremendous that Jason chose the depiction of veterans graves in three Woodbridge cemeteries as his Eagle project. Scouts and adults who assisted were also thanked for their support of Jason's Eagle project and assistance with flags every year.

Recognizing there are significant and understandable concerns about gatherings amid the Covid19 pandemic, not all were comfortable attending. Social distancing rules were adhered to, masks were required and there was no need to shake hands. FYI, Scouting BSA now is allowing groups of up to 100 people to attend events held outside if rules are followed.

This was a very special event and time for us to take pride in Troop 907, Jason, and all of our Eagle Scouts and our church-sponsored program. Troop 907 offers solid training and fun for scouts, and viable opportunities for our scouts to advance throughout the program to the Eagle rank, and it is important to provide recognition.

Former Troop 907 scoutmaster and Woodbridge resident Tim Wilkins was instrumental with this event, and provided the essay recognition. State SAR President Ethan Stewart who is also Gen. David Humphreys Branch #1 President presided with Tim.

Troop 907 has continued to meet through the Covid19 pandemic using Zoom video conferencing. The scouts, leaders and troop adjusted to two 45 minute minutes per week in the spring and are continuing with one virtual meeting per week throughout the summer, as well as attending virtual summer camp. The troop has grown in youth members recently and continued to support merit badge & rank attainment for the scouts.

As always, church members and friends are encouraged and welcomed to assist with the troop, at any time. Your help is needed, please contact me at forselius@snet.net

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