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OA Chief Delivers Report to the Nation

by Will Parker

From February 27 to March 3, six other Scouts and I had the privilege of presenting to Congress the BSA's annual Report to the Nation. Since 1916, when the U.S. Congress officially chartered the Boy Scouts of America, the BSA has submitted an annual report on the state of Scouting. Over the years, the trip to our nation's capital has become a high-profile public relations event and, as a result, the BSA has expanded the presentation of its report to various government and military leaders.

This year, presentations were made to the superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery; secretary of the Army; chief of staff of the Army; Sergeant Major of the Army; secretary of Education, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana; Secret Service; clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court; clerk of the House of Representatives; secretary of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; President Clinton; and last, but certainly not least, our



National Chief Will Parker (left) presents the Report to the Nation to Indiana Congressman Ed Pease, our national OA chairman.

national Order of the Arrow chairman, Congressman Ed Pease of Indiana.

The delegates for the Report to the Nation represented a diverse

cross section of the BSA. We were chosen based on various achievements--several were recipients of the BSA's heroism awards; one was a Cub Scout; and one was a

Venturer. The report, presented in a leather-bound frame, is a two-page synopsis of the successes we have had as an organization during 1998. Of course, the Order of the

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Adventure of a Lifetime Waits for You!



Two Scouts work on a campsite at the Northern Tier.

by Charley Wasson

Are you looking for the adventure of a lifetime? If

so, the Order of the Arrow has just the ticket for you. This summer you can be part of the first ever OA

Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. The two-week voyage sessions will take place at the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota, starting June 9 and running through August 23.

Arrowmen from throughout the country will take part in the program, which gives them an opportunity to explore the U.S. Boundary Waters Canoe Area. In addition to mastering portage trail maintenance techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills; learn about advanced wilderness, low-impact camping skills,

and wilderness safety techniques; participate in many motivational activities, and receive special OA instruction. This amazing experience is much like the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont (which is largely filled) and, at \$100, very affordable (cost includes meals and housing).

Those interested in the Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage must be at least 16 years old by the day your voyage session begins, but not yet 21 by its conclusion. Participants must be a registered member of both the BSA and an OA lodge.

If you are interested

you may apply by requesting an application from the national OA office (call 972-580-2438) or by downloading the application from the OA voyage Web page: <http://www.host.scouternet/oavoyage>. When completing the application, be sure your Scout executive, lodge adviser, and parents approve your participation. Return the completed application and a non-refundable \$25 deposit to: Director, Order of the Arrow, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-

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The E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Recipients

by Billy W. Walley



National Chief Will Parker (left) and National Vice Chief Andrew Oh.

Dear Brothers,

By the time you receive this National Bulletin, a third, or perhaps even a half of your OA program year has gone by. You may be finishing up your troop elections, going on your last camping weekend until the fall, or preparing for summer camp. Your involvement in the Order of the Arrow has been busy and exciting this past year.

We, too, find ourselves in a similar situation. We feel excited by the opportunity to meet you, to talk with you, and to serve you. The individual Arrowman—each and every one of you—is what makes the Order such a great organization. You allow the spirit of the OA to reach all parts of Scouting and our nation. Your role in Scouting's National Honor Society is important, and we thank you for your involvement.

This year, we want to be part of your dream—your vision of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. We would like to assist you in passing the fire of cheerful service on to others. Please feel free to contact us about any questions or comments you may have about our Order.

This is the year that we, working together, can make a difference to a young Scout. If we can seize the moment and go about our lives with enthusiasm and humility, we can make our organization great. In doing so, we may just make the world a better place to live. We can make our mark in "the great play of life."

Let us work toward fulfilling our great purpose—together.

Yours in Scouting,

Will Parker
National Chief

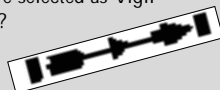
Andy Oh
National Vice Chief

Did You Know?

- That 555 members were honored in 1998 with the Founder's Award for unselfish service to their lodges?
- That 2,625 members were selected as Vigil Honor members in 1998?



For He, Who Serves His Fellows, Is of All His Fellows Greatest



The E. Urner Goodman Scholarship program was established as a meaningful living memorial to our founder by providing needed financial resources that will perpetuate continued high-caliber, service-minded individuals dedicated to professional Scouting service. It is only fitting that an educational scholarship be named for Dr. Goodman since he was a teacher before entering professional Scouting. For 1999, the national OA Committee has agreed to fund \$6,500 in scholarships, and the recipients and the amount that they will receive are:

Corey L. Haynes will receive \$2,500. He is registered with the Adirondack Council, Plattsburgh, New York, and is a member of the Loon Lodge. He is a sophomore at Saint Lawrence University in Canton, New York, and is majoring in history and Canadian studies. He is an Eagle Scout with seven Palms, and has served as lodge chief and vice chief, and as section vice chief in two sections.

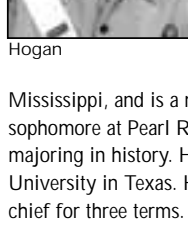


Haynes



Hogan

Mark F. Hogan will receive \$2,500. He is registered with the Old Colony Council, Canton, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Tisquantum Lodge. He is a sophomore at Curry College, Milton, Massachusetts, and he is majoring in communications. He is an Eagle Scout and has served as lodge chief and lodge secretary. He now serves as section chief.



Thompson

LaVar Thompson will receive \$1,500. He is registered with the Pine Burr Area Council, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is a member of the Ti'ak Lodge. He is a sophomore at Pearl River Community College, where he is majoring in history. He plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. He is an Eagle Scout and served as lodge chief for three terms.



Thompson

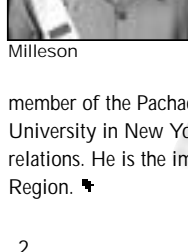
Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship Recipients

The Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and the memory of Josh Sain, a former national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow. Scholarships from the E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Fund are provided to former national or regional officers upon successful completion of their terms. The national OA Committee has agreed to fund \$5,500 in scholarships, and the recipients and the amount they will receive are:



Milleson

Mathew Milleson will receive \$3,000. He is registered with the Great Southwest Council, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is a member of the Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge. He now attends Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and is a sophomore majoring in psychology and philosophy. He is the immediate past national chief of the Order of the Arrow.



Kuder

Jason Kuder will receive \$2,500. He is registered with the Mohegan Council, Worcester, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Pachachaug Lodge. He is a junior at Syracuse University in New York, where he is majoring in international relations. He is the immediate past chief of the Northeast Region.



Kuder

Fort Collins to Host National Leadership Summit

by Mike George

For the first time in its history, the Order of the Arrow will hold a National Leadership Summit for the key leadership of every lodge, section and region. The summit will be held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, and will begin on Saturday, July 31, and conclude on Tuesday, August 3, 1999. More than 1,200 Arrowmen are expected to attend this groundbreaking event.

The purpose of the summit is to present the Order's new five-year strategic plan (1998-2002) to its leadership. The plan was developed over the past several years by members of the national OA Committee working in concert with youth and adult leaders throughout Scouting. Training, electives and discussion groups on how to help implement the

new plan will all be a vital part of the summit program.

The Order's key leadership will learn how the Order of the Arrow plans to expand its support beyond camping to include greater focus on leadership development, membership extension, adventurous programming, and broader service to Scouting and the community. The Order's vision is "to be recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society and an integral part of every council. Its service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich, support and help extend Scouting to America's youth."

Four critical issues were identified by the national Order of the Arrow Committee for completion in 1999:

Lodge Leadership Development training; OA troop/team representative program; Quality Lodge program; and the new role of the section. On Sunday and Monday mornings of the summit, lodge and section leaders will be trained in how to implement these programs in their home lodges and sections.

On Sunday and Monday afternoons, summit participants will be asked to take an active role in determining how to best implement future strategic plan initiatives by attending four of the 19 electives below. Never before has the frontline leadership had such a hands-on opportunity to influence national OA programs.

- Teaching Arrowmen to Communicate Our Strategy
- Effectively Communicating and Marketing Order of

- the Arrow Programs
- Funding the Order's Strategic Plan
- Generating Order of the Arrow Income Through Sales and Marketing
- Preserving Our Order of the Arrow History
- Total Outdoor Arrowman Development
- New Order of the Arrow Ceremonial Manuals
- Recognition and Awards for Individuals
- Recognition and Awards for Lodges
- Service: Where It's At! (Part I)
- Service: Where It's At! (Part II)
- Service to America Update
- Scoutreach Troop Mentoring Program
- Today's Training Opportunities in the Order of the Arrow
- Section Officer Training

- Lodge Adviser Training
- Boy Scout Leadership One-Day Training
- Making the OA Troop Representative Program Happen in the Lodge
- New Role of the Section

The goal is to have every lodge and section's Key 3 (chief, adviser and professional adviser) attend the summit. The Key 3 should be actively involved in every part of the program at the summit and should give leadership to the plan upon return home.

The Order's five-year plan is a major undertaking and will require a great deal of effort by all Arrowmen. The rewards--a stronger Scouting program, a better understanding of service to others, a chance to make a difference in the lives of the next generation--are immense. ♣

NATIONAL COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

by Brock Ostrander

The national OA Committee has chosen to take part in the BSA's National College Internship program. The internship program, developed in 1993, is specifically designed to introduce interested college seniors to the career of professional Scouting. The overall curriculum encompasses the major tasks required of professional Scouters. Interns work alongside a professional Scouter for about 20 hours a week and receive a stipend of \$1,500 for a semester of work and training.

Arrowmen accepted into the program receive academic credit for the internship program from their college or university for work completed within a full semester. Plus, the BSA provides all program materials and supplies. Interns who successfully complete the program may be offered permanent employment as a unit-serving executive in the council where they interned, or in one of the 320 local councils throughout the country.

The National College Internship program is currently being conducted in selected BSA councils throughout the country. Arrowmen can contact one of the 31 local councils listed below (or the national OA office) for further information:

Apopka, Fla.	Detroit, Mich.	Ontario, Calif.
Atlanta, Ga.	Fort Worth, Tex.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Baltimore, Md.	Houston, Tex.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Bethesda, Md.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Portland, Ore.
Boston, Mass.	Kansas City, Mo.	Rochester, N.Y.
Chicago, Ill.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Seattle, Wash.
Cincinnati, Ohio	Miami Lakes, Fla.	San Antonio, Tex.
Columbus, Mo.	Milwaukee, Wis.	San Jose, Calif.
Costa Mesa, Calif.	Metairie, La.	Tacoma, Wash.
Denver, Colo.	New York, N.Y.	Wichita, Kan. ♣
Denville, N.J.	Omaha, Neb.	

1998 Goodman Camping Awards Announced

The national OA Committee is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. According to Billy Walley, vice chairman of the national OA recognitions and awards subcommittee, the purpose of the award is to encourage and challenge Order of the Arrow members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in their region.

Eligible lodges must be classified as a National Quality Lodge, have published a Where to Go Camping booklet, have an exceptional unit visitation program, Arrowmen on camp staff, and a significant increase in long-term camping participation. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually. The lodges being recognized for their accomplishments in 1998 are:

Northeast Region Kittatinny Lodge Hawk Mountain Council Reading, Pennsylvania	Southern Region Sequoyah Lodge Sequoyah Council Johnson City, Tennessee
Moswetuset Lodge Boston Minuteman Council Boston, Massachusetts	Nawakwa Lodge Robert E. Lee Council Richmond, Virginia
Central Region Lowaneu Allanque Lodge Three Fires Council St. Charles, Illinois	Western Region Ohlone Lodge Pacific Skyline Council San Mateo, California
Indian Drum Lodge Scenic Trails Council Traverse City, Michigan	Lo La' Oam Geela Lodge Crater Lake Council Central Point, Oregon ♣



by Jim Cheatham

Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge, Mid-America Council, Omaha, Nebraska, holds an event each year called "Ceremonies Unlimited" to expose members to a hands-on experience in ceremonies. The weekend consists of regalia construction and classes including ceremony development, drumming and singing. Plans have also been made to add Indian dancing in future years. The lodge opens this event to all members of the Mid-America Council. Additional information is available by contacting Mike Mann, adviser. Web address: <http://nfinity.com/~fjibero/oa97/> E-mail address: MMANN@MAIL.UNMC.EDU

Tsoitsi Tsogalii Lodge, Greensboro, Old North State Council, North Carolina, has created a commemorative patch to celebrate its fifth anniversary in 1999. A special celebration will be held on November 12-14 at its fall fellowship, which will include a rededication ceremony and winter banquet. Web address: http://www.asheboro.com/ons/oa70/oa_70.htm

Narraticong Lodge of the former Thomas A. Edison Council in Edison, New Jersey, and Sanhican Lodge of the former George Washington Council in Pennington, New Jersey, merged as of March 1999 and is now the Central New Jersey Council in Pennington. This merger combines the 78 years of service of the Narraticong Lodge with the 80 years of service of the Sanhican Lodge. The new lodge name and number will be announced in the fall. For more information about the new lodge, contact Todd Bletcher at e-mail toadburp@aol.com. Web address: <http://www.eden.rutgers.edu/~csage/OA.htm>

Golden Sun Lodge, Cornhusker Council, Lincoln, Nebraska, recently presented the Founder's Award to a family of OA members. The Founder's Award has been presented to the Hrabans: Robert J. Hraban and his two sons, Joseph E. Hraban and Jesse J. Hraban. Web address: <http://members.aol.com/clwaddl/GSLWebpage.htm>

Black Eagle Lodge and the Barbarossa District of Transatlantic Council recently held its annual NESABanquet in recognition of those Scouts who attained the rank of Eagle during the past year. The dinner was held in Hohenecken, Germany. The 1998 national OA vice chief, was the speaker for the banquet. Web address: <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/3525/Blackeagle.html>

National Quality Lodges Announced

Every year lodges have the opportunity to become a National Quality Lodge. The requirements range from a positive membership growth, achieving a certain percentage of brotherhood conversions, and possessing quality programming. This year 163 lodges from throughout the country received this honor.

To view the complete list and to see whether your lodge made the list of National Quality Lodge recipients, point your Web browser to the official National Order of the Arrow Web site: <http://www.aa-bsa.org>

Profiles in Service Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Puts Service into Action

by Chad Heflin

Past issues of the National Bulletin have contained articles about the Service to America program, detailing what it is, its importance to Scouting and the community, and how Arrowmen can help promote the program in their own council. In this issue, we want to share how one lodge's service efforts made a positive impact on one Tennessee community.

Arrowmen from Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and Scouts of the Middle Tennessee Council volunteered more than 4,000 hours of community service to Clarksville, Tennessee, in the span of a week's time.

On Friday, January 22, 1999, Clarksville and surrounding areas were hard-hit by a tornado. Immediately following this incident, Order of the Arrow members from the Anawaha Chapter, Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, under the leadership of chapter chief Ryan Belew and adviser Steve Belew, along with Scouts from several local troops assisted the Emergency Operation Center, which organized relief efforts. During the following week, the Scouts provided disaster relief under the direction of the local American Red Cross, police, and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Their service included unloading and distributing food and supplies, fixing meals, assisting victims, running errands, and cleaning up sites affected by the tornado.

On January 29, 1999, the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency asked area Scouts to assist the city in its cleanup efforts. Seven troops responded by supplying and operating dining flies for each of the seven cleanup areas, giving the workers a place to get in out of the rain, to eat, and to get a cup of hot chocolate or coffee.

The Order of the Arrow commends the members of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge for their efforts to serve their community in a time of crisis. (Check out this lodge's Web site: <http://www.edge.net/boyscout>)

If your lodge or chapter has performed any noteworthy community service projects as a part of the Service to America program, please let us know; your lodge may be featured in the next issue of the National Bulletin.



Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge members (left to right) Aaron Tharpe, Josh Tharpe

Service to America Recognition

by Andy Oh

In April 1997, the BSA developed the Service to America program to meet its commitment to President Clinton's appeal for 200 million hours of volunteer service by the end of the year 2000. The Order of the Arrow was asked to help. With this task ahead of us, several recognition items have been created for those who have excelled in promoting and participating in this program.

Scout Recognition

Each Scout is asked to give at least 12 hours of community service per year. Any Scout who fulfills this requirement may purchase a commemorative Service to America patch. If 75 percent of the Scouts in a unit earn the recognition, then all of the unit leaders will be eligible to purchase the patch. The Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew should record the hours performed by each youth member on the Quality Unit Award application.

Lodge Recognition

Your lodge's task is to promote the Service to America program to individual packs, troops and teams annually and at Cub Scout and Boy Scout district roundtables. Lodges that successfully complete all the requirements for the Service to America program will be awarded an attractive Service to America certificate. A questionnaire provided in the October lodge charter renewal kit will help determine whether the lodge has completed the requirements.

Section Recognition

The national OA Committee will be providing additional recognition to the top two lodges in each section that have best fulfilled their promotional tasks. A questionnaire sent along with the lodge charter renewal kit will help narrow the field and assist each section in determining which lodges should be recognized.

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2079. The balance of \$75 will be due when your application is approved.

Staff member for the OA voyage, Michael Beach, promises: "It will be the experience of a lifetime. You will never forget the adventures you'll have, lessons you'll learn, or friendships you'll make."

Do not hesitate any longer. Fill out an application and take part in this adventure of a lifetime! ♣

Northern Tier Requirements

No exceptions will be made to the following requirements. This program is voluntary, and selection for the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is both an honor and a privilege.

Age: Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not yet age 21 by its conclusion.

Physical Fitness: Be strong and robust. Participants must be strong enough to carry a canoe and do strenuous portage trail work.

Registration: Be a registered member of both the Boy Scouts of America and a local Order of the Arrow lodge.

Program Cost: Participant cost is \$100 for the two-week experience, and this includes all program expenses such as meals and housing. See article for additional cost information.

Sessions

1. June 9-21
2. June 16-28
3. June 23-July 5
4. June 30-July 12
5. July 7-19
6. July 14-26
7. July 21-August 2
8. July 28-August 9
9. August 4-16
10. August 11-23

Notice: National Chief and Vice Chief E-Mail List

Have you signed up for Will and Andy's e-mail list? The e-mail list was established to increase communication between Arrowmen and the national officers. Follow the simple steps below to establish your direct connection to our top youth leaders.

1. Send an e-mail message to listserv@scouter.net
2. Leave the subject line blank
3. In the body of the e-mail message, type
SUBSCRIBE oa-national-chief-list (your name) (your lodge)

NLS Training Fun & Sun

by Eric Gorney

What could be more fun than everyone's favorite training weekend, the National Leadership Seminar? How about spending a day with the OA's national officers? What about having both at the same time? This dream came true January 29-31, with a wonderful opportunity at the Boy Scouts of America's own Florida Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida. The weather was an added bonus with warm temperatures and cool breezes.

Delegates and advisers from each of the four regions traveled to the sunny high-adventure base to experience the National Leadership Seminar Train-the-Trainer, which was implemented as a review and best-methods comparison of the NLS program. Training subcommittee chairman Mike Hoffman organized an inspirational weekend. National Chief Will Parker and Vice Chief Andy Oh led sessions and kept the weekend on-course. Past National Vice Chief, and SR 6N Chief Jim Cheatham also presented sessions.



From bottom to top: Clay Capp, Jim Cheatham, John Isley, Andy Oh, and Will Parker.

Front Row (L to R): Mike George, Ken Jenkins, Rob Rodriguez, Andy Oh. Back Row (L to R): Sage Lichtenwalner, Ken Davis, Doug Fullman, Tom Reddin, Mark Hogan, Scott Schmidt.

Training began in the late afternoon on Friday, after everyone had eagerly absorbed the warmth and beauty of the sea base. Starting with overviews and general National Leadership Seminar strategy, training advanced to discussion on each individual NLS session. Regions were able to report new innovations, positive results, and potential opportunities for improvement. All angles of the NLS experience were covered, including organization, personnel, materials, and program.

With Saturday afternoon came an opportunity to experience the many activities of the sea base. Half of the group spent time on the sea -- on a beautiful boat ride, swimming and snorkeling, or took their chances with a reel and pole. The remaining half headed to exciting Key

West. The return to the sea base brought stories of the day: the sun, the fish, the birds, seasickness, and seeing professional wrestler Hollywood Hogan riding a moped in Key West!

January 31 was the last chance for training and discussion. It was also Super Bowl Sunday, and football enthusiasm had peaked with cheers for Denver and Atlanta. Then, remembering the task at hand, participants added the final touches to an extremely successful weekend. The national OA Committee monitored input for possible changes, while the four regions enjoyed sharing ideas.

Accommodations at the Florida Sea Base, coupled with quality program and the leadership potential of the Arrowmen present, left everyone with a positive attitude for the future of the National Leadership Seminar. Although some were unhappy about the outcome of the Super Bowl, no one could complain about the National Leadership Seminar Train-the-Trainer. ♣

Interactive Lodge Training Developed

by Justin Boren

At the 1999 National Leadership Summit this summer, the OA will introduce the newly revised Lodge Leader Development program. We have taken the ideas of the current Lodge Leader Development conference and, with the help of the best trainers in the nation, developed a training course that is like no other you have ever experienced. This training will help to develop the "nuts and bolts" that a lodge leader should know to operate the lodge effectively on a daily basis.

How is this new Lodge Leadership Development program interactive for the 21st century? Each Lodge Leadership Development kit will include an interactive CD-ROM. Using this CD, a lodge Key 3 can input information about its lodge. The program will then suggest a

custom program specifically for your lodge. A lodge can choose the length of its program, anywhere from a half-day program to a two-and-a-half-day program. This custom feature will help make each lodge's program meet its specific needs. Details about the program and the kit will be shared at the National Leadership Summit this summer.

When you combine the flexibility of the new Lodge Leadership Development program and the outstanding new syllabi with outstanding trainers recruited by the lodge, the result will be revitalized, well-trained lodge leaders.

When a lodge recruits the best trainers from its lodge, council, and section, the new lodge leadership development program affects every youth or adult who takes the course. You can expect to see the new program used in your lodge next year. ♣

Tracking the OA Sash



by Devang Desai

In 1948, a major development for the OA sash occurred. This is the period collectors call "flock on felt." The sash itself was made of felt, but the arrow used was flocked -- in other words, spray-painted. The Vigil Honor sash was also flocked, and had an arrow with an oversized felt triangle, but the arrows within the oversized triangle were silk-screened.

During late 1951, brotherhood bars were flocked on the OA sash. Also during this period the oversized felt triangle on the Vigil sash was reduced and flocked onto the sash. The flocking of OA sashes ended in 1954 with the introduction of twill cloth with embroidered arrows.

As the use of twill cloth became dominant, two major stitches were used to bind the edges of the cloth sashes. The first was the railroad track stitch, or the double-stitched edge (used mostly from 1955-59), and the second was the rolled-edge stitch (used mostly from 1960-80). In 1980, the stitching on the twill cloth sashes changed from rolled-edge to chain-stitched edges. The last of the chain-stitched sashes were made in 1988, at which point single stitching was used.

In 1988, the OA created twill cloth sashes with iron-on or appliquéd arrows. These sashes were produced for only two years because the appliquéd arrows were literally peeling off. The OA then returned to embroidered arrows (including the insignia for Brotherhood and the Vigil Honor) on twill cloth using a single-stitched edge.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, the national organization reproduced a collector's black sash with white embroidered arrows as a souvenir for the 1990 National Order of the Arrow Conference. To ensure that members did not wear the sash, it was produced without a snap and was made shorter than the average sash.

In 1990 the national chairman of the OA committee, Dr. Carl Marchetti, produced a sash for members of the national OA committee that was a replica of Goodman's gift to the 1946 OA committee. The sash was to be worn by committee members, the national chief and national vice chief at the 1990 NOAC only during Founders' Day.

Dr. Marchetti stepped down as chairman of the national OA committee on June 15, 1993. To celebrate his tenure as chairman, he produced a limited number of black Ordeal sashes with a white embroidered arrow for the national chief, national vice chief and members of the national OA committee. Each sash was numbered and contained a special personalized message from Dr. Marchetti.

Through the years, the use of the OA sash has remained constant even though there have been occasional changes in the stitching and positioning of arrows inside the Vigil triangle. During the 83 years of the organization's existence, the sash continues to remain the visible symbol of service as was intended by the Order of the Arrow cofounders.

(Information from this article was obtained from Order of the Arrow historians Kenneth Davis, Terry Grove, and Harris Tanner.)

This is the second part of a two part series on the Order of the Arrow sash.

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Arrow was mentioned in the report with a blurb highlighting our successful 1998 National OA Conference. Also included in the report were key membership and advancement statistics, as well as the BSA's vision for the future.

I left Washington, D.C., exhausted from all of our activities, but proud to be an American, proud to be a Scout, and indebted to everyone who helped me be a part of this great experience.



Report to the Nation representatives place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Implementing the Strategic Plan Professionally Speaking

by Rees A. Falkner



Rees A. Faulkner

As a new Scout Executive in 1998, I had the opportunity to recruit a new Order of the Arrow lodge adviser. In preparation, I reviewed the new strategic plan of the Order of the Arrow. From it, I was able to capture a vision of what I would like to see for the Madockawanda Lodge and the Pine Tree Council.

I am pleased that the national Order of the Arrow has focused on leadership development as one of its key initiatives. I feel that one of the Order's greatest opportunities is to provide meaningful leadership opportunities for Arrowmen.

Envisioning the OA as Scouting's National Honor Society sets an exciting new tone. I believe it sets a much higher level of expectation for every Arrowman. Within this vision is embraced the concept that Arrowmen should dramatically increase their level of service and leadership skills. It means that an OA member will be someone who performs in such a manner that he is looked up to in his school, place of worship, and community as well as within Scouting. To accomplish these goals, we must continue to organize our lodges and enhance the support mechanisms within our councils. One of the goals for the Pine Tree Council is to become the "youth program of choice" for our community organizations. Young men who are products of the Order and truly exemplify the Scout Oath and Law as honor society members can help make this possible.

With this vision in mind, we now have an outstanding Scouter who embodies these high expectations and newly elected lodge officers who emulate these standards. As part of my commitment to this important program, we meet regularly as a "Key 5" (Scout executive, lodge adviser, lodge chief, lodge vice chief, and staff adviser). The OA's national strategic plan is our guide in setting the goals and benchmarks for our lodge.

There are tremendous opportunities for OA members to become involved with leadership development through the outdoor program. Arrowmen can work through the troop in

teaching outdoor skills to Webelos Scouts, their parents and Webelos leaders. This provides an Arrowman the opportunity to use both his camping and leadership skills while mentoring other youth or adults. They have many opportunities to teach outdoor skills during campouts, roundtables, camp-orees, training sessions, etc. We can also ensure their continued interest in Scouting while increasing their tenure. We are in the process of sharing this concept with our training and activities committees, commissioners, and camp leaders.

I believe that the Order of the Arrow is, by and large, an untapped resource in leadership development. We must raise our level of expectations, then provide creative opportunities for Arrowmen to exercise their outdoor leadership skills. Through proper training, guidance, and inspiration, our OA youth members can become a tremendous asset to our training teams.

The Key 5 of the Madockawanda Lodge is committed to the new OA strategic plan. We are proud to be part of the Order of the Arrow. We feel confident in our ability to enhance the quality of leadership, to impact membership growth and to help increase older-youth interest and retention within the Pine Tree Council. I hope that every lodge and council will give a serious look at the new strategic plan. We are confident that it will make a real difference.

Rees Falkner serves as Scout executive of the Pine Tree Council in Portland, Maine. He is a Vigil Honor member and recipient of the OA's Distinguished Service Award.

This is an ongoing column where Scout Executives share how their council and lodge are implementing the OA Strategic Plan.

Regions in Cyberspace

by Jim Parker

Over the past few years, the Internet has offered great possibilities for the Order due to the growth of the Internet and the versatility of Web-based communication. Each region has worked very hard to create and maintain an official Web presence.

The first, debuting on May 15, 1997, was the Central Region's at <http://www.host.scouter.com/oa-central-region>. The Central Region OA Web page is maintained by a team of dedicated Arrowmen who meet throughout the year to evaluate and plan the direction of the page. They have done an excellent job keeping the page visually appealing, as well as maintaining the content to make the page a useful tool.

This Web team prides itself

on the speed with which information has been posted to cyberspace. For example, for the past two years, the results of the OA national officer election were posted on the Central Region Web page almost immediately. The Web site also makes forms available online. The National Leadership Seminar forms, the Central Region newsletter, The Compass, and operations updates can all be found there. The Central Region's OA Web page, which averages 150 to 300 visits per week, proves it's an excellent way to communicate directly with Arrowmen in the region.

The Northeast Region's official OA Web page debuted in April 1999 at <http://www.physics.rutgers.edu/~csage/ner/> and is maintained by Sage Lichtenwalner, NE-2A section chief. According to



The Central Region Web Page.

Lichtenwalner, the photo gallery and section chief biographies are the most highly used areas. In the future, he hopes to add the Northeast Region's newsletter, The Visionary, to the Web page, as well as expanding resources available to the sections.

The Northeast Region also maintains an area of "fun stuff" on its OA Web page, which includes OA Jeopardy online, as well as pictures of NER personnel at various events. The region has done a nice job with its Order of the Arrow Web page, and a lot of great things loom on the horizon.

The Southern Region Web team prides itself on the fast-loading, Spartan look of its page at <http://www.bsa.net/oa/sr/>. The page has a very professional, crisp look. Web coordinator Tee Pruitt, who determines content, and Webmaster Chad Heflin maintain the Web page. Hats off to this team of Arrowmen. Since going online early in the fall of 1998, the page has been updated when information becomes available. Though the

exact number of hits is unknown, the use of the page can only increase as it becomes better known. Section chief profiles, National Leadership Summit information, and the latest word on the Southern Region's One Day program are all in the future for the Southern Region Web page.

The Western Region maintains the Order's second-oldest Web presence of the four regions. Arrowman Mike Philbrook maintains the page, located at <http://www.oawest.org>. The Western Region has a "Fun & Games" area on its OA Web page, which holds the almighty (and very cool!) "Smash the Chief" game. Also, the Field Operations Guide can be found on this Web page and will soon be available for downloading by surfing Arrowmen. This page, which gets 400 to 500 hits per week, has a lot of graphics and creative styling to make it visually appealing and does not fall short on the most current information. All this makes the download time worth it. ■



The Southern Region Web Page.

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1999 Planning Calendar

June 9	OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage Program Begins
June 13	OA Philmont Trail Crew Program Begins
June 13-19	Philmont OA Adviser Training
June 13-19	Western Region NLS - Philmont
June 20-26	Central Region NLS - Philmont
July 31- August 3	National Leadership Summit- Colorado State University
August 22	OA Philmont Trail Crew Program Ends
August 23	OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage Program Ends
September 10-12	Southern Region NLS - Wirtz, VA
September 17-18	Northeast Region NLS - Schuylkill Haven, PA
September 17-18	Central Region NLS - Bethany, WV
September 24-26	Western Region NLS - Phoenix, AZ
October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Distributed
October 15-17	Southern Region NLS - Marianna, FL
October 29-31	Southern Region NLS - Conroe, TX
November 5-7	Central Region NLS - Ashland, NE
November 15	OA Lodge Support PAK Available
November 19-21	Southern Region NLS - Camden, TN
November 19-21	Western Region NLS - Portland, OR
November 30	OA Service Grant Request Due
December 27-30	National Planning Meeting - Dallas, TX
December 31	Lodge Recharter Deadline
Reminder:	July 29 - Aug. 3, 2000 - NOAC (National OA Conference)

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Burning Issues with Jordan Hitchen

Question: What exactly is the new camping requirement for membership in the Order of the Arrow?

Answer: The new camping requirement has been revised as follows:

"After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election.

The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps." ❖

Goodman Portfolio Still Available

by Matt Clark

At the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the OA introduced a limited-edition E. Urner Goodman portfolio. This collector set is in honor of the founder of the OA and commemorates the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the OA as an official program of the Boy Scouts of America. The portfolio is a collector's set containing items created and assembled especially for this reason.



Goodman

The portfolio includes a picture of Dr. Goodman with a special commemorative medallion, an audio-tape and videotaped footage of Dr. Goodman, a hard-bound copy of the History of the Order of the Arrow, a copy of his autobiography, The Building of a Life, a numbered certificate of authenticity, and an elegant storage case.

The portfolio is available for only \$110 (which includes shipping and handling). Please contact the national office at 972-580-2438 if you have questions or would like to purchase the portfolio. ❖

Release of Election and Service Videos

by Andy Zahn

As the OA prepares to enter the next century of cheerful service, the national Order of the Arrow committee and the Boy Scouts of America have authorized the release of two videos--one on Service to America and one on unit elections.

The Service to America promotion video was sent from the national office to local councils in early February. This promotional aid walks Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers through the Service to America program and puts it in a different context than the script that was released at the beginning of the BSA's three-year program. The video closes with an inspiring message from spokesperson Gen. Colin Powell.

At the National Leadership Summit in July, the new unit election video will be previewed. Although it is still in the production phase, this new video promises to help lodge election teams succeed for many years to come. This fall, the Order plans to distribute the new unit election video to all lodges.

Copies of both videos will be available only from the national Order of the Arrow office. Contact the national OA office at 972-580-2438 for more information. ❖