**THE ARNOLD M. ALBERO MEMORIAL PATRIOTISM AWARD**

*Revised 4/25/17*

The Arnold M. Albero Memorial Patriotism Award is a one thousand dollar ($1,000) award to be given to a high school senior who demonstrates an appreciation for the freedoms we share as Americans as well as an understanding of the historic price individuals have paid for these freedoms. The recipient of this award must be a student who *displays a reverence for the values upon which our country was founded and whose hard work allows him or her to reach their potential and thereby safeguard the freedoms of the next generations of Americans.*

**CRITERIA:**

1. The senior must have maintained an average of eighty percent (80%) or better during his/her four years of high school.
2. The senior must be contributing to his/her own college or vocational school education by being employed during the high school years.
3. The senior must be particularly respected by teachers for his/her personal integrity. The applicant must submit two (2) recommendations from classroom teachers and one (1) recommendation from an advisor, counselor or employer.
4. The senior must submit a copy of his/her High School Transcript.
5. The senior will be evaluated on a written essay of 500 words entitled “What Being an American Means to Me”.
6. Please email all of the above to; Elaine Albero-Moss, (elaine7332@aol.com); Donna Albero-Esposito,(donna@espositoemail.com) and Lucile Albero-Kocur, (lcakbills@att.net)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Arnold M. Albero, a native of Pelham, New York, the tenth child of Italian immigrants, was born January 18, 1925. He graduated from Pelham Memorial High School and Westchester Community College in White Plains, NY.

Mr. Albero was a decorated World War II veteran. He landed on Omaha Beach in France in June 1944. He was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944 and received The Purple Heart and other decorations for his service in this great military campaign.

Mr. Albero was very active in many veterans’ organizations in Westchester County. He was President of the United Veterans Memorial and Patriotic Association, Commander of the American Legion and Chairman of the Americanism Committee of Post 8 of New Rochelle. He was also Westchester County Vice Commander of the American Legion.

Mr. Albero worked very hard to instill a sense of history and love of country in students of all ages through his participation in many Westchester County school programs. He wanted young people to understand *that the ethic of hard work, love of family and love of country* is what makes the United States of America a great nation.

Upon his death in 1992, the Albero family established the Arnold M. Albero Memorial Patriotism Award in his honor.

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