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A treasured transition to the summit circle

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CONTENT TEAM

As we near the centennial celebration of our great and honored Order, we glance back at history. We remember the countless times of fun and fellowship that we have shared together. We look back on our own ceremonies and remember the promise

that we made long ago, the promise to live a life of cheerful service. Many Arrowmen have made this promise over the last 99 years, and we look back to where it all began with our founder E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson, at Treasure Island Scout Reservation.

The national Order of the Arrow committee has decided to share the spirit and leave a legacy for future Scouts by sharing our impact on the Scouting movement. The committee has challenged all of our members to help by carrying out our obligation to “observe

and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow.” On the weekend of August 1st-3rd, the national Order of the Arrow committee, along with key volunteers and national staff, attended the dedication ceremony of the Summit Circle at the Summit Bechtel

Family National Scout Reserve. This ceremony is one of the ways that we fulfil that obligation. The Summit Circle will exist as a quiet place of reflection for Arrowmen and all Scouts, and will serve as the national

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Order of the Arrow ceremonial grounds. It will house the relocated Treasure Island ceremony ring, the one in which our Order was founded. Along with the relocation of the ring, the original stones for the Treasure Island ceremonial grounds along with the 50th anniversary lectern and plaque will be placed on site thanks to the generosity and efforts of Unami Lodge of the Cradle of Liberty Council, Philadelphia, PA. In the circle, new elements will be created from rocks sent from lodges throughout the nation as part of our centennial celebration. Additional features of our time will be added using steel and local West Virginia stone and timber; all within keeping to the high construction standards of the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve.

OA Circle at Betchel Summit



National Vice Chief Taylor Bobrow and National Chief Nick Dannemiller standing next to a blazing fire at the Summit circle.

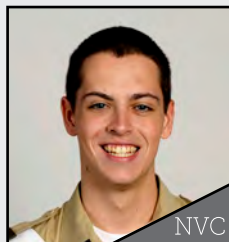
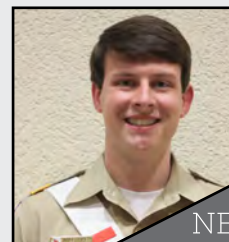
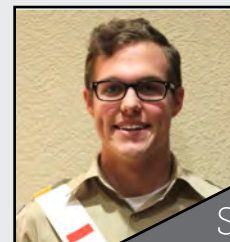
Tony Steinhardt, the vice chairman for development for the national Order of the Arrow committee and one of the key players in the project, explained how we are preserving our traditions by completing this project. "Scouts will discover the site via a logging road and will enter the circle by passing along a reflection trail. This trail is marked with 15 blazes of reflection, reminiscent of the Ordeal Ceremony and the original Brotherhood fireplace at our founder's homestead.

This pathway will allow Arrowmen to prepare their mind and spirit for the important place of reflection. Tucked away in a peaceful clearing, with the sounds of the passing creek, Scouts will finish the path by learning the history of the important place they are about to enter, the Treasure Island ceremonial grounds. The entry view from the south will be framed by a gateway that will set the stage for their time of self-reflection in the trapezoidal shaped

grounds. Once in the circle, an Arrowman will be able to reflect back to the original ceremony and of the original individual tests required. Each test will be marked within the grounds and Scouts will even be able to recreate several of the tests."

As a gift to Scouting by the Order of the Arrow in celebration of our 100th anniversary, the site will ensure that the birthplace of our Order will be preserved for another century and beyond.

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ArrowPower 2014 wrap-up

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each day, working both on and off the water to provide service with each and every Arrowman at the project. They also helped provide hilarious skits for both the opening and closing shows!

As the week came to a close, Arrowmen were given the results of their service. Over 1,500 hours of cheerful service were provided to the project, which is nearly \$35,000 worth of manpower donated to our National Parks! Scouts built a new 35 foot bridge for the Ice Age Trail and removed more than 2.5 miles of barbed wire fencing. One participant remarked, "I can't wait to come back next summer to show my friends what we've all done."

If interested in trying to create your own ArrowPower event back home, talk to your section or lodge chief about making it a reality. "The key is building partnerships with groups like the National Park Service or Forest Service," said C-1A Section Chief Ben Johnston. "Building on the friendships we've started at ArrowPower, any section can do an event like this!" With the right determination and enough help, you too can make a difference in your local area.

Two Brothers constructing a bridge at ArrowPower2014.

Alex Derr
C-1B SECTION CHIEF

Last August, over 100 Arrowmen gathered in the northwoods of Wisconsin for a week of service, adventure and environmental stewardship; ArrowPower2014 had begun! A joint effort by Sections C-1A, C-1B and C-3A, the event partnered with the National Park Service and Ice Age Trail Alliance to provide volunteer service for the St. Croix

National Scenic Riverway. Arrowmen traveled from across the Central Region to help build trails, clean campsites, remove barbed wire fencing, build footbridges and more; there was plenty to do for all. As one National Park ranger noted, "We've been waiting for you Scouts all summer!"

Joining the three sections were National Chief Nick Dannemiller and Central Region Chief Ricky Angeletti. They traveled around the event



Arrowmen resting after a long day of cheerful service at ArrowPower2014.



Brothers,

As we approach the eve of one hundred years for the Order of the Arrow, we find ourselves asking: what does it mean to be an Arrowman in light of our centennial anniversary? While a number of things come to our minds, we are ready to reflect, celebrate and serve.

From the South Pacific to the heart of New England, and the Pacific Northwest to the Gulf waters, our adventures have taken us across the nation and Order. After reflecting on the last year, we can proudly attest that the spark lit almost 100 years ago has become a roaring fire, and that we could not be more humbled to view your success while serving in our roles this year. We have seen, now more than ever, that this brotherhood is a tremendous force for good in Scouting, our communities and our world.

Consequently, now is the time to celebrate the lofty journey our Order has traveled. Whether you have been active since the 60th anniversary, or simply a freshly-minted Ordeal member, every Arrowman can and should take part in this momentous occasion: there has never been a greater time to be an Arrowman! Together, we can memorialize all those who helped the Order grow, enjoy this proud moment and cheerfully welcome every new member in the year ahead.

Our Order has never been one to simply be content with our past achievements. Arrowmen have always looked to the horizon for new summits. Lest we forget we have only just begun the adventure. Similarly, we plan to continue to serve Scouting and this organization; to pay forward the incredible experiences we have been fortunate to enjoy. We encourage YOU to rededicate yourself in new ways as we enter our centennial. This can take numerous forms, including helping with the Year of Service, earning the Arrowman Service Award or attending NOAC or ArrowTour. If through the next century, we hold fast to our Obligation, the Order will continue to travel straight and true as an arrow driven skyward, as an eagle soaring sunward.

It is our hope that you will join with us in greeting the dawn of this new century of service with the excitement and temerity it deserves. The Order of the Arrow has always been an organization of opportunity, and with this new beginning comes countless possibilities. Tackle the obstacles our Order has yet to conquer, strive to raise the bar in what you do, make your time in this brotherhood extraordinary, savor this next year in the company of your Brothers.

Thankfully,

Nick Dannemiller
Nick Dannemiller

Taylor Bobrow
Taylor Bobrow

"That you are here—that life exists and identity, That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse."

Highlights of section conclaves nationwide

Gerald Fraas
PEOPLE & HUMAN INTEREST LEAD

What makes each Conclave unique? There's plenty to share about how other Arrowmen experience conclave around the nation. There are two halves to the section conclave season. The first half of the season starts in early April and ends in mid-June, while the second half starts in July and ends in late October. Now that the second half is nearly over, it's time to take a step back and highlight some of the unique conclave venues and activities that made this year's gatherings special.

More often than not, a section conclave is held at a council's Scout camp. In 2014, 35 of 48 sections hosted conclave at a camp. Of the remaining 13, eight were held at schools, including W-5N's conclave at Cody Middle School in Cody, Wyoming. SR2-3S's Lone Star Fellowship was held on the campus of Texas State



Arrowmen playing wischixen, a Native American game, at the 2014 SR-9 Section Conclave held at Moundville Archaeological Park, Moundville, Alabama.

University. Other sections chose interesting locations as well, such as SR-9's Section Conclave at the Moundville Archaeological Site near Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and C-1A's Section Conclave at Camp Ripley, a 53,000 acre military facility near Little Falls, Minnesota. The venue a section chooses for its

conclave is important, but typically it's the activities that make the event.

After a rousing morning of training at section conclave, participants and staff dive into a wide variety of activities. Arrowmen at the SR-6 Conclave took part in football playoffs, complete with commentary by 2013

National Chief Matt Brown and 2014 National Vice Chief Taylor Bobrow. Runners at the Section C-7 Conclave had the opportunity to take part in a 5K race around the city of Stoughton, Wisconsin. Arrowmen at the NE-5A Conclave participated in a wide-scale Ultimate Frisbee tournament. Every conclave

offers something different, but all of them bring together Arrowmen from different lodges for a time of fellowship.

The conclaves of 2014 are coming to an end, but you can expect even more fun and excitement for the centennial celebrations at conclaves around the country next year!

Section W-3S promotes conclave with a new incentive program



Brothers proudly wearing their T-shirts at the 2014 W-3S Conclave.

Tyler Lyman
W-3S SECTION CHIEF

Having difficulty with Conclave promotions and attendance? Section W-3S tried something unique; lodges that worked towards increasing participation at the section's 2014 conclave received specialized lodge T-shirts for the event. Participation was based on a percentage of each lodge's rechartering membership. The shirts included a silkscreen logo of the event and color was the choice of lodge leaders. This allowed each delegation to build unity while bringing even more Arrowmen to the conclave.

This idea can be replicated with other organizational levels within the Order of the Arrow. Lodges with a large membership can provide this type of incentive to their chapters, who bring a certain number of Arrowmen to an event. The lodge T-shirt incentive helped Section W-3S to increase conclave attendance by over 25% from the previous year; a significant feat for any section. The section leadership believes that lodge unity and connectivity is one of the reasons why Scouts are drawn to the OA, especially at lodge and section events.

Another resource the section found useful for conclave promotion included providing a range of items at the trading post. Items tailored to participants' interest increased fundraising as well as opportunities to spark discussion with Arrowmen about all that the section has to offer. With the Order's centennial anniversary swiftly approaching, the section plans to capitalize on opportunities like the T-shirt incentive and trading post expansion in order to bring even more Scouts to its 2015 conclave, which will be held at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California.

National awards recognize Arrowmen throughout history

Throughout the years, there have been many ways to recognize Arrowmen for their efforts in the Order and in Scouting. Discover some of the awards used to fulfill this purpose.

Michael Casey
CONTENT TEAM

From July 16th, 2014 to December 31st, 2015, youth and adult Arrowmen will be able to commemorate our organization's centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award, also known as the "sash patch." Indeed, the Order of the Arrow has a long history of awards for exemplary service to the OA program, Scouting and communities. These awards started with the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) back in 1940.

Senior OA leaders created the DSA for members who gave exemplary service above the lodge level. Some of the first recipients included the founders and early officers of the organization. The award is a silver arrow suspended from a white ribbon with red arrows pointing upward.

In 1965, the 50th Anniversary Award was given to Arrowmen under 21 who fulfilled certain requirements. They were to be active within their troops and lodges, attend resident camp or a week long troop campout, participate in an OA service project, advance in BSA rank and recruit a new Scout. The award was a patch that was sewn onto the top portion of the OA sash.

In 1967, the national OA committee created a non-member recognition award called the Red Arrow Award. This award recognizes those who are not Arrowmen, but contribute exceptional service to the national organization. The Red Arrow Award is presented during the National Order of the Arrow Conferences.

In 1975 and 1976, the 60th Anniversary Award was given to Arrowmen under 21 who fulfilled requirements including personal development, involvement in BSA programs relating to the United States of America bicentennial celebration, and unit, lodge and council

service. This award was also a patch that could be sewn onto the top portion of the OA sash.

In 1981, following the death of Dr. E. Urner Goodman, the national OA committee created the Founder's Award. This award recognizes those who

give exceptional service to their local lodge. The award is a bronze medallion with the faces of Goodman and Carroll A. Edson superimposed. The reverse side offers a well-known quote from the Legend, "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

In 1990, the 75th Anniversary Award was given to all qualifying Arrowmen. This was a major change because adult members were eligible as well as those under 21. The requirements had specific tasks to be accomplished by youth and adults. They included development for one's chapter and lodge, unit and community, and self. The award was a pocket device that had a red and white ribbon with a suspended turtle representing the totem of the first lodge, Unami.

In 1998, following the death of Josh Sain, 1997 National Vice Chief, the national OA committee and the national council of chiefs created a scholarship given to youth OA officers of the section, region and national levels who contribute a significant amount of their time and service to the national program. Recipients must demonstrate a commitment to both the Order and their academic studies.

“Remind us of our lifelong commitment to cheerful service to the brotherhood of man.”

Dr. Goodman”

These awards have been given to many deserving recipients in recognition of their exemplary service to others. Dr. Goodman commented on our duty to others which should “remind us of our lifelong commitment to cheerful service to the brotherhood of man.”



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE IN LIGHT OF

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In our 100th anniversary, an Arrowman has the weight of the past upon him, but also has the power to shape the future founded in tradition.

ZACH SAGER

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It's a time to look back at our successes in our last century and the challenges we can go in the next 100 years. We must uphold the ideals of brotherhood, citizenship, and service.

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I do not look at the centennial as a time to look back on what we have done, I look at it as a time to see how our history has made us as an Order, a brotherhood, and Scouting's National Honor Society and reflect based on our past and express how we will uphold our virtues in the future.

JASON BUFFI

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Milestones like this [our centennial anniversary] are opportunities to reflect and reconnect to the primary reasons we became involved with this organization. As an Arrowman, this dedicates us to reach a greater understanding of the lessons learned during our time within the Brotherhood.

KELSEY FILES

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The centennial is a great opportunity for Arrowmen to renew our commitment to our younger brothers in blue, Cub Scouts and Webelos, to stay in

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AN ARROWMAN OF OUR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY?

and celebrate all of our
history and look to where
100 years focusing on our
cheerfulness and service.

RICKY ANGELETTI

“ The Order of the Arrow's centennial can serve as a powerful reminder to members, past and present, of our obligation as Arrowmen 'to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.' That commitment, along with the values of the Scout Oath and Law, can truly be one's guide for life.

RANDALL CLINE

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“ We are celebrating a 100 years of service and traditions in the Order of the Arrow. While we are honoring those traditions today, we are also taking on the responsibility to adapt the Order of the Arrow to meet the needs of Scouting over the next 100 years.

CHRIS GROVE

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“ It means accepting one's obligation to gather the best practices that the Order has to offer from its first century of service and utilize them to help forge its next century of service.

TIM BROWN

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our pledge of cheerful service and for many an opportunity to help
the program and ultimately make the transition to Boy Scouts.

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JEFF GOLDSMITH

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Centurion Award launch

Centurion Award launch

For nearly 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has purposefully recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Therefore, our organization's centennial provides a unique opportunity to commemorate those among us who are exemplars of the "high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow." The Centurion Award aims to highlight "hometown heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the OA that is bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. It is modeled after a similar program in the BSA's 100th anniversary celebration, the 2010 National Hall of Leadership. Accordingly, this recognition is an opportunity to highlight lodge development over the last century and the many individuals, both youth and adult, who were instrumental to this success. These honorees will serve as exemplars of leadership, modeling to others a commitment to cheerful service as the Order of the Arrow enters its second century.

Breakdown of criteria for nomination

Centurion nominees must have been registered in the BSA, the local council and the Order of the Arrow lodge during their recognized

"service period." A nominee need not have remained registered in the BSA, local council or Order of the Arrow lodge past the service period, nor at the time of nomination. Therefore, nominees may be living or deceased and should have provided significant contribution(s) to the lodge's legacy. Evidence of a historical member of the lodge may, but need not be, sourced from information within the lodge's centennial history book.

Each nominee must be designated as either a youth or adult contributor. A youth contributor denotes that the nominee's service period occurred while he was under 21 years of age. An adult contributor denotes that the nominee's service period occurred while he or she was over 21 years of age. An adult contributor can be recognized for his or her service as a professional or volunteer. The minimum service period is 3 years for a youth contributor and 6 years for an adult contributor. Time as a youth contributor may not be applied to the minimum time for an adult contributor (i.e., there can be no adult contributors under 27 years of age).

Logistics and process for selection and submission of nominees

From October 1st, 2014 to February 28th, 2015, Lodge Key 3s can submit their respective lodge's Centurion nominations to the national office. A recommended timeline that is available on the national OA website has been provided to assist lodges through the selection and submission process.

Lodges may nominate a number based on a ratio of 1 per 100 chartered members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20, according to 2013 membership data (i.e., data provided for rechartering in or around December 2013). Lodges with fewer than 800 chartered members will use the same ratio but may petition the national OA committee for such additional nomination slots to increase their total to 8. Awarding those additional nominees with the Centurion Award will be entirely at the discretion of the national committee.

To commence the selection process, the Lodge Key 3 will solicit recommendations for potential nominations of these "hometown heroes" from lodge members through the Centurion Award petition, which will be available for download on oa-bsa.org.

The answers provided in support of the Arrowman should not be a list of awards received by a potential nominee, rather an insightful anecdote (in the form of a testimonial) on this Arrowman's unique and exemplary service to the lodge. After careful review of the received recommendations, the Lodge Key 3 will determine their lodge's list of Centurion nominations prior to the established national deadline.

Following signed approval from the Scout Executive, the Lodge Key 3 will submit their respective lodge's petitions and the Centurion lodge verification form to the national office for approval. Once the national office confirms receipt and acceptance of

the nomination, Key 3's will be directed to upload each Centurion's name, hometown, lodge, council, dates of service, testimonial and picture electronically through an online portal. The data gained through the online portal will feed directly into a digital publication chronicling the stories of each of these Arrowmen.

Recognition of Centurions

Nominees selected by the national Order of the Arrow committee will be provided with a certificate and recognition ribbon consisting of a red and white ribbon and a metallic totem symbolizing the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Details on the ordering of these recognition items will be announced at a later date.

There are a variety of opportunities for Centurions to be recognized, at the local, regional and national levels.

First, the centennial gala, which is the premier banquet at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference, will serve as the primary national recognition event for Centurions. It is planned that lodges will be able to purchase tables of 10 seats that will include the lodge honorees and those members of the lodge wishing to participate in the dinner. Tickets will sell on a first-come, first-served basis with limited capacity. Tickets will be available for purchase through the NOAC registration portal and is estimated to open in spring 2015.

Second, a digital publication on the national OA website chronicling the stories of each of these Arrowmen will be published. Each

entry will include a photo of the Centurion in service, a listing of the lodge, council and hometown, as well as an anecdote provided from the nomination on this Centurion's unique exemplary service to the lodge. This publication will be made available after all nominations have been submitted, but before the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Third, during ArrowTour, part of each region's static display will be reserved in order to recognize local Centurions from that particular geographic area. Finally, lodges are encouraged to recognize their Centurions at appropriate lodge or council functions. Such examples include the lodge's annual holiday banquet.

To successfully support our local council's lodge in recognizing its "Hometown Heroes," carefully consider nominating Arrowmen who have selflessly exemplified the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service and passionately devoted themselves "to help other people at all times" and meet the needs of others. Upon entry into the OA's next century of service, these Centurions will serve as a hallmark and ardent reminder of our Order's commitment to cheerful service. All Arrowmen are encouraged to recommend potential nominations to their Lodge Key 3s.

More information

Please see the Centurion Award FAQ page for a listing of common inquiries. Any other questions on the Centurion Award can be directed to oa100@oa-bsa.org.

Nominations for Distinguished Service and Red Arrow Awards open

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was created in 1940 to honor those persons who render service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those OA members who render distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional or national basis. It is given primarily for dedicated service to the Order and

Scouting over a period of years. The award is presented every two to three years during the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 910 Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded. Young men under 21 and adults (volunteer and professional) are eligible for nomination. Nominations

will not be accepted or considered for posthumous awards. All DSA nominations must be received by the OA director no later than 5 pm (CST) on January 31st, 2015.

The Red Arrow Award, for distinguished service to the Order, is presented by the national Order of the Arrow committee to either non-Scouters or Scouters who are not members of the

OA. This service may take many forms and should involve a significant period of time, as opposed to a single event. Only a limited number of awards will be presented; therefore, only those nominees whose accomplishments are of the highest order will be recognized. Nominations will not be accepted or considered for posthumous awards. Red

Arrow Award nominations must be received by the OA director no later than 5 pm (CST) on January 31st, 2015.

Recommendations for the DSA and the Red Arrow Award must be submitted using the appropriate nomination form, which can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/printable-forms>.

Philmont Adviser Training, tailored to you

Branden Kelly
CONTENT TEAM

In 1948, the Boy Scouts of America fully adopted the Wood Badge Training Course into its program, and in 1949 the Philmont Scout Ranch was one of the first locations for adult Scouters to participate in Wood Badge. These courses were offered by the National BSA Council Staff at Gilwell Park and at Philmont's very own Camp Zastrow until 2000.

However, this doesn't mean that Philmont stopped utilizing elite programs to train Scouters. In fact, after nearly two years of planning, the Philmont Training Center offered a weeklong program during the summer in 2001, for advisers in the Order of the Arrow, known as the Philmont OA Adviser Conference (POAAC). The program focused on lodge advisers who wanted to find a solution to some of the problems that their lodges faced, and to add something new to their lodge, such as a program or position.

For lodge advisers with similar goals today, the course is still here to help.

"The thing that makes this training course completely unique every year is that



Advisers and staff from around the nation at the 2014 Philmont Adviser Training.

the content is designed for the participants by the staff through the use of a pre-event survey, which that is sent out prior to the course. The result is a course that provides participants the specific skills, tools and resources that they need in order to become a more effective adviser," said national committee member Steve Silbiger.

Some of the topics that are normally covered during the course include how to improve membership retention, the effective techniques of lodge and chapter communications, techniques to improve Brotherhood conversion and other subject matters as requested by the participants.

The goals are to challenge, educate and inspire both the participants and the staff. Since the conference is led by members of the national Order of the Arrow committee and BSA professional staff who have served as lodge advisers, there is a wealth of knowledge brought to the training throughout

the week. Additionally, special guests have trained throughout the conference including former and current national officers, members of the national committee and inspirational speakers. There are no prerequisites for advisers who wish to participate, and all are welcome!

The program isn't just hour-after-hour of training, however. During the evenings and almost all day on Wednesday, participants are able to experience and enjoy the many activities that Philmont has to offer, including hiking, fishing, horseback riding, pottery-making demonstrations, museum visits, Buffalo Barbeque on the Greensward, a western night of dance and games and shopping in Cimarron and nearby towns.

The Philmont Scout Ranch has offered amazing opportunities throughout its history for both youth and adults involved in the BSA. The Philmont OA Adviser Conference is just one of the many opportunities for Arrowmen at the high adventure base. Next summer's course is scheduled for June 21st-27th.

NE-3A finds success with OA Troop Representative Adviser Program, Unit of Excellence Program



Michael Todd
CONTENT TEAM

The Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative Program is a staple of many lodges' unit outreach program. While some find enormous success in the program, other lodges struggle to keep troop representatives involved, and their units lack any incentive to support them. This was the case with Troop 457, out of Williamsville NY, until they established the OA troop representative adviser (OATR adviser) position and became a 2013 OA Unit of Excellence. We interviewed Ginny Conway, OATR Adviser, to learn about their transformation from a "sash and dash" troop to an OA Unit of Excellence.

"The job of OA troop representative was thought of [as a] do nothing position... our Scouts needed to be held accountable in leadership positions," said Conway, a

Vigil Honor member of Ho-de-no-sau-nee Lodge. "Now we have two troop reps... a true leadership position with accountability."

Conway has served Troop 457 as the OATR adviser since the position was created, almost immediately after her Ordeal in 2010. She found opportunities to work with her advisees immediately.

"When I started driving [my OATRs] to events, I found that we could have some great discussions about the events... often we discussed how we could get others to join us."

Now, Conway works with the OATR advisers to formulate a list of goals and expectations for their team to work towards. "Our troop reps are expected to go to chapter meetings or LEC meetings, assist in running the troop election, attend at least one lodge event and become a Brotherhood member. They also are expected to encourage members to

attend events through troop announcements."

Conway also stresses the importance of recognition, "Once a year they are responsible for doing the annual OA presentation at a troop court of honor. The troop reps are [also] recognized."

There's more to being an OATR adviser than just directing youth.

"I also talked directly to the parents of the youth that appeared to be interested in [the OA]... I pointed out all the opportunities the OA has to offer and real life examples," she said. "I assist with car pools, and makes sure announcements go out, [including] congratulations to Scouts for OA accomplishments"

In regards to the OA Unit of Excellence Program, Conway said it "served as a catalyst for what has already happened in our troop. Our lodge adviser was invited to our winter court of honor to present it and told our troop about all the OA opportunities... it got non-members excited to join the OA."

For OA troop representatives, and especially OATR advisers, who are struggling to qualify as an OA Unit of Excellence, Conway shares the following best practices:

- Build interest in the OA by attending the events yourself and serving as an example.
- Communicate what is going on in the OA on a regular basis, and include the parents in the discussion.

NEW PROGRAM

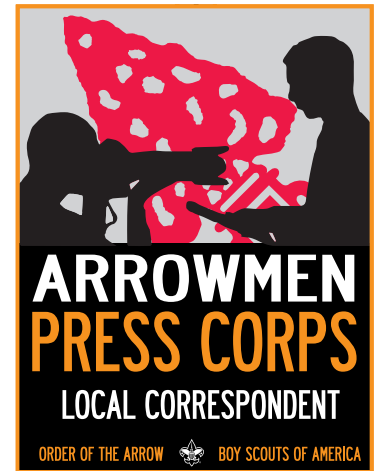
Arrowmen Press Corps: year round spotlight on lodges

Kenneth Erickson
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The purpose of the Arrowmen Press Corps (APC) program is to identify Arrowmen who are already producing relevant content and bring them onto the national OA communications team by utilizing their work to showcase our Order on the local level. Representatives will be able to learn skills and acquire information about events and activities in our organization that they may not receive elsewhere.

Based off of the popular NOAC program, APC representatives will sign up as members of their local lodge. Any youth Arrowman, who is not yet 21, is eligible to become a representative for the Arrowmen Press Corps. These representatives can select their interests in writing, photography or video making and pursue those interests in this program. This will allow for national publications, mailings and social media posts to include local content that otherwise may not be found, and for local writers and photographers to have their work seen nationwide.

Participants in the program will be eligible to earn recognition in the form of a unique patch. To meet the minimum requirements to get a silver level patch, a photographer must submit 10 total photographs, have one used nationally and two used locally. A writer must submit five articles, have one used nationally and two used locally. Finally a videographer must submit three videos, one of which



is used nationally and one used locally. Gold level recognition can be reached by fulfilling additional requirements.

When an Arrowman is interested in joining the APC, he can register for one of three options: writer, photographer or videographer. Upon completing the registration, the Arrowman will receive an email welcoming him to the program, explaining the criteria for submissions and other important information. Every participant will receive invites to bi-monthly conference calls where important information will be dispersed as well as things like writing tips, guest speakers and interesting things happening in our Order. After a member submits an article, not only will they receive the status of their articles, but also feedback that can help them improve their next article. To find out more information and register to be a part of this program, visit oa-bsa.org/APC or email us at apc@oa-bsa.org!

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A new adviser for the Northeast Region



NER Chairman, Bob Black

Alec Nelson
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This summer, the Northeast Region of the Order of the Arrow welcomed Bob Black as its new chairman, replacing Mark J. Chilutti who had served since 2011. Black brings great experience and perspective to the Order, having been awarded the highest honors both in the Boy Scout program

and the Order of the Arrow, as both an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member. He hails from Ohtahnagon Lodge of the Baden-Powell Council, which serves the southern New York area. Throughout his Scouting career, Black has served in various positions including national event staff, lodge adviser, council vice president and as a member of the region and section operations

subcommittee of the national Order of the Arrow committee.

He lives near Binghamton, New York and serves as a program manager for defense contractor BAE Systems, formerly British Aerospace and Marconi Electric Systems. During his tenure in Scouting and the Order, Black has been recognized with the Distinguished Service Award and the Silver Beaver Award.

Black has lofty goals for the region and is looking forward to making things happen. He hopes “that every Arrowman participates in the great birthday party of our Order.” He is looking forward to the future. “This will be a [time] to not only count the candles looking backward,” he said, “but also to set the pace for the next hundred years.”

National Chief to Chief Scout Executive

SPECIAL FEATURE

the story of two Arrowmen

Owen Clapp
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Created in 1940, the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is a special honor that only few in the Order of the Arrow have received. It is an acknowledgement of service beyond the lodge level by those Arrowmen who live the definition of cheerful service. Out of the few that have been chosen, only Arthur Schuck and Joseph Brunton have served as the equivalent of national chief and later became Chief Scout Executive.

Arthur Schuck started his Scouting career in the early days of the Order, making an impact that led him to receive the Distinguished Service Award. In 1913, Schuck entered the Scouting world as a Scoutmaster in Newark, New Jersey. He became a professional Scouter in 1917 serving as Scout Executive for Reading Council in Reading, Pennsylvania. Schuck became the director of operations for the 1937 National Jamboree. In 1948, he became the third Chief Scout Executive, earning the Silver Buffalo and the Bronze Wolf Award in 1960.

Schuck’s commitment to the Order was impressive. He determined that the Order should be a part of his council and worked with Dr. E. Urner Goodman to create Indiandale Lodge, the fifth lodge of the Order at the time. He attended the first Grand Lodge Meeting of the Order and became the first grand lodge treasurer. In 1922, his lodge hosted the second Grand Lodge Meeting, and he became the second grand lodge chieftain, winning a close election against Carroll Edson. Schuck received the Distinguished Service Award in 1942.

Joseph Brunton Jr. was a professional Scouter and active member of the OA. He was one of the founding members of Octoraro Lodge in West Chester, Pennsylvania in 1926. Brunton became the Scout Executive for East Boroughs Council, Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania and in 1936, he was elected national lodge treasurer. At the age of 35, he became the 1938 national lodge chief. In this position, he started the idea of “fellowship” meetings, which became what we know today as section conclaves. Instrumental in creating the

Distinguished Service Award, he presented the first one to Dr. Goodman in 1940, and received it himself six years later.

Brunton also was an active Scouter in other ways. He became a member of the Boy Scouts of America’s National Council in 1952, as director of church relations. In 1957, he became a member of the National Council’s senior management and was appointed Chief Scout Executive in 1960. He would later receive the World Organization of the Scout Movement’s Bronze Wolf Award in 1965 and the BSA’s Silver Buffalo Award in 1977.

These gentlemen are among the earliest recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. Schuck and Brunton were part of the second and third class of recipients respectively. At the time of Brunton’s recognition, he was one of only twenty recipients of this prestigious award. Only three Arrowmen were awarded the DSA at each national meeting during this period. We are indebted to their service and the service of other early recipients who helped make the Order what it is today.

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OA Troop Rep. Adviser & Unit of Excellence Program

- Provide OA troop representatives with a job description and clearly defined expectations.
- Work with the lodge and develop a relationship with it on the troop level; get the benefit of having members be in the loop on lodge program.
- Ensure proper unit election procedures.
- Be sure unit leaders are aware of the camping requirement.
- Publicize OA accomplishments and service performed by those in your unit.
- Provide a means of coordinating transportation to OA events and meetings.
- As an OATR adviser, understand – and live out –

the role of the adult in the OA.

Overall, the OATR adviser needs to instill good habits in members – OATRs and others – regarding event attendance, setting the example and more. By ensuring the health of a unit’s OA activities, an effective OATR adviser can really make the difference in the lives of both their immediate advisee and the many, many Scouts who are yet to begin their journey in the Order.

Dedicated to the memory of Jerry Sullivan II, Ho-de-no-sau-nee Lodge Adviser and Section NE-3A Associate Adviser. He saw the Order’s work fulfilled through his example. Passed August 27th, 2014.

2014 OA High Adventure recap

"Adventure is the reward for cheerful service, and leadership is the result."

Programs yield remarkable service through adventure

Joey Dierdorf & Tyler Bond
CONTENT TEAM

This is how Order of the Arrow Summit Experience Director Tyler Allen sums up the theme of every Order of the Arrow High Adventure (OAHA) program. Each year, Arrowmen from around the nation come together in brotherhood and service at the Boy Scouts of America's National High Adventure Bases. While these Arrowmen leave their worksites unfinished, they depart with assurance that the next crew will continue where they left off during the next OAHA trek.

How much service does the Order of the Arrow provide through OAHA programs each year?

OA Trail Crew Director Tim Riedl says, "Over nine sessions, 184 participants completed the program and provided 8,893 man-hours of service, building 3,490 feet of trail, which included over a dozen rock walls."

Riedl also commented on the experience Arrowmen have while completing this work, stating, "The change I witnessed was night and day. Participants arrive nervous, anxious, willing; they leave strong, confident and as brothers."

Though the many rock walls - some 20 feet in length and 4 feet in height containing over 1,000 rocks - took a considerable amount of time to build, there was still plenty of time for fun! Over the nine sessions, a



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stunning 1,300 miles of trail was hiked by participants this summer.

In the boundary waters of Minnesota, Ryan Bajan and Ted Weiland were hard at work running the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey programs. Assistant Director Weiland reported that 115 Arrowmen worked to build "over 150 feet of turnpike, well over 100 feet of retreat, and eight gradient dips... during the summer."

In the pristine beauty of the Northern Tier Boundary Waters, their work was never

boring or without reward. Throughout their nine sessions, participants canoed more than 1,800 miles of wilderness territory that has been virtually untouched by humans.

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program had an exciting summer as well! The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base welcomed 75 Arrowmen in 12 different crews to experience a truly unique adventure.

Members of the OA who attended the Ocean Adventure program spent four days

providing service for a variety of organizations in the Florida Keys. This included the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Mote Marine Labs and the South Florida Council of the BSA.

Arrowmen then embarked on a 42-foot sloop rig sailboat, where they explored the sea while learning about navigation techniques, marine ecology and how to use the wind to sail. Over the course of this amazing adventure, Arrowmen completed 2,250 hours of service, constructed

170 feet of new erosion wall, finalized 640 feet of erosion wall and harvested seven invasive lionfish!

Finally, at the new Order of the Arrow Summit Experience program, Director Tyler Allen and his team made great strides during a successful inaugural year.

With 80 participants, many of whom had no previous experience building trail, OA Summit Experience cranked out over 3,000 feet of trail during its 8 sessions. These Arrowmen also experienced a myriad of programs that the Summit Bechtel Reserve has to offer, including canopy tours, rugged mountain biking trails, the world's largest outdoor climbing facility, gliding down the nation's largest zip line and rafting down Class 5 rapids in the New River Gorge.

Though these numbers and statistics are an amazing achievement, one that Arrowmen should be proud of, they were not created in a blink of an eye. Participants put their hearts and souls into the trails and projects that they worked on. They gave back to these bases in the hope that someday a new generation of Arrowmen will take their place and continue to add on to their legacy of service. With the 100th anniversary of the OA and the 20th anniversary of the OAHA program, we expect to see a record number of OAHA participants next summer. Become part of this legacy; make an OA High Adventure program part of your summer in 2015.