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## **Randall Cline to receive Silver Buffalo Award**

Marty Tschetter Class of 1996

Longtime National OA Committeeman Randall Cline will receive the Silver Buffalo Award at the national Boy Scout meeting in May in Orlando, Florida. A native of Centerville, Ohio, as a youth he worked three summers on the Woodland Trails Scout Reservation staff. He served as the Miami lodge chief for the Miami Valley Council, including a term as area chief. He had the opportunity to attend the 1968 planning meeting to prepare for the 1969 National OA Conference, which proved to be an enriching experience. His attendance was fruitful to the Order, specifically the evolution of NOAC shows

A young adviser assigned to work with the shows staff, Mark Benner, reflected on the 1968 planning meeting, "Dr. Carl Marchetti had a vision in the early 1960s to mentor young area chiefs such as myself, to keep new youth engaged in enlarging the scope and value of the national OA program. I had been on the 1962 planning committee of area chiefs for the 1963 NOAC

and had returned in 1968 to help cultivate this goal. I had the privilege of becoming Randy's mentor when this crop of youth launched "Arrow Shows." Arrow Shows were a commitment to a higher level of program and pageantry." During the 1969 NOAC, Cline directed and acted in the "Talent Show". Between acts, they did a take off of "Laugh-in," a popular, TV variety show of the era. Randy returned as a young adviser himself for the 1971 NOAC shows staff and was subsequently recognized with the DSA at the 1973 NOAC held at the University of California at Santa Barbara, California. His award was appropriately presented by Mark Benner (Class of 1963).

Driven by the success and growing popularity of the shows at NOAC, Randy played an integral leadership role in the development and execution of NOAC shows through subsequent years, serving as the director from 1977 through 1990. Over time the shows came to be an expected conference highlight. Mark Benner further reflected on this very point, "Randy and a few others like him became the second generation of young adult national OA leaders and they in turn



Eagle Scout Randall Cline, 1964

mentored a third generation. One of my proudest memories of Randy occurred years after I was no longer part of the OA leadership team. I visited the 1988 national conference at Colorado State. From the dozen core showmen of my era, Randy's

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## **Recollections of Bob Wolff, Class of 1946**

Roger Billica, M.D. Class of 1975

It was not until many years after his death that I had any idea that Bob Wolff was such an important force in the early development of the Order of the Arrow in North Carolina. Looking back I feel a sense of loss that his untimely passing robbed me of a chance to share my own adventures in the OA with his obvious passion. Yet somehow I almost think he knew, because it seemed to me that he had singled me out for special attention. But then I think he probably made everyone feel that way.

I came to know Mr. Wolff due to a special friendship between my parents and him and his wife, Helen, who served as the principal of the

elementary school being attended by the sequence of "Billica boys." My earliest memories of him were of shared family outings or of Sunday dinner visits. These were a special treat because he could be counted upon to sit down and read the Sunday funny papers to me, taking the time to attempt to explain the humor that was usually lost on the mind of a young boy. While I don't remember the actual comic strips, I distinctly remember how he would laugh and laugh (especially with the comic strip "Pogo"). His laugh was always something between a chuckle and a good belly chortle.

Once in my early elementary school years it was decided that I needed to have my hearing tested, doubtless due to my persistent day-dreaming and lack of attention to whatever the teacher might be saying. For some reason, Mr.

Wolff was drafted (or volunteered) to take me to the testing center which involved an hour drive to the nearby town which contained the only hearing lab at the time. He waited patiently while I was tested, and then I remember his amused satisfaction in finding out my hearing was just fine and that my problem was one of behavior. He seemed to be delighted in knowing that my mind was too pre-occupied to be bothered with mundane issues of schooling (his wife being the principal and all...).

Another memory is the time Bob and Helen had been invited over for Sunday dinner on a fine autumn day. As was the practice back then in rural eastern North Carolina, we boys raked up

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#### From the Chairman

Welcome to the second issue of The Silver Arrowhead. Feedback received on the inaugural issue has been overwhelmingly encouraging. We are especially pleased this new publication has allowed the Order of the Arrow to reconnect with so many of you. It has also given us the opportunity to showcase the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> project, report on our progress with the digital archive, highlight a dedicated professional, and reflect



on the legacy of service and enduring friendships that developed as the OA spread throughout the Scouting movement.

As this issue goes to press, the conference committee recently completed its site visit to Indiana University in preparation for one of the finest National Order of the Arrow Conferences in our history. Focusing on the difference one person can make in the lives of others, the NOAC theme "The Power of One" will be woven throughout this year's conference in a unique and memorable way to assure each participant leaves believing they can be that person. We want each Arrowman to recognize that one person, one group, one organization can make a difference in the lives of others.

New programs will be introduced at the conference to emphasize "The Power of One" and to provide ideas, encouragement, and training to step out and make a difference. Born out of the success of the ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> project, the Arrowman Conservation School is specifically designed training for lodge and section leadership to learn how to plan and conduct an ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>-type event locally. Another example is the enhancement of traditional training programs to provide a personalized track created specifically to meet the needs of each participant.

Adopting the theme "I'm There", the National Events Promotion Team has done an excellent job promoting our 30th NOAC and the 10th national conference at Indiana University. The introduction of "News You Can Use" email notifications has generated excitement and enthusiasm for the conference with Arrowmen across the country. As a result of the team's outstanding efforts, we are well on our way to meeting capacity at IU. If you are interested in subscribing to the twice monthly newsletter go to <a href="https://www.oa-bsa.org">www.oa-bsa.org</a> and sign up for "News You Can Use".

For the fourth consecutive year, all three of the OA's high adventure programs – OA Trail Crew at Philmont, OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier, and OA Outdoor Adventure at Sea Base – are sold out. All available participant spots have been filled, including the new Canadian Odyssey program that will be introduced at Northern Tier this summer. The popularity of these service-oriented programs at our high adventure bases is a further testimonial to "The Power of One". Please join me in congratulating the OA High Adventure Promotions Team on this outstanding achievement.

We are looking forward to another wonderful, adventure-filled summer for the OA and Scouting. We hope you will join us at NOAC from August 1 to 6, 2009, and be able to say "I'm There", as we explore the power each one of us has to make a difference in the lives of others. I look forward to seeing you at NOAC and reconnecting with you.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bradley E. Haddock

# National OA Archives reports progress is being made

Tony Steinhardt Class of 1992

Ian Romaine Digital Archivist

The national Order of the Arrow archive would like to thank all the Arrowmen to date that have donated items from their past to help preserve the history of the Order. A majority of the items that have been added to the archive are from DSA recipients. Letters, patches, photographs, planning meeting notes, and ceremony items are recent acquisitions. Gifts to the archives will help today's members learn about our history, while helping to document the growth of our organization. We would like to recognize two DSA Recipients:

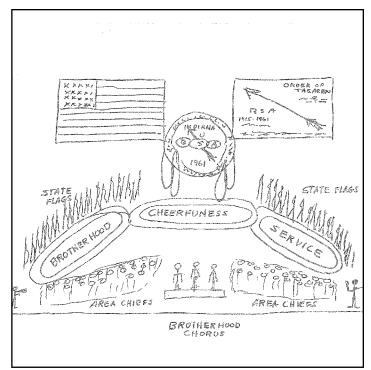
Dr. Louis Marchetti (Class of 1961) provided complete scripts of the opening and closing shows for the 1961 NOAC. The scripts include hand written notes for stage directions and spoken parts.

Jack Butler (Class of 1986)

donated several OA Annual Reports and also newspapers from the 1961 NOAC that he attended as a youth.

If the spirit moves you to do some 'spring cleaning,' please consider making a gift of documents, patches, photographs, and any other momentos that reference the national program. We have developed the necessary "Deed of Gift" and other documents to provide you with a record of your donation and will recognize you with a certificate from the National Committee.

This summer at NOAC, the History and Preservation Subcommittee of the National Committee will be available to accept gifts. Contact National Committee members Tony Steinhardt, <a href="mailto:tsteinhardt@ratioarchitects.com">tsteinhardt@ratioarchitects.com</a> or Ray Capp <a href="mailto:reapp@conduitcorporation.com">reapp@conduitcorporation.com</a> if you would like to make a donation beforehand. Open up your file cabinet, take a look in those boxes in the attic, reminisce and consider sharing your positive memories with future generations.



Dr. Louis Marchetti recently donated scripts and stage drawings from the 1961 National OA Conference. The above stage directions are from the closing show.

## **History of the Order's Distinguished Service Award**

James B. Arriola Class of 1994

In the early years of the Distinguished Service Award, most of the recipients were either professional scouters or adult members. They were responsible for the growth of the Order of the Arrow, organizing lodges across the country, and arranging early area and national meetings. Though the Order has grown through the years, the foundation on which our coveted award was created still remains intact, to sustain strong program nationally.

Since the first awards, there have been only 786 presented. The first recipients were recognized at the 1940 national meeting at Camp Twin Echo, Pennsylvania. E. Urner Goodman, Carroll A. Edson, and nine others were the first recipients. Chief Scout Executive James E. West, the eleventh awardee, did not receive his award until December 29, 1942, presented at the 28th annual meeting of Unami Lodge. Seven of the original eleven recipients served as professional Scouters.

The selection committee consisted of chairman Joseph H. Brinton, a past national chief; then current national chief Joseph A. Brunton, Jr. (Chief Scout Executive from 1960-1967); and George W.

Chapman, the first lodge chief of Unami. Chapman originally suggested the award.

The ribbon for the first awards was forest green, "to remind us of the great outdoors in which the program was centered." This dark green ribbon was not only distinguished by color, but also by texture. Commonly referred to as a 'water-mark' ribbon, the texture had natural wavy lines in the material. Another distinguishable characteristic of the early awards was the size of the actual medal. The first arrowheads were slightly larger than later issues. The 1940 arrowhead was 40 mm high measured from the bottom of the arrowhead to the top of the round ring, the 1952 DSA was 36 mm, and the 1965 DSA was 35 mm. It is not known who manufactured the initial medals. However, it can be speculated to have been Jennings Hood or the J.E. Caldwell Company who were the official jewelers of the OA in the 1940's.

Between 1942, 1946, 1948, and 1950, the national lodge posed a tight limit on the number of awards with only three to six presentations for certain years. At this time in our history as a national organization, the award would have

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# been rare. **ArrowCorps**<sup>5</sup> site advisers receive prestigious

James Tarbox Section SR9 Chief

conservation award

ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> was a highly successful service project completed in the summer of 2008 at five national forests across the United States. The projects themselves were the culmination of years of planning and hard work. Each site had a member of the National Order of the Arrow Committee providing leadership, as the Incident Commanders.

Thanks to their hard work, each site was able to accomplish and exceed its weeklong goals.



The Hornaday Gold Badge

In recognition of their contributions, the five Incident Commanders were awarded the William T. Hornaday Gold Badge Award. The awards were presented at the national planning meeting last December. The recipients were:

#### Matt Walker

Class of 1992 Mark Twain National Forest

#### **Jack Hess**

Class of 1998 Manti-La Sal National Forest

#### Ron Bell

Class of 1988 George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

#### **Steve Bradley**

*Class of 2002* Shasta Trinity National Forest

#### **Dan Segersin**

Class of 1975 Bridger-Teton National Forest



**DSA** recipients who have gone to meet their maker.

#### Elton "Bo" Brodgon

Arlington, TX Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope Class of 1986 June 15, 2007

#### John Dowe

Montgomery, AL Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, Class of 1963 November 14, 2007

#### **Charley Sullivan**

Durham, NC Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope Class of 1979 November 14, 2007

#### **Howard Olson**

Nashville, TN Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope Class of 1986 October 21, 2008

#### Donald W. "Si" Simons

Virginia Beach, VA Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver Class of 1990 October 27, 2008

#### Tom McBride

Pittsburgh, PA Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope Class of 1952 February 7, 2009

## Wolff, started OA lodges in the South



Courtesy of Tali Taktaki History File, Old North State Council, BSA

The 1938 National OA Meeting in Irondale, Missouri. Back row, left to right: Frank Dix (Scout executive; received Brotherhood at meeting), Lloyd Nelson (1925 Unami lodge chief; later national chief); Frank Braden (Scout executive who brought the OA to Greensboro from Birmingham, AL); Joe Brinton (1936 national chief); Bob Wolff (received Brotherhood at meeting). Front Row, left to right: Bill Caudle, Wade Fox, George Gibbs, Claude O'Brien (early Tali Taktaki lodge chief).

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the dead fallen leaves into a pile in the driveway and proceeded to eliminate them by setting them on fire. When Mr. and Mrs. Wolff arrived they found their path up the driveway blocked by a pile of burning leaves. And so when Mr. Wolff asked me what I was doing, I quipped that I had started a fire to keep the "wolves" away. He chortled in his way and showed proper appreciation for



Roger Billica holds Bob Wolff's DSA medal and Vigil Honor sash. Dr. Billaca recently made a gracious gift to the National OA Archives by donating both items in honor of Wolff's service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

my budding sense of humor, and frequently recounted this story in passing years.

He often traveled and was out of town (at least it seemed that way to me) and so it was always counted as a special treat to be able to spend time with him. He was easy to be around, kind and attentive to us kids, and always smiling. We had a strong tradition of Scouting in our family, so it was natural and expected that I would move from Cub Scouts right into Boy Scouts. Soon thereafter Mr. Wolff showed up at our house (after one of his trips) with a mysterious cardboard box which he proceeded to ceremoniously present to me. Inside was a small green lizard, much to my surprise, which turned out to be a species of iguana. Mr. Wolff then informed me that I was to raise the iguana as qualification for my first Scout merit badge: Pets. He also informed me that he would serve as my merit badge counselor and to my delight established a series of meetings for that purpose. I think it was about then that it started dawning on me the depth of his intellect and his passion for things having to do with the out-of-doors. During one of our merit badge counseling sessions, I remember him taking me on a stroll through the woods of the vacant lot next door to point out various fascinating tidbits of nature lore. At one point we hunkered down to observe the goings on at ground level. I will always remember him saying to me, with a sense of awe and marvel in his voice, "You know Roger, if anyone could understand everything happening in that one little square inch of ground then they would be the smartest person in the world!"

It wasn't too long after that when we received the devastating news that he had passed away during one of his trips from a sudden rupture of a brain aneurysm. As I understood it, he was found slumped over a writing desk in his hotel room. It was hard to understand that I would never see him again and felt that a very special part of growing up had been stolen away. In the following years we found an appropriate way to honor his memory by setting aside a beautiful area of our new Scout summer camp as a nature preserve to be named the Bob Wolff Memorial Nature Area (Bonner Scout Reservation). The nature area remains today as a fitting reminder of this dedicated naturalist and Scouter.

Sometime a few years back, when our family was visiting Mrs. Wolff after her move to Greensboro, NC, she shared with me a box of memorabilia from Scouts that had belonged to Bob. There in the box were old uniforms, patches and various odds and ends. After carefully sorting through things I came across a real treasure: his original felt Vigil sash and his vintage green ribbon DSA award medal. By then I had some inkling of his past involvement with early Scouting and the OA and knew that someday we would find a way to display these items as part of that early history. I feel a profound sense of fulfillment and gratitude that his Scouting career, his many contributions to the Order, and yes, even his kindness and inspiration shown to a junior Boy Scout are receiving long deserved recognition.

#### **About Bob Wolff**

Bob was active in Scouting as a youth in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he earned Eagle Scout and worked as a nature counselor at Camp Greystone. Tali Taktaki, the first lodge in the state was chartered in Greensboro in 1933. However, it started the summer after Wolff finished high school, and by this time he was attending the University of Pennsylvania. He worked three summers on the nature staff for the Burlington County Council in New Jersey, where he was actually inducted into the Order in 1934. After college he returned to North Carolina and became active in Tali Taktaki. He was the first North Carolinian to attend a national OA meeting in 1936, and one of two from the state to become a Brotherhood member in 1938 at the 12th OA Meeting at Camp Irondale in Missouri. After this meeting, he was eager to promote the Order and to start new lodges not only in North Carolina, but also throughout the South.

He entered professional Scouting in Greensboro in 1941 and by 1943 was serving as the Scout executive for the Tuscarora Council based in Goldsboro, North Carolina, where he started Nayawin Rar lodge and had integral leadership roles in several early OA meetings in the state. He was recognized with the DSA in 1946. Due to a previously scheduled region Scout executive meeting, he was unable to attend the formal presentation. Rather, he received the award at a council event later in the fall.

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Interestingly enough, he received the Vigil Honor later that fall at the North Carolina Area Meeting held at Morrow Mountain State Park. A practice of that era, he selected his own Vigil name as "Red Shouldered Hawk."

Wolff left the professional Scout service in 1948 and lived in Greenville from that time through 1967. He returned to Greensboro with his wife Helen in 1967, where he died unexpectantly in 1969.

#### About Roger D. Billica, M.D.

Dr. Billica grew up in Greenville, North Carolina and received the DSA in 1975. As a youth he served as an area chief, then lodge chief, was heavily involved with the Ceremony Advisory Group (CAG), and was one of the first youth members of the Southeast Region OA Committee.

He received his undergraduate chemistry degree and M.D. from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Billica served as the Chief of Medical Operations for NASA from 1991 to 2001. He currently operates an integrative medical clinic in Fort Collins, Colorado (Tri-Life Health, PC) which specializes in preventive, functional, nutritional, oxidative, and environmental medicine. His goal is to help individuals recover from illness and achieve healthy aging by correcting and repairing the underlying processes that cause disease rather than simply treating the symptoms.



Roger Billica, left, and Bob Wolff, right, at Roger's Eagle Scout Ceremony, 1967

# Cline made impact with national conference shows

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**Contemporary Picture** 

team had grown to more than a hundred, had state of the art video production techniques, and used imaginative creative ideas that made for exciting shows with truly inspirational impact."

Randy attended Otterbein College and earned a collegiate newspaper award for his weekly newspaper column "Cardinal Sins" as well as awards for his two-year stint as editor-in-chief of the college newspaper, *Tan and Cardinal*. Randy also edited the college yearbook, co-hosted a campus radio talk show, and graduated with departmental honors while earning a B.A.

in communication and theatre. After graduation he embarked on a thirty-two year career with the Girl Scouts through three different councils. Today, Randy is self-employed and has been assisting Girl Scouts of the USA with the merger of several Girl Scout councils across the country. Working professionally for the Girl Scouts afforded him the opportunity to remain active in the Boy Scout program and the Order as a volunteer. Cline's volunteer service record to Scouting includes lodge adviser, council camping chairman, council executive board, the Northeast Region Board, opening shows director for the 1989 National Jamboree, adviser to the BSA Report to the Nation in 1988 and 1992, and has served on the Philmont Training Center Faculty.

An ongoing interest in theatre has led Randy to direct or produce numerous shows and presentations over the years for tens of thousands of people. This "edu-tainment", as he calls it, is experienced throughout the nation annually by thousands of people in the Boy Scouts of America's Wood Badge for the 21st Century and the Order of the Arrow's National Leadership Seminar. The results are powerful, effective, memorable, and fun. With over forty years of service to the national OA program, Randy Cline, has truly lived up to his Vigil name interpreted as "One Who Exhorts."

Randy lives in Cumberland County, PA with MaryAnne, his wife of more than thirty-five years. They have two grown sons.



Courtesy of National OA Archives, donated by Tom Fielder, Class of 1971

Area chiefs at the 1968 national planning meeting. First row, center: 1969 national chief Tom Fielder wearing bonnet (member of the OA committee since 2007). Second row, far left: Randy Cline (shows staff; member of the OA committee since 1987). Second row, far right: Ed Pease (1969 Deputy Conference Vice Chief Administration; member of the OA committee since 1984).



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### Looking for recipients of the Distinguished Service Award

There are less than 130 recipients we are searching for out of 786 recipients of the DSA. Do you Class of 1973 know where they are or if they are deceased? Send an email to carolyn. toler@scouting.org or write to the return address.

Since the inaugural issue of The Silver Arrowhead, over 35 recipients have been located.

Marshall, Richard, Detroit, MI Class of 1954

Class of 1952

Hall, Jr, Frank, Wilkinburg, PA Class of 1956

Hubbard, Walter, Whitting, IN Vassell, Henry, Detroit, MI Class of 1958

Hedinger, Jack, Kansas City, MO Sheridan, John, Glen Rock, NJ Class of 1961

Dunaway, John, Atlanta, GA Williams, Willis, Robbins, NC Class of 1963

Brisisdine, Thomas, Griffin, GA Faucett, Henry, Allentown, PA Johnston, John, Pontiac, MI

Class of 1965 Becker, James, North Arlington, NJ Gilman, Robert, Owatona, MN Class of 1967

Costello, Michael, Evansville, IN Moore, Bruce, Fullerton, CA Schiley, Robert, Shawnee, OK Class of 1969

Boone, David, Winstow-Salem, NC Dunn Jr, Vincent, Stanford, CT Fuller, William, Evansville, IN Griffin, Jr. Robert, Cincinnati, OH Kidder, Alvin, Alameda, CA

Doran, Thomas, Syracuse, NY Harvey, George, Middletown, OH

Copeland, Charles, Placeville, CA Blodgett, John, Maumee, OH Hayman, Kenneth, Nacogdoches, TX Lamoeroux, Kent, Portland, OR McLaughlin, John, Watertown, NY Snyder, David, Ann Arbor, MI Torbeck, Mark, Riverside Forest, IL Trotter, Thomas, Tampa, FL

Class of 1975 Graves, Clarence, Cincinnati, OH Hansen, Donald, La Crescenta, CA Class of 1977

Wisdom, Charles, Huntington Beach, CA Class of 1979

Bevan, Sr, Jeffery, Midlesex, NJ Bender, Jr. Albert, St. Louis, MO Bisson, Gerald, Rapid City, MI Breland, William, San Jose, CA Bryant, William, Tempe, AZ Holmes, Michael, Pensacola, FL Mac Donald, Richard, Willimette, IL Martinez, Paul Roy, Denver, CO Mueller, Ray, Colorado Springs, CO Class of 1981

Andrews, George, New Wilmington, PA Bender, Jr, Hugh, St. Louis, MO Harben, Jerry, San Antonio, TX

Class of 1983 Aberle, Richard, Coomack, NY Akes, Robert, Ciney, IL Moll, Kevin, Fort Collins, CO Rubard Gordon Orinda CA Seavers, Kenneth, St. Louis, MO Shoemaker, Robert, San Antonio, TX Snyder, Charles, Cochocton, OH Steffens, Thomas, Secaucus, NJ

Class of 1986 Bieker, Darrel, Great Bend, KS Carney, Robert, Jackson, TN

Churay, Danile, Austin, TX Johnson, Ted, Fremont, MI Rice, Richard, Sunnyvale, CA Rogers, Steven, Willamston, MI Sachs, Mike, Colton, CA Sorenson, Matthew, Bloomington, IL Sullivan, Richard, Bowie, MD Wade, Robert, Delta, OH Woodward Richard Quincy IL. Class of 1988

Hath, Robert, Howell, MI Keenan, Sean, Grand Junction, CO Naylor, R.Brian, Fayetteville, AR Wilcox, Derek, Anaheim, CA Wright, Andrew, Wichita, KS Class of 1990

Henry, Mark, Mt.Pleasant, PA

Hudson, Kevin, Dallas, TX Neil, Charles, Lubbock, TX

Class of 1992

O'Neil, Cort, West Chester, OH Ross, J.Patrick, Columbus, OH Shumaker, Jack, Swartz Creek, MI Stevens, Arthur, Cadillac, MI

Class of 1994

Morrison Robert Mountian City TN Ridgeway, Jr, Patrick, Manhattan, KS Class of 1998

Haubenstricker, Marcus, Frankenmuth, MI Souza, Josh, San Jose, CA

Class of 2000

Bicket, John, Edmond, OK Cash, Peter Arnold, Memphis, TN

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During the December 1960 national OA committee meeting at Indiana University, members discussed and agreed to change the color of the DSA ribbon from its forest green to explore a new color combination. This change was not immediate. The last awards presented with the forest green ribbons were at the 1965 NOAC, which at that time there were only 111 recipients.

In 1966, during a national OA committee meeting in Dallas, awards

chairman Kellock Hale reported "that at last the new Distinguished Service Award ribbon was available." The new design was a white ribbon with four embroidered red arrows on

The national OA committee mailed all former recipients with the green ribbon the 'new' replacement ribbon. The Class of 1967, were the first recipients to receive the new ribbon during their presentation.

The masthead of The Silver Arrowhead, is a composite of both ribbons to acknowledge our rich and enduring history.

