

## Ryan McNerney Woodbury, CT

Sponsor: CDR William McNerney

College: Middlebury College

2022-2023: Junior

Major: Psychology with Double Minor in Education and

**Education Studies** 

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Middlebury Track & Field Team
- Middlebury Cross Country Team
- High School Varsity Track & Field and Cross Country
- Middlebury College Track Team Meet Announcer and Manager
- St. Rose of Lima Church: Vacation Bible School Counselor



Receiving a WOASF scholarship means a lot to me both as a student and as a member of a military family. As a student, I am grateful that this scholarship will allow me to continue my academic career at Middlebury College without having to worry about the financial burden of paying for tuition to the same degree if I were not awarded this scholarship. I will now be able to pursue all my long-term goals related to academics and my future career with more confidence in the stability of my status as a student at Middlebury. I am also especially grateful for this scholarship as a member of a military family because it shows that there are people like those at Wings Over America who appreciate the sacrifices that military veterans like my father made for us for so many years. It is truly my dad who earned this scholarship for me through his 29 years of service in the Navy. All I had to do was write a few essays and maintain a high GPA, while it was my dad who had to put in the hard work over the years. Thus, it is refreshing to be reminded that there are so many other people who appreciate what he did for our country as much as I do.