

## **Essay by Darien Fifth Grader Wins First Place in Daughters of the American Revolution State Contest**

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Elizabeth Abelson, an Ox Ridge student, has won First Place in the 2022 Connecticut State Daughters of the American Revolution Fifth Grade American History Essay Contest.

— an announcement from the [Darien Good Wife's River Chapter](#) of DAR

Her essay on this year's topic, “The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,” competed with essays by other fifth graders submitted by DAR Chapters from across the state. Her essay was the winner of the local Fifth Grade American History Essay Contest sponsored by Darien’s Good Wife’s River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Rebecca Saenger and Philip Abelson of Darien. She received her State Award and Certificate from CTDAR Essay Contest Chairman Darcy Kern and CTDAR State Regent Christy Hendrie during the CTDAR State Conference held on April 23, at the Sheraton Hartford.

Elizabeth, her mother, Good Wife’s River Chapter Honorary Regent, Karen Polett and GWR Recording Secretary, Rebecca Siciliano also attended.

This year’s topic celebrated the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D. C. on Nov. 11, 2021.

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