

The Joe Maziarz 5th Annual Scholarship Award



Joe Maziarz

On Sunday, June 14th, an award ceremony was held at the Schuyler Town Office to announce the winners of the 5th Annual Joe Maziarz Scholarship Award. This year's essay topic, "The Importance of War on Terrorism," elicited much interest among the contestants vying for top placement in the contest, with the panel of judges selecting the entries of three contestants — Collette Bora, Christina Ciaiola and Kristina Shikula — as 2nd Place winners, and 1st Place awarded to Jennifer Wagner for her outstanding essay. Each winner read aloud their essay, before an audience comprised of family members, friends, VFW members, and town officials. The John A. LaPolla VFW Post # 8728 and the Town of Schuyler are proud co-sponsors of the Scholarship Program. After the close of the ceremony, members of the Historical Society opened the Historical Room for public visitation.



VFW Quartermaster George Dunbar delivers his welcoming message.



Left to right: Supervisor Ken Dodge with the three 2nd Place Winners, Christina Ciaiola, Kristina Shikula, Collette Bora, and First Place winner, Jennifer Wagner.



Above: Quartermaster George Dunbar thanks the contestants for their excellent essays, and Joe's Daughter, Christine Puleo (right) speaks about her late father's wish that young people remember the significance of World War II and those who fought to preserve the freedom of our nation and the world.

