

The Silver Arrowhead

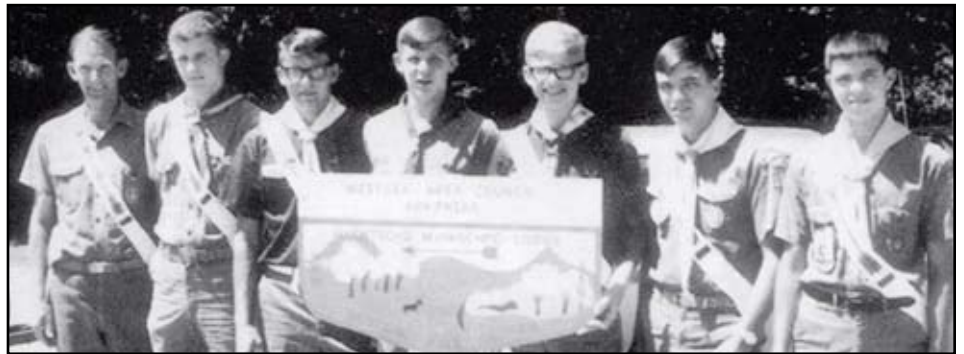
Presented for distinguished service to the Order since 1940

A talent and love for program

C. Tim Osborn, Ph.D.
Class of 1979

Most Scouts and Scouters who have met Mark Anderson know him as the friendly and enthusiastic director of program at Philmont Scout Ranch. He has held this position since 1999, longer than any other. Those who recognize the red and white square knot on Mark's uniform might assume it was awarded at least in part for his notable professional contributions to Scouting's national high adventure program. However, Mark received the Order's Distinguished Service Award in 1983 for his voluntary service at the regional and national levels when he was still a young professional Scouter. For nearly 50 years as a youth and as an adult, Mark Anderson has had a notable career in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

Mark began his Scouting journey in 1960,



1967 NOAC contingent from Wachtschu Mawachpo. Left to right: lodge adviser Arthur Anderson (no relation), Steve Noland, David Buckley, Richard Ourand, Mark Anderson, Terry Box and Stewart Noland.

when at the age of eight, he joined Cub Scout Pack 46 in his hometown of Fayetteville, Arkansas. After earning the Wolf, Bear, and Lion ranks, in 1963 he joined Boy Scout Troop

77 and within three years had become an Eagle Scout and senior patrol leader. In the spring of

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The circle of brotherhood

Marty Tschetter
Class of 1996

O-Shot-Caw Lodge Adviser Harold Hollis wrote in his journal for the Indian Pageant at the 1963 National OA Conference, "Finally the

time for our entrance arrived. The huge center of the building looked as if was completely covered with dancing Indians. There were 13 lodges from all over the country who were participating in the pageant. Our lodge slowly danced over to their reproduction of a

Seminole village. Everything looked terrific. Performing the Hunting Dance, the spectators were completely drawn into the feeling of the setting. Our lodge was awarded plaques for Best Showmanship and the Most Authentic. We were all highly elated to say the least. Of course, it was almost impossible to get the gang to bed that night; their feet were at least 12 inches off the ground."

National OA Committeeman Jack Butler opened up the pageant by dancing alone into the arena wearing a buffalo hide and head, sharing "I don't recall why I was asked to open the Indian show this way, but I lived too far away from Miami to practice with the dance team." National OA Committeeman Ron Bell who was the team dance co-chairman remembers, "It was exciting for a young Arrowman to dance at the national competition. I remember the flash bulbs from thousands of cameras and meeting the other dancers from the various parts of the United States. Our

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Left to right: Ron Bell, Jack Butler and Paul Anderson at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By the time you read this column, the newest class of Distinguished Service Award recipients will have been named. You will be very impressed with the contributions and character of this year's group. I hope you will join us for the 2012 national conference at Michigan State this summer to help us recognize and celebrate the work and dedication of this fine group of new honorees.



This summer at NOAC, the Order of the Arrow will host the National Eagle Scout Association as it leads the national celebration of 100 years of Eagle Scouts. The first badge was awarded in August 1912 to Arthur Eldred. Successors in this tradition of excellence will enjoy the many events and fellowship of thousands of Eagle Scouts from around the nation who will assemble with us for this once-in-a-lifetime gathering.

NOAC will also be distinctive this summer for three other reasons. The Center for History and Preservation, also known as the museum, will display the most extraordinary and impressive private and OA collections of memorabilia ever assembled. In preparation for the 100th Anniversary of our Order in 2015, a historical timeline has been put together that is highly impressive, informative, interactive and interesting. In addition, our Development Subcommittee will offer several new and classy items for sale to help us further the work of our endowment fund allowing us to carry on strong program.

I know many of you will applaud the selection of the Honorable Ed Pease as the fifth and latest recipient of the OA Lifetime Achievement Award. So many of you will have fond memories of working with Ed over the years, so I hope you will make the effort to be with him this summer in Michigan.

If you are unable to join us in person, let me welcome you to participate by tuning in to the news of the week and watch events unfold online at www.aa-bsa.org

In closing, let me thank you for the many efforts you have contributed, past, or present, to the good work of our Order.

We stand on the shoulders of giants to do our work today, and see the vision the Founder had for us, deep into the future.

In the Spirit of cheerful service,

Ray Capp
National Chairman

Legacy Fellowship: an opportunity to make a lasting impact

Steve Silbiger
Class of 1988

Many of us have contributed to our university or college annual fund or its endowment. Why?

The most common reasons that people make a donation to their alma mater are:

- I received value from the experience and use what I learned on a regular basis.
- I want to make sure that this experience is available for people to follow me.

Do these reasons sound familiar in reference to your experience with the Order of the Arrow? If these reasons resonate within you, I invite you to become an Order of the Arrow Legacy Fellow. The purpose of the program is to grow the OA Endowment Fund, which will allow the national committee to continue to expand several outstanding programs and

projects. Some of these programs that directly benefit our Arrowmen, lodges, councils and Scouting as a whole include leadership training, scholarships, lodge service grants and underwriting of national high adventure programs.

How does one become a Legacy Fellow? Make an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to the National OA Endowment Fund. The Order of the Arrow firmly believes that our first obligation is to our home council; therefore, one can only become a Legacy Fellow after they have supported their home council by being a James E. West Fellow.

Additionally, the national committee has authorized the official Legacy Fellowship recognition to include an Arrowhead pin that would be worn in the center of the James E. West knot on one's uniform as well as a certificate in a presentation portfolio. For additional information regarding the Legacy Fellowship program, please contact Stephanie Jordan at 972-580-2438.



1977-78 national officers following the DSA presentation ceremony at the 1979 NOAC, Fort Collins, Colorado. Standing left to right, Chris Boswell (National Chief), Dave Worland (SE Region Chief), Rick Burton (National Vice Chief), Chuck Clabots (NC Region Chief), Tim Osborn (SC Region Chief), Skip Breland (Western Region Chief). Kneeling: Eric Helgemoe (NE Region Chief), Larry Ewaska (EC Region Chief).

Dr. Carl Marchetti: then and now

Bill Topkis & Tracy Mesler

*National Order of the Arrow Subcommittee
Recognition, Awards, History & Preservation*

At the December national planning meeting in Westlake, Texas, Dr. Carl Marchetti was recognized for his unparalleled contribution and vision to the national OA committee. It was announced that Dr. Marchetti is the first person to serve on any national BSA committee for 50 years. Dr. Marchetti was first appointed to the committee in 1962 serving as its chairman from 1984 – 1993.

To commemorate the event, a special national OA committee red sash with gold arrows was presented to Dr. Marchetti along with a scrapbook. The sash was inscribed:

Dr. Carl Marchetti

In Honor of Fifty Years of Service
to the National OA Committee
1962 – 2012

The scrapbook included the 1950 Brotherhood photograph along with other images, mementos and acknowledgments of his half a century of exemplary cheerful service.

Dr. Marchetti then made a presentation of his own. He generously presented to current National OA Committee Chairman Ray Capp his most cherished OA keepsake, Founder E. Urner Goodman's national OA committee sash that had been entrusted to him over a half century ago. About 15 of these sashes were issued and worn by national OA committee members from 1950-1954. Many consider this sash to be the single most significant historical artifact of our Order.



Top: A noteworthy photograph recently surfaced of longtime national OA committee member Dr. Carl Marchetti. The photo was taken in 1950 of the new Brotherhood Honor class of Chinchewunaska Lodge, Union City, New Jersey. Back Row: Allison King, Reverend Charles Fegley, Carl Marchetti (Class of 1958), Kenneth Doeg, Edward Clark, Gerald Winter, Louis Rizzi and unknown. Middle Row: Stuart Wolf, Silvio Lepore, Robert Wilson, Theodore Lappas, Joseph Labuda and Robert Clark. Front Row: Louis Marchetti (Class of 1961), Donald Mitchell, Joseph Picco, Peter Bonsal, and Ernest Olsen.



Right: Dr. Carl Marchetti and Ray Capp



Third Degree (Vigil Honor) members at the grand lodge meeting held at Camp Owasippe, September 7-10, 1933.

Back Row: Jerome B. Leve, Emil W. Preuss, Leon E. Stern, C. Bartley, William Townsend, Carl Schaum, Philip Wagner, Alfred C. Nichols, Jr. (Class of 1940), Michael Greenstein.

Middle Row: H.L. Maze, Gerald H. Blake (Class of 1952), Frank J. Bubenheim, Bernard Martin, Henry Kirchner, Milton Comley, George A. Mozealous (Class of 1948), Leo R. Abinatti, Robert Henderson (Class of 1940), Carl McManus.

Front Row: A.P. Newkirk, Lambert Case, E. Urner Goodman (Class of 1940), Tom Cairns (Class of 1940), Joe Pattison (Class of 1940), H. Lloyd Nelson (Class of 1940), Victor Alm, W.F. Livermore, W. Walker Ropp, John Clarke, George Bersch.

A scan of this important photograph was graciously shared with the National OA Archive by Dr. Francis Podbielski who serves on the Chicago Area Council executive board. The original is located at the E. Urner Goodman Scout Museum at Camp Owasippe.

By the numbers: The youthful selections



Tom McBride at the 1950 national jamboree serving as OA service corps Scoutmaster. He was one of the first youthful recipients presented the award.

Mac McLean
Class of 1988
Section S-5 Adviser

The national OA Distinguished Service Award has been in existence since 1940 and with 839 recipients to date, the award has been a relatively limited and rare recognition. With only 626 recipients still living, any one council or lodge is unlikely to have many recipients. The recognition was especially rare for youth in the early years. Some of the first important steps took place in 1948, when the Order of the Arrow became fully integrated into the Boy Scouts of America and policies were shaped that provided for greater youth involvement in the OA. Much of those policies, as well as a national restructuring of the OA, began in earnest after the 1948 NOAC, although that conference did feature a “junior chairman” for each conference committee who was youthful and who aided the adult “chairman” for the committee. Youthful area chiefs, now known as section chiefs, first began to appear with the emergence of area conferences or area fellowships in the late 1940s. Certain of those area chiefs were first invited to a national planning meeting for the purpose of

planning a national conference and electing a youth “national conference chief” in December of 1949. This meant that the 1950 NOAC was the first to be organized and led by youth in the manner similar to that done today.

By the 1952 NOAC, the committee charged with selecting DSA recipients had presumably seen the youth involvement in the prior NOAC and felt that for the first time young leaders had been given leadership opportunities and service which warranted the selection of youthful recipients of the award.

This analysis defines a “youthful” recipient as any recipient under the age of 30. Throughout history it has been the normal practice to first consider recognizing youthful recipients with the award at the NOAC following the conference at which the youth served as a leader. Typically, the youth leaders of a NOAC are approaching age 21 and conference vice chiefs may have already attained age 21 when they serve, meaning that the first opportunity for recognition might be at a conference three years later when the person was 24. After reviewing historic DSA selections, the term “youthful” appeared to “fit” with recipients under age 30. Virtually all of the persons who received the DSA before age 30 were selected primarily for youthful service, it being rare for someone under age 30 to hold a meaningful national adult position prior to that age.

The first group of youthful recipients was presented at the 1952 NOAC and that group included four persons out of the 10 presented. Norman C. Wood of Allogagan Lodge, Springfield, Massachusetts (age 26) was selected. He had been a lodge chief and served as a junior chairman at the 1948 NOAC and, upon the end of that conference, was selected and employed to serve as the first OA national executive secretary in conjunction with the national restructuring (that job was later titled director, OA team leader, and now again director – a professional Scouter). He served until March of 1951. J. Richard “Dick” Wilson of Chimalus Lodge, Washington, Pennsylvania (approximately age 24) was selected as his successor; Dick had served as an area chief and as the national conference chief at the 1950 NOAC. Thomas G. McBride of Anicus

Lodge, Wilksburg, Pennsylvania (age 28) was selected. He had served as a junior chairman at the 1948 NOAC, as Chair of “Morale” at the 1950 NOAC and he had led the OA Service Corps at the 1950 National Scout Jamboree. William S. “Bill” Roth of Tsali Lodge, Asheville, North Carolina (age 23) was selected. Roth had provided strong youthful leadership in three different lodges. In particular during college at the University of North Carolina, he had a strong involvement with Area 6A and Occoneechee Lodge, eventually joining the local professional staff. Roth also was serving on the national board of Alpha Phi Omega, later becoming its national president. Each of the four appear to have had some form of leadership or support role at that 1952 NOAC and three of the four became professional Scouters shortly after completing their education. The fourth, McBride, was selected for the national OA committee at the end of the following year in 1953.

These first four youthful selections began the trend of having well-qualified youthful DSA recipients with each presentation of the award. From 1954 to 1967 the number of youthful recognitions average just over three per conference. In 1954 the committee made only one youthful selection, but the number increased to four in 1956, and totals thereafter were three in 1958, three in 1961, five in 1963, three in 1965, and four in 1967. This was during a time in which the total number of DSAs presented at a national conference was eight in 1954 and then ranged from 11 to 16 for the conferences from 1956 to 1967. As a youth-run, adult-advised, organization, the selection of youthful recipients was needed. As youth gained more opportunities for national service in later years, even more youthful recipients would be selected.



The 1950 national conference chief J. Richard Wilson was one of the first youthful recipients in the nation.



DSA recipients who have gone to meet their maker.

Richard Michael MacDonald
Bruceville, TX
Class of 1979
October 20, 2011

Harold “Hal” W. Cairney
Jersey City, NJ
Class of 1967
January 29, 2011

John “Jock” Forrest
Phoenix, AZ
Class of 1977
April 15, 2012

Renewed vitality for the Eagle Scout

Donald J. Cunningham
 Class of 2002
 Lead Adviser, NESAs @ NOAC

For many of us (especially the readers of *The Silver Arrowhead*), the rank of Eagle was expected – a standard or minimum requirement for those who planned lifelong service to the Order and to the BSA. Seldom has a national officer (or a section chief) been elected without the badge of honor. Perhaps that is because our requirements for membership start at First Class, or maybe it has to do with our role as Scouting’s national honor society. Whatever the case, this “standard” has often caused us to forget how truly valuable the Eagle rank is (and how much it is respected in our society). Each of us has a Scouting friend who regrets stopping short of the finish line to Eagle, and while seldom a passerby on the street would know about the Order of the Arrow, the phrase “Eagle Scout” seems to resonate with most.

We all know the story of W.D. Boyce and the “unknown Scout”, which led to the founding of the Scouting movement in the United States. The story fewer people know is that of Arthur Eldred, the first Eagle Scout. According to research conducted by Gary Twite of the Chief Seattle Council, Arthur grew up in Long Island, New York, just outside of New York City. His troop served as honor guard for a visit and inspection by Lord Baden-Powell. The research indicates that Baden-Powell’s finest memory of his entire trip around the world “was sailing up beautiful New York harbor and seeing the long line of erect, uniformed Boy Scouts with the American flag on the right of the line, and the British Cross of St. Andrew on the left of the line, and the Boy Scout flag in the center.” It was also said that Lord Baden-Powell’s face lit up when he saw the many merit badges on Arthur Eldred’s uniform. He shook Arthur’s hand and questioned him about his array of badges. Arthur’s modest demeanor caused him to turn red as Scouting’s founder continued to question him regarding his Scouting experiences.

In that same year, Arthur would be grilled by different company – the national staff of the BSA – in the form of a board of review to determine



Arthur Eldred

if he were properly qualified to hold all 21 merit badges necessary to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. In a letter dated August 21, 1912, James E. West formally notified Arthur Eldred that he had the honor of being the first Eagle Scout. West indicated that the badge would be awarded later, as the dye had not yet been made.

It has been nearly 100 years since Arthur Eldred blazed the trail for those of us who would follow in his path. As such, the BSA determined that a proper celebration should be held in 2012 to honor the centennial of Arthur’s achievements. The celebration would serve as a reunion for Eagle Scouts nationwide, invoke a sense of inspiration for Scouts who have not yet achieved the rank, and further fulfill NESAs’ purpose of identifying, engaging, and guiding Eagle Scouts throughout the country. Given the natural overlap between the OA and NESAs, NOAC 2012 was chosen as the ideal venue for the centennial celebrations.


“NESAs@NOAC” will host a series of events to commemorate Arthur and to reinvigorate enthusiasm for the honor of the Eagle rank. In addition to Eagle-oriented training cells, displays at the museum, and a presence at Founder’s Day, NESAs will sponsor the Wednesday evening show. This special production will feature Distinguished Eagle Scouts in an open-format, moderated discussion, and will conclude with a high-energy concert. On Thursday evening, the NESAs booth at the Hodag will offer guests an opportunity to accept challenges from dynamic Eagles with storied careers in high adventure or military service, and a first look at the NESAs iPad app. Our anniversary dinner on Friday evening will



The Eagle Scout Medal for Arthur Eldred. Presented 1912.

be by invitation-only and will feature a special program for Eagle Scouts attending NOAC. Finally, we will invite every Scout executive in America to send their NESAs committee chairman (or one to two key volunteers) as outside guests of NOAC to undergo intensive, two-day training on how to create (or develop) successful NESAs committees in their councils.

When you pack your uniforms for NOAC 2012, allow the Eagle knot (or badge) to remind you of the trail blazed by Arthur and, as you settle into the conference, utilize “NESAs@NOAC” programs as opportunities to reconnect yourself with all that it means to be an Eagle Scout...then, now, and forever. We look forward to hosting you for the celebrations.

	<p>Marty Tschetter <i>Editor, Class of 1996</i></p>	<p>Ray Capp <i>National Chairman, Class of 1973</i></p>	<p>Clyde Mayer <i>OA Director, Class of 1998</i></p>
	<p>Craig Salazar <i>Vice Chairman, Class of 1994 Communications and Marketing</i></p>	<p>Michael Thompson <i>Vice Chairman, Class of 2006 Recognition and Awards</i></p>	<p>Carey Miller <i>OA Specialist, Class of 2002</i></p>
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Empowerment as a hook

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plaques are still in our lodge trophy case at the council office. As you can imagine, it was such an exciting time for all of us.”

Jack, Ron, and another mutual friend, Paul Anderson, all Eagle Scouts and Vigil Honor recipients, worked at the former Camp Sebring during the 1960s, which was operated by the South Florida Council. Jack and Paul were inducted into O-Shot-Caw lodge in August 1959, and both became Brotherhood members the following June. Ron was a few years younger, however, by 1961 all three were working on the camp staff. Similar to many of us with inspiring Scouting experiences, the trio developed strong bonds of friendship ‘that started at camp and grew through the Order of the Arrow. They remained close friends through their own families, and eventually distinguishing themselves on the national level.

Beyond camaraderie, their lodge adviser Harold Hollis was the common thread in each of their lives. He had a profound impact on Jack, Ron, and Paul as a mentor by instilling innovative program ideas and empowerment as a hook to keep youth involved in Scouting. In turn, as they became advisers, the trio applied their positive experiences as motivation by impacting a new generation of Scouts.

Harold Frances Hollis grew up on the Southside of Chicago, Illinois earning Eagle Scout rank in 1938. He was inducted into Owasippe lodge in July 1935 and received Brotherhood in November 1936. In the spring of 1947 he moved to Sarasota, Florida, and was a charter member of O-Shot-Caw Lodge when it renewed its charter in 1955. He was one of the first Vigil Honor members of the new lodge receiving it at the 1958 national conference. At the time of his passing in 2004, he had been continuously registered in Scouting for 75 years.

Ron Bell shared, “Mr. Hollis was my hero. There is no other way to describe this incredible man. He knew how to relate to kids. He was a stern taskmaster who only wanted the best out of us, no matter our backgrounds or position in life. Every time he spoke he had a clear message to deliver, wisdom for our young minds. I admired his ability to pull the best out of us all. He listened so well, allowing us to lead. Sometimes we failed, but we learned from these failures. When I was lodge chief (1966-67), Mr. Hollis was my adviser and we spent many long nights talking while attending an Ordeal. Those conversations ranged from ‘where do you see yourself in the next five years,’ ‘to what’s happening with the Ordeal candidates,’ ‘to our lodge’s future leaders.’ The guy could talk and listen to anything. If it weren’t for Mr. Hollis, I would have never stayed in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow. He taught me how to live.”

Jack Butler shared, “Mr. Hollis, my dad,



The 1967 Camp Sebring Staff. In the second row, Paul Anderson is seated fourth from the right and Jack Butler is seated third from the right. Ron Bell is standing in the third row on the far left.

and my Scoutmaster Mr. Tucker were the three men who most influenced me growing up, and probably in that order. Mr. Hollis was ahead of his time, having youth running the lodge in the 1950s-60s. He just had a great way of making us feel special and important, giving us guidance to run the various programs with few adults around to push or observe us. When I was Ordealmaster for example, I never felt or saw any adults in the area, it was my show.”

As they grew into adulthood and became advisers, Jack, Ron, and Paul perpetuated the Scouting ideals in their respective professions and as volunteers. After a tour in Vietnam as a First Lieutenant, Jack settled into a new job living in Jacksonville, Florida. Starting in 1973, he served eight years as the Echokotee lodge adviser, then 12 years as the section adviser, and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1986. He joined the national OA committee in 1992, serving as the vice-chairman for communications and marketing for 10 and a half years. Jack was a strong supporter and advocate from the inception of what became the OA Trail Crew program. In fact, Jack’s son Zack, a third generation Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor recipient, served as a foreman in the inaugural summer of 1995 at Philmont Scout Ranch.

As an adult Ron Bell advised the O-Shot-Caw lodge’s dance team from 1969 through 1972, winning the national competition again in 1969. He served as lodge adviser for 23 years starting in 1984, received the DSA in 1988, and then joined the national committee in 1997. Ron was the lead adviser of American Indian Activities (AIA) for the 2001, 2005, 2010 Indian Village at the national jamboree, and coordinated the Indian Summer programs in 2003 and 2011. He served as the vice chairman for recognitions and awards for two years and was in that position when *The*

Silver Arrowhead was launched in the fall of 2008. Another significant milestone for Ron was serving as the 2008 *ArrowCorps*⁵ Incident Commander for the George Washington and Jefferson site in Virginia. Ray Capp recently announced that Ron was the 2012 Arrowhead of Service Award recipient, which is given annually by the national chairman acknowledging a committeeman who epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism. Jack received the award the previous year and Tom Reddin (Class of 1986) was the first recipient in 2010.

Paul Anderson was also an O-Shot-Caw Indian dancer when they won the team dance at the 1961 national conference reflecting “We performed the Hopi Butterfly Dance and I was a Koshare. The conference was held at Indiana University and when I came out from behind the stage, I couldn’t believe the number of people, it was the largest crowd that I had seen at that point in my life. I remember the flashes from the cameras going off.” After serving two years as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant in air intelligence, he settled in Inverness, Florida, and served as the reservation director at McGregor Scout Reservation for 30 years starting in 1974. Paul was a fixture as an AIA adviser at section and national conferences from 1988 to 2006, working in that capacity at several national jamborees, receiving the DSA in 2004. His son, Jake, worked at Philmont for eight summers.

A hallmark of Scouting is its enduring legacy of values, passed from generation to generation, especially through strong program. The first link in the chain started with Harold Hollis as a youth in the 1930s, then as an adult inspiring Jack, Ron, and Paul as youth in the 1960s. Collectively they have continued the circle of brotherhood with each other and by impacting subsequent generations.

Important stewardship to Philmont



Left to right: Tim Osborn, camp director Burl White, and Mark at Camp Orr.

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1966, he was inducted into Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge, Westark Area Council. He subsequently attended the 1967 and 1969 National Order of the Arrow Conferences, became a Vigil Honor member and was elected lodge chief twice. For several years Mark served on the staff at Camp Orr, the council's summer camp located on the Buffalo National River in northern Arkansas.

In 1967 Joe Clay, a volunteer fresh out of the Marine Corps, revived Explorer Post 200 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, building it into a high adventure program that attracted older Scouts from the surrounding area. While remaining active in his troop, Mark joined the new post, becoming its first president and forming a life-long friendship with Joe Clay. By 1972, Joe went on to be the associate director of program at Philmont and the following year he launched many of the popular backcountry interpretative programs still offered at the ranch.

In 1970, Mark began his college education at the University of Arkansas. The following year he transferred to the University of Idaho at Moscow, receiving a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management in 1974. While considering a graduate degree in forestry, he received a job offer from the Westark Area Council to return to Fayetteville to become district executive. Mark accepted the position with the idea that after a few years he would likely return to forestry. Now, 38 years later, there is no doubt that forestry's loss was Scouting's gain.

Mark served as a district executive for the Razorback District for five years. In addition to his everyday responsibilities, he improved the summer camp experience for thousands of Scouts as the capable and energetic program director of Camp Orr from 1974-1978. During this time he also served as staff adviser for the lodge that he had served as chief. In 1977-78 Mark provided important advice and assistance to me, while I served as the south central region chief, and played key roles in the planning and execution of the south central region show at the 1977 NOAC, and the south central region's first National Leadership Seminar in March 1978.

In late 1978 Mark accepted a senior district executive position with the Three Rivers Council

in Beaumont, Texas. It was here that Mark met Linda, the lady who became his wife in 1983 and with whom he would have two lovely daughters. During his nine years in Beaumont, Mark was heavily involved in teaching the program director's course at numerous National Camping Schools, was OA staff adviser, and for several years was summer camp director. He also continued to serve on the staff of numerous National Leadership Seminars in the south central region, working on the shows staff at several national conferences, and was the national conference song leader at the 1981 NOAC held at the University of Texas at Austin. During the following conference held at Rutgers University, Mark was awarded the DSA for his service and recognized ability for strong program.

After leaving Beaumont, for six years Mark was field director for the East Texas Area Council headquartered in Tyler, Texas, and then for another six years was Scout executive for the Ouachita Area Council headquartered in Hot Springs, Arkansas. In addition to serving as the OA staff adviser during these years, he worked on staff for three national jamborees.

In late 1998, Mark was chosen to become the director of program at Philmont Scout Ranch where this past summer (2011) he managed a seasonal staff of 1,070 providing a high adventure program for more than 23,000 Scouts. He is also responsible for the ranch's year-round programs, its museums, and starting two years ago also became the training center director. In addition to his responsibilities, Mark served on the Cimarron school board for more than eight years, and for the past 12 years has been a search and rescue field coordinator in association with the New Mexico State Police.

Under his leadership, Philmont operated the Double H High Adventure Base on land

owned by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in central New Mexico for six years. During this time, more than 6,000 Scouts from crews representing 39 states took advantage of that program. Also in recent years, Philmont has established written partnership agreements with neighboring landowners greatly expanding the acreage used for the hiking program.

In 1910 President Teddy Roosevelt observed that: "Conservation means development as much as it does protection. I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us."

With this principle in mind and with his forestry background, Mark has intensified the emphasis placed on conservation at the ranch including new trail construction programs for both young men and women including the Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS), the Trail Crew Trek program, and a GIS program for mapping and spatial data collection. And, in response to the devastating Ponil Complex fires of 2002, many projects have been instituted looking to the long-term future of the ranch while improving its infrastructure.

Former OA Trail Crew Director Whit Culver (Class of 2000) shared, "Mark was one of the most youth-centric professionals I have ever worked with, he truly cared about the experience that each Scout had at Philmont. His concern for the youth, and their development as leaders, made him a fantastic advocate for OATC. As the director in 2000, he allowed me to run the program totally on my own, which was a great growth experience for me. His first answer was hardly ever 'no,' he allowed us to be inventive with the program. I can't imagine someone better suited to fill the role of director of program at Philmont. The ranch and the Scouting movement are lucky to have Mark's steady demeanor, leadership, and enthusiasm."

Regardless of what position he may have held over the years, Mark Anderson has always shown a special talent and love for the program of Scouting. Moreover his steadfast enthusiasm has been contagious, affecting all those who have had the pleasure of working with him. As a result, generations of Scouts have returned from their Scouting experiences, their backpacks filled with great life-long memories.



Left to right; Mark, daughter Carrie, wife Linda, daughter Kirsten Anderson Loar, and son-in-law Tristan Loar.

Photos in review: NOAC 1988



Mark Dyer (Class of 1988), Bill Slesnick (Class of 1967)



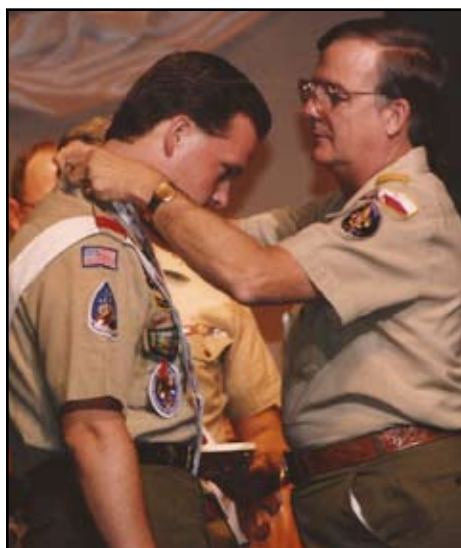
Dr. Glenn Ault (Class of 1988), Andrew Wright (Class of 1988)



Richard Carroll (Class of 1988), Gene Schnell (Class of 1986)



Esten Grubb (Class of 1986), Steve Silbiger (Class of 1988)



Jay Cleaver (1988), Dabney Kennedy (1969)



Doug Nelson (1988), Randy Cline (1973)



Charles Harbin, II (1988), Steve Willis (1981)