

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAKES HISTORY CADET MAKES MONEY

The Military Historical Society of Massachusetts made history of its own on May 16, 2008 when it's first Military History Essay Award was given to a Boston University Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet at a Beacon Hill luncheon.

Society President, Brigadier General John Carlson presented a \$2500 check to Sophomore Cadet Spencer Reese for his paper, "Washington's Principle" in which he compared the difficulties facing President's Lincoln (with General McClelland), and Truman (with General MacArthur).

Cadet Reese looked to George Washington's principal of civilian authority over the military, balanced it by reviewing the recent falling-out of former CENTCOM Commander Admiral William Fallon with the White House, then keenly assessed the two presidents' miseries, and firing decisions, as he affirmed Washington's Principle of total civilian authority over the military.

Reese, who hopes to be an Air Battle Manager after commissioning is a member of the "Flying Tigers" Detachment 355 at BU, and his victory also won a \$1500 prize for that unit. That check was accepted by its Commander Lieutenant Colonel Shane Johnson. Competitors were from Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at Eastern Massachusetts colleges including, Harvard, MIT and Brandeis. Next year the contest likely will expand to the central region of the state.

This year's contest was judged by academicians from three Boston colleges, Professor Michael Chesson, a retired Navy Captain, from UMass Boston, Major Susan Kane, US Army, of Northeastern, and Professor Emeritus John Sherman of Suffolk and former Society President.