



# Flights



A Quarterly Update from the Eagle Scout Alumni Association of the Patriots' Path Council

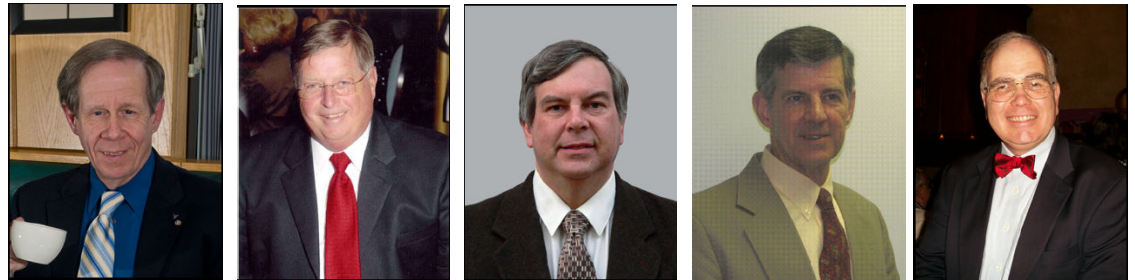
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## Congratulations to Eagle Hall of Fame Honorees



Hall of Fame Eagles to be honored at Eagle Recognition Dinner –January 8 , 2010

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame Eagles that will be honored at the Eagles Recognition Dinner at the Skylands at Randolph on 1/8/2010. For more information on the event, contact John Dorn at 973-765-9322 ext.234.

### **Errol Ernstrom of Denville—1960:**

Errol is the President of Placemats Plus Service & American Placemats that serves over 100 diners in 16 counties and is the largest placemat company in the state. He joined Cub Scouts at age 8 with Troop 147 in Nutley and is most proud of his 7 year Perfect Attendance Award. He and his wife, June live in Denville.

### **William Scott Gallaway of Annandale –1960:**

Scott is the retired owner of Gallaway Realtors. In Scouting, some of his leadership roles include Asst. Waterfront Director at Sabattis, Scout Master/Assistant Scout Master at Troops 50 and 152 in Bernardsville, and he has earned the Silver Beaver Award. He has 2 sons, both Eagles and two daughters, both were Girl Scouts and are married to Eagle Scouts.

**Wayne Hampton of Bridgewater—1970:** Wayne is President/Area Director at True North Enterprises, a Fast-Teks onsite computer services franchise serving all of Hunterdon County and neighboring communities. He and his wife, Kathy have one daughter and two sons, who are all active in Scouting attaining the Girl Scout Silver Award and Eagle rank.

**Patrick McDonough of Summit—1957:** Patrick is an Eagle Scout with Gold Palm; he earned the Ad Altare Dei Award, is in the Order of the Arrow, a recipient of the District Award of Merit, a Silver Beaver, and has received the Good Scout Award. A lawyer now, he was a system designer and developer at AT&T for more than 20 years. Patrick is married to Joanne; they are the parents of Pat and Kathy, and grandparents of Lauren, George and Thomas, a Tiger Cub.

**John McGrath of Chatham—1974:** John is a Senior business analyst and project manager in financial services, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals and other industry sectors specializing in requirements analysis, planning and implementation combined with team building and leadership. John is committed to leadership and service with the Boy Scouts; he thanks his mother, Cecilia, who helped him earn his Eagle badge. John and his wife, Vicki, an Episcopal priest have a son, John, also an Eagle Scout, and a daughter, Meg, a Gold Award Girl Scout.

# History of the Eagle Scout Award

The Eagle Scout Award is Scouting's highest rank and among its most familiar icons. Men who have earned it count it among their most treasured possessions.

Like the BSA, the Eagle Award itself has a rich history and has evolved over time as the abridged timeline below illustrates:

**1908** – Robert-Baden Powell's *Scouting for Boys* handbook includes advancement for just three classes of Scouts – Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. The concept of Eagle rank is not addressed in the original document.

**1911** – America's national bird, the Eagle is introduced as Scouting's highest award, along with Life and Star. These awards were not rank advancements; they were roughly equivalent to today's Eagle Palms for earning merit badges.



BSA's 1st Eagle Scout, Arthur Eldred

**1912** - Arthur Rose Eldred of Troop 1 in Oceanside, New York, a troop his brother Hubert had founded in November 1910, becomes the first BSA Eagle Scout after earning 21 merit badges at age 16. His Board of Review is conducted by one of the highest-powered groups in Scouting history: Chief Scout Executive James E. West, Chief Scout Ernest Thompson Seton, National Scout Commissioner Daniel Carter Beard (another BSA founder), and Wilbert E.



Arthur Eldred's Eagle Scout Medal



Present Day Eagle Scout Medal

Longfellow of the U.S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps, who had written the *Handbook's* sections on swimming and lifesaving. His Eagle medal design, an eagle in flight suspended from a broad, colored ribbon, has been retained with only minor variations, for nearly 100 years. It is now on display at the National museum. Just 23 Scouts earned the Eagle Badge in 1912; more than 2,000 earned it in 1922.

**1924** – Strengthening of the Eagle Scout requirements continues through Scouting's first decade. The Life and Star ranks were reversed in order; 3000 Scouts earned the Eagle badge.

**1927** – A service component is added to the Star, Life and Eagle ranks. The concept of Eagle Palms is introduced for work beyond Eagle rank. The annual rate of Scouts earning their Eagle rank was 4,500; by 1932, the rate doubled to 9,200. For the next six years, the annual rate fluctuated (10,000 - 7,000) during the Great Depression and as countless Eagles Scouts and Scoutmasters left home to fight in World War II.

**1943** – the *Handbook for Boys* listed 111 merit badges. The postwar years led to a boom in Scouting involvement with more than 14,000 Scouts becoming Eagles annually during the mid-1950s.

## History of the Eagle Scout Award (cont'd from previous page)



**1952** - After four decades, the practice of adult leaders participating in the advancement program, ended in 1952. The next year, all requirements had to be completed by the Scout's 18th birthday. In 1965, an exception was made for over-aged Scouts with mental disabilities, an exception that now applies to Scouts with other permanent disabilities. Disabled Scouts can also, in some situations, pursue alternative merit badges to those required for the Eagle Scout Award.

**1972** – The number of merit badges required for Eagle increased to 24 – the only increase since 1911; this change was maintained for only a few years.

**1979** – *Official Boy Scout Handbook* written by Baden-Powell protégé, Bill Hillcourt retained the skills program and returned merit badges required for Eagle to 21 with a re-emphasis on core skills.



**Alexander Holsinger**  
1 millionth Eagle Scout

**1982** - BSA reached a major milestone. In 1982, Alexander Holsinger of Normal, Illinois, became the one-millionth Eagle Scout. Holsinger was one of 25,573 Scouts who became Eagles that year.

**1991** - A workbook to document the Eagle Scout candidate's leadership service project became required; district or council approval became a part of the process. Family Life became a required merit badge in 1994.

**1999** – The list of required merit badges changed slightly when Hiking and Cycling were added, Safety & Sports were dropped and Personal Fitness became mandatory.

**2008** – As of 2008, the list included these badges: First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science, Personal Management, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling, Camping, and Family Life.

**2009** - Now more than 50,000 earn the Eagle Scout Award each year. The two-millionth Eagle Scout, Anthony Thomas of the Northern Star Council (Lakeville, Minnesota) - Troop 471, was named in June, 2009.

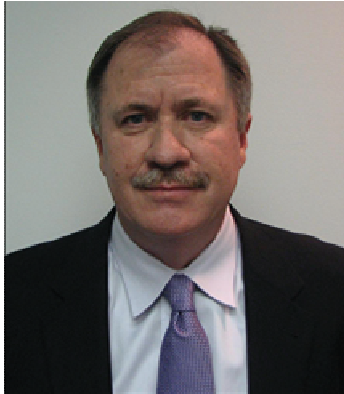
The Eagle award is more than a badge. You *are* an Eagle Scout—never *were*. You may have received the badge as a boy, but you earn it every day as a man.

In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, you do your best each day to make your training and example, your rank and your influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in your troop, in your community, and in your contacts with other people. And to this you pledge your sacred honor.



**Anthony Thomas**  
2 millionth Eagle Scout

## Twins Awarded the Distinguished Eagle at Council Event



**Alvin Dietz**

Last May, identical twins, Andy and Alvin Dietz's were recognized at the Distinguished Eagle Scout Event held at the Architects Golf Club in Hopatcong. Their lives and experiences have been inextricably bound. Their professional lives also overlapped since the day they founded Spectra Gases, Inc. After growing their specialty gas company for a quarter century, they sold to Linde AG, a multinational engineering and industrial gases company.



**Andy Dietz**

Today, the Spectra Division has an impeccable reputation as a premier producer and supplier of advanced specialty gases and equipment. These products are utilized in a wide range of high-tech applications,

including gases for LASIK refractive eye surgery lasers and advanced lithography, to companies using process gases to produce advanced semiconductors and fiber optics. Spectra Gases has facilities worldwide serving companies in over fifty countries.

Most importantly, the Dietz brothers have tried to run the business throughout their careers by adhering to the values instilled by their parents and reinforced by their involvement in Scouting; values that are evident in the Scout Oath and Law. Recently, the brothers have been more involved in charitable causes. In addition to their continued support of Scouting, they have each established foundations that support education, the arts, and medical research.

Andy and his wife, Karen have two children; William, an Eagle Scout, and Elizabeth, a Gold Award winning Girl Scout. Alvin and his wife, Linda have three children; Gregory, an Eagle Scout, Victoria, a Gold Award recipient, and Caroline, currently working on her Gold Award. Alvin and Andy received their Eagle Scout Award from Troop 24, Maplewood NJ in 1969 and are still active today with Troop 139 Chester NJ.

## Our Most Senior Eagles—Living the Scout Oath & Law Everyday for 50 + Years

First Name	Last Name	Year	First Name	Last Name	Year	First Name	Last Name	Year
Walter	Drill	1932	Edward	Arndt	1944	Howard	Rieger	1947
John	Faunce	1934	Robert	Buchanan	1944	Edward	Roos	1947
Richard	Jorgensen	1934	John	Coats	1944	J.	Eshleman	1948
George	Karner	1935	Dickinson	Kearney	1944	Peter	Lederman	1948
Jacob	Botwin	1937	J.	Locher	1944	Richard	Kameros	1948
Frank	Bird	1938	Gordon	Specht	1944	Bruce	Anderson	1949
Raymond	Flay	1939	Fred	Ritter	1944	William	Nagy	1949
Theodore	Lombard	1939	Henry P.	Lenz	1944	Robert	Quinn	1949
Charles	Ogilvie	1939	Stanley	Grossman	1945	Charles	Visscher	1949
Franklin	Whitescarver	1940	Robert	Kent	1945	David	Setzer	1950
Harry	Jacobs, Jr.	1941	Franklyn	Sullebarger	1945	Richard	Wellbrock	1950
Gerald	Schoenbrun	1941	Bert	Wolf	1945	Arthur	Hoagland	1950
John	Patterson	1941	Douglas	Crutchfield	1946	Marvin	Ganek	1950
Sheldon	Denburg	1941	David	Valleau	1946	David	Setzer	1950
Frederick	Beck	1942	James	Walker	1946	Thomas	Bradley	1951
Thomas	Valentine	1942	Ronald	Montrose	1946	Robert	Elms	1951
Eugene	Eckel	1943	Fred	Bruehne	1947	Robert	Finney	1951
H.	Lasseter	1943	Hugo	Pfaltz	1947	Edward	Metz	1951
Glen	Thompson	1943	John	Lawson	1947	Frederick	Midlige	1951
Leroy	Varga	1943	Kenneth	Roehrich	1947	Marshall	Weinerman	1951

## Our Most Senior Eagles (cont'd from previous page)

First Name	Last Name	Year
William	Paknis	1951
Colin M.	Newman	1952
L.	Spach	1952
Mathias	Torgersen	1952
Richard	Pfaff	1952
Robert	Bogan	1952
Schrock	Clark	1952
Rand	Garbacz	1953
Leon	Harris	1953
William	Marx	1953
Charles	Courtney	1953
Kimberley	Huron	1953
William	Blumreich	1954
John	Knubel	1954
James	Milway	1954
Erwin	Storz	1954
Rev. Ralph	Thomas	1954
Stephen	Drabik	1955
P. J.	Ehmann	1955
Peter	Hagerman	1955
Gerald	Hanifan Sr.	1955
William	Holdsworth,	1955
Peter	Iber	1955
Frank	Schade	1955
Daniel	Van Riper	1955
Stephen	Drabik	1955
Ronald	Jelinek	1955
David	Pauer	1955
Hilbert	Kautter	1955
Milton	Borcherding	1956
David James	Callahan	1956
Robert	Davison	1956
Nicholas	Delmonaco	1956
Donald	Guarriello	1956
William	Hollar	1956
Kenneth	King	1956
Jay	Ludwig	1956
William	Maher	1956
Kevin	Muns	1956
D. Craig	Oscarson	1956
John	Wesner	1956
Robert	Wood	1956
Elliot	Leibowitz	1956
Stanley	Smith	1956
John	Prodeline	1956
Robert	Dlouhy	1956
William	Houston	1956
Robert	Morrow	1956
Frederick	Day	1956
Paul	Brown	1957
Hal	Daume	1957



First Name	Last Name	Year
Jon	Edwards	1957
Manuel	Ehrlich	1957
George	Franklin	1957
Al	Hellwege	1957
Carl	Hess	1957
Roland	Marionni	1957
James	McCoy	1957
Patrick	McDonough	1957
Russell	McIntyre	1957
William	Nordlund	1957
Gary	Portnow	1957
Ronald	Rogers	1957
Richard	Schulte	1957
Alan	Solter	1957
Gordon	Sulcer	1957
Bruce	Wesson	1957
Donald	Benbrook	1958
Robert	Birrell	1958
Harry	Campbell	1958
Thomas	Dibble	1958
Alan	Doktor	1958
Charles	Goodfellow	1958
Timothy	Gorczyca	1958
William	Griswold	1958
Donald	Kugit	1958
Richard	Mager	1958
Joseph	Orme	1958
Louis	Pangaro	1958
Grant	Parr	1958
Joseph	Quinn	1958
Brian	Smith	1958
Harry	Allen III	1959
Martin	Ames	1959
John	Chiorazzi	1959
Donald	Daume	1959
Robert Jr.	Diemar	1959
Michael	Kalin	1959
David	Keeton	1959
Edgar	Langer	1959
Daniel	Marcantuono	1959
Donald	Pellecchia	1959
Joseph	Phillips	1959
Thomas	Pierpan	1959
Daniel	Pisello	1959
William	Poole	1959
William	Rapp	1959
Michael	Safris	1959
Daniel	Seyss	1959
William	Swindell	1959
David	Swanson	1959

## Eagle Project Highlight

The following is a moving essay submitted by new Eagle Scout, Peter Citera from Troop 104 - Scotch Plains, NJ with his Eagle Project workbook; in it Peter shares how he decided on his life's future ambition of becoming an educator.

### Breaking through the Sphere: Discovering Responsibility and Ambition



Peter Citera

Growing up as a white teenager in middleclass suburbia, you feel as though you are in certain aspects cut-off from the real world and trapped in a sphere of normality, security, over opportunity, and plainness. I have been for the most part fortunate enough to break through the suburban sphere of influence to experience the true diversity that our world has to offer. In a nation such as the United States, diversity is not hard to find. What is difficult for some people is to accept and grasp the fact that there are people out there on separate ends of the spectrum, people who differ from you in a variety of ways but share the same common goal, happiness.

Anne Frank voiced her opinion on diversity. "We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same." After being an employee of The Westwood catering hall for over 9 months, I experienced diversity at its finest and concluded that no matter a person's gender, race, beliefs, culture, or economic situation, we are all the same. I was sold and captivated by the same idea in Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America thrives on the diversity amongst its participants, it does not segregate, all participants have equal opportunity from day one. America is based on these same principles.

With the idea of equal opportunity freshly planted in my mind, I began to interpret the world in a different light. This new light of interpretation was able to brighten the darkest thoughts of hopelessness for the nation I lived in. In the effects of one conversation, the raging whitewaters of excitement I had toward the fairness and equality of the nation I lived in, quickly changed directions and became a stagnant stream.

I sat in a rickety desk by the door organizing my papers anxiously waiting to present my project when I overheard my teacher on the phone outside the classroom, "Your son cannot learn; he does not have the motivation and I'm done, I'm tired of helping him, I'm tired of giving him chances." The light I interpreted the world in dimmed. I looked intensely around the classroom and was shocked to observe I was the only one who overheard the conversation. I started to replay the sentence in my head and the same segment of the sentence stood out "... I'm tired of giving him chances." I soon discovered the student he was discussing was a friend of mine.

Different in many respects from most students in my school, my friend was not very fortunate and experienced economic and social instability both at home and in school. He was a minority similar to many of my co-workers at The Westwood. But he was not classified as a minority by race or religious affiliation but by his family's economic situation.

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It was as if the ink in the constitution evaporated, and with it, equal opportunity in America. "... I'm tired of giving him chances." translates into I'm tired of giving him opportunities, the opportunity to learn. Education is the most important opportunity, freedom, and right a person has by living in America. With this freedom, people pave their future and increase their understanding of what it means to live and be an active and productive member of society. After overhearing the most devastating words that can be projected from any teachers' mouth, I felt a responsibility so powerful and overbearing, that I knew from that moment on my life would be different. I felt a responsibility which I hope most people feel everyday. I felt the simple responsibility to help a person in need no matter their situation.

This experience motivated me to research both the flaws and goals of the American education system but most importantly, motivated me to help out my fellow students. In the process of tutoring my fellow pupils, I discovered I had the gift and ability to teach. In the near future, I hope to take my ability to the next level and teach a diverse classroom in which opportunity will have no obstacles.

In reality, no one is the same; some people live for their own benefit and some live for benefiting others. I have recently committed my life in hopes of being an architect of change amongst people, and a producer of hope and opportunity. I help people everyday and push them to heights they never knew were reachable. It is my dream and I believe my responsibility to help people for the rest of my life in the hope of improving the world I live in. Scouting provided me with the tools to be an architect of change and gave me the opportunity to discover my gifts and explore my strengths. In the words of Christopher Reeve, "Once you choose hope, anything's possible".

### Eagle News



Last month at a ceremony in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Chief Scout Executive **Robert Mazzuca** received one of Scouting's highest honors — the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

The award was given at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Scout Recognition

Dinner in a city where Bob served as Scout Executive for 10 years and that holds a special place in his heart.

Surrounded by old friends and family, it was a perfectly fitting place to recognize him in this way.

### Eagle Memorials

Eagles who are gone, but will never be forgotten:

**Herman Reich**  
Eagle Class of 1933  
Troop 3 Elizabeth, NJ



# Upcoming 100th Anniversary Council Events

1/8/2010—Eagle Recognition Dinner—Skylands at Randolph

**2010 Eagle Scout Recognition & Reunion Dinner**  
**Hall of Fame Induction**  
 Friday, January 8, 2009

RSVP by: Wednesday, December 23, 2009  
 Send your response and payment to:  
 Patriots' Path Council, BSA  
 222 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932  
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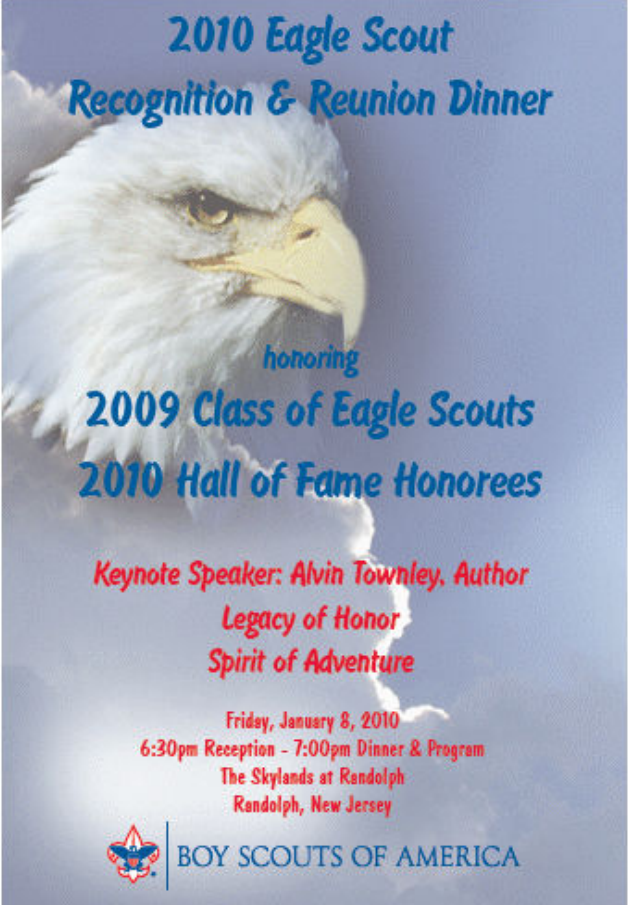
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All amounts in excess of \$40 per person may be claimed as tax deductible. Account #904819/900819



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 Eagle Scout Picture Submittal  
 Eagle Parent Testimonial



**2010 Eagle Scout Recognition & Reunion Dinner**

honoring  
**2009 Class of Eagle Scouts**  
**2010 Hall of Fame Honorees**

**Keynote Speaker: Alvin Townley, Author**  
**Legacy of Honor**  
**Spirit of Adventure**

Friday, January 8, 2010  
 6:30pm Reception - 7:00pm Dinner & Program  
 The Skylands at Randolph  
 Randolph, New Jersey



2/8/10—Candle lighting Ceremony



5/12/10—Gala at Ellis Island



4/24/2010—Scout Expo

For more information on these events, contact the Council office 973-765-9322 ext. 232.



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