

American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program



*American Legion Zone Oratorical Chairman Michael Hannan
congratulating 2009 NY State finalist Eric Hepler*

We all know the Constitution. Perhaps we know parts of it; maybe some know it word for word. But how many of us would be able to speak for 10 minutes about a constitutional topic from memory, interpreting what it means to us and the nation? How many of us could give a speech on a random topic with only five minutes to prepare?

That's exactly what was demanded of the students who participated in this annual event. The competition for the \$18,000 scholarship, begins at the local post and progresses thru the District, State and National levels. It generally starts in January and goes thru March. For more information, please visit the National Legion website <http://www.legion.org/oratorical> or visit the New York state American Legion website at: <http://www.ny.legion.org/>.