

### SCOUTING AND THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Scouting movement and the American Legion share the same principles of Duty to God and Duty to Country. In cooperation, the American Legion and Scouting offer character building, citizenship training, and personal fitness opportunities for America's youth. Both provide the youth of our nation the skills necessary to become better citizens who recognize their responsibility to God and country.

### HOW SCOUTING WORKS

Scouting is a program for youth from 8 to 18 years of age. The programs provide fun, action, and adventure activities that help build fitness, character and excellent citizenship traits in young men and women through a family emphasis and growing up as a member of a group. Scouting is designed to help meet the needs, wants, and problems of the coming generation that is built around providing America's youth an opportunity to experience new and interesting skills and careers while developing a sense of community.

### ROLE OF DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Department of Pennsylvania American Legion has numerous members, both men and women, involved in both the Boy Scout and Girl Scouting programs. In addition to sponsoring units, and providing volunteers in leadership roles, Pennsylvania American Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members offer recognition's and awards to individuals as well as scholarship funds. The highlight is the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year scholarship programs. The national finalist receives a \$10,000 scholarship, while three additional scholarships of \$2,500 are also awarded.

### SQUARE KNOT AWARD

This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize dedication and work required by an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.



### CUB SCOUT HONOR UNIT AWARD

This award is presented to the outstanding Cub Scout Pack sponsored by an American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The winning Cub Scout Pack must complete an application, and be recommended by the respective sponsoring American Legion organization. The Cub Scout Pack selected will receive an American Flag and plaque. Upon return from the Department Convention, the unit will be honored by the appropriate American Legion sponsor at a local ceremony.



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### BOY SCOUT HONOR UNIT AWARD

This award is presented to the outstanding Boy Scout Troop sponsored by an American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The winning Boy Scout Troop must complete an application, and be recommended by the respective sponsoring American Legion organization. The Boy Scout Troop selected will receive an American Flag and plaque. Upon return from the Department Convention, the unit will be honored by the appropriate American Legion sponsor at a local ceremony.



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### VARSITY TEAM OR EXPLORER POST HONOR UNIT AWARD

This award is presented to the outstanding Varsity Team **OR** Explorer Post sponsored by an American Legion Post, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron, **OR** a Varsity Team or Explorer Post utilizing Legionnaires, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion volunteers. The winning Varsity Team **OR** Explorer Post must complete an application, and be recommended by the respective sponsoring American Legion organization. The Varsity Team **OR** Explorer Post selected will receive an American Flag and plaque for the unit, as well as American flag lapel pins for each member of the unit (up to 50 pins). Upon return from the Department Convention, the unit will be honored by the appropriate American Legion sponsor at a local ceremony.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN SCOUTING

- Check with the local Boy Scout Council service center listed in your telephone book and ask them to send an organizer to the next meeting of your executive board to explain the Scouting program.
- Call or write the Department of Pennsylvania Headquarters at 800 N. Front Street, Wormleysburg, PA. 17043 or call 717-730-9100 for more information on Scouting or the American Legion Scouting Recognition programs.
- Contact your members, locate those who are active in Scouting, and get them to help organize Scouting in your local schools.
- Take action and have your post formally adopt Scouting.



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GIRL SCOUTS

### LEGIONNAIRE SCOUTER OF THE YEAR

This recognition is made to the outstanding Legionnaire who renders service to the American Legion, Scouting (Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting), and the community. The recipient must be a registered Scout leader, active within and recommended by their local post. The selection will be invited to the Department Convention to receive a plaque. They will receive mileage and per diem from the Department.

### OUTSTANDING SCOUTER OF THE YEAR

This recognition is made to the outstanding Non-Legionnaire who renders service to Scouting (Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting), and the community. The recipient must be a registered Scout leader and be recommended by the local post. The selection will receive a letter of congratulations from the Department. Local posts are encouraged to recognize the recipient as well. One award will be presented per American Legion District, unless the district is served by more than one Scouting council.



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### WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIPS

*Wood Badge* is an advanced Scout leader training course to influence and improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of Scout leaders. Yearly the Department awards a \$175 scholarship for either a Cub Scout or Boy Scout leader in each American Legion section (Eastern, Central and Western). To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a member of the local American Legion Post, Auxiliary or SAL Squadron. After local post certification, all applications will be submitted to the local Scout councils asking them to direct the application to their training chairperson and/or *Wood Badge* coordinator. Following their certification, the application shall be forwarded to the Department Scout Committee for review.



### CUB SCOUT OF THE YEAR

The recipient must be the son, grandson, or great grandson of an active or deceased Legionnaire, Auxiliary or Sons of the America Legion member. He must hold the Arrow of Light, and the religious award for his faith. He cannot be older than 11 years old at the time of the selection and an active member of a Cub Scout or Boy Scout unit. There will be one selection from the Department who will receive an American Flag and plaque presented by the District Commander at an appropriate District ceremony.



### EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the outstanding Boy Scout who has received the Eagle Scout Award, and the Boy Scout Religious Award for his faith. He must be at least 15 years old and enrolled in high school at the time of his selection. He must be the son, grandson, or great-grandson or a current or deceased Legionnaire or Auxiliary member OR be a registered active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Explorer Post sponsored by an American Legion Post, Auxiliary unit or SAL Squadron. The recipient will receive a monetary award, a plaque, and one day's per diem and mileage to attend the Department Convention. His application will be forwarded to the national American Legion organization for consideration as National Eagle Scout of the Year. The National winner will receive a scholarship and is invited as a distinguished guest to the American Legion National Convention.

### CERTIFICATES FOR EAGLE SCOUT OR GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Appropriate certificates are available from the Department Headquarters at no cost; there are embossed certificates as well available through emblem sales at a nominal cost for Eagle Scouts. National has special certificates for the son, grandson, or great grandson of a Legionnaire who attains the Eagle Scout Award. Other scouting certificates available at a nominal cost through Department Emblem Sales

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS  
MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR



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