

# George Mason District Court of Honor

Honoring the Volunteers That Support Our Youth and Units

2020 - 2021



# Agenda

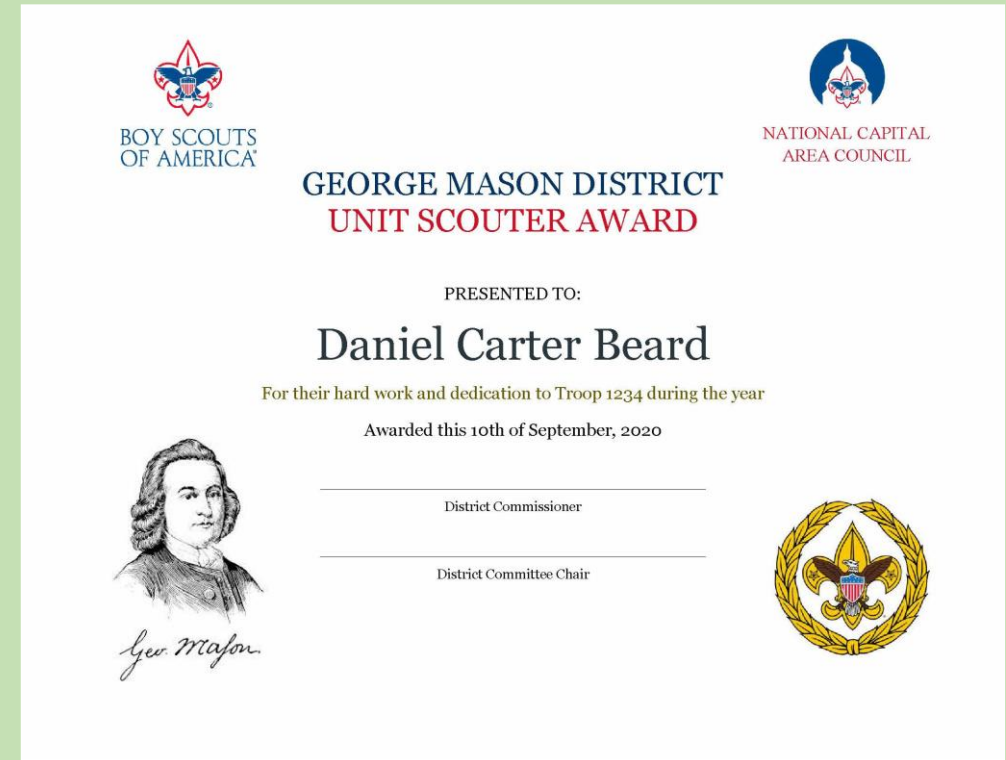
- Service to our Units
  - Unit Scouter Awards
  - Unit Appreciation Awards
  - Additional Unit Level Awards
- Service at the District Level
  - District Award of Merit
  - Silver Beaver
  - Order of the Arrow Vigil Award
  - Commissioner's Awards
- George Mason Roundtable (to follow immediately after)

# Unit Scouter Award

The Unit Scouter Award is presented to a limited number of persons from the district.

The award recognizes volunteers for noteworthy service to the unit in which the awardee is registered.

The award can be for excellence of duty, action during a crucial period, or sustained performance on behalf of the unit.



# Pack 78

## **Frank Farrugia**

Frank has done an exemplary job creating and maintaining a Cub Scout program despite pandemic constraints. He developed both in-person and virtual events in order to cater to a variety of Pack family preferences/needs. His program ensures that any Cub who is only able to participate virtually will have a full set of opportunities to advance through the program. Unsurprisingly, the Pack families have been very happy with his program, a sentiment that they have communicated directly to me (their Unit Commissioner).

# Pack 152



## Kirk Silva

Through fun and engaging activities, and exemplary Scout spirit, Kirk successfully led his den from Wolves, through Webelos, to the Arrow of Light. The Pack and the Scouts and parents he led are deeply indebted to him for his years of selfless service and outstanding leadership.

# Pack 187

## **Robert Deal**

Through pandemic conditions, Pack 187's Cubmaster Robert Deal encouraged pack families to be resilient and led by example through creative ways to keep activities and meetings safe and engaging for the Scouts and families.

## **Phillip Padden**

Through pandemic conditions, Pack 187's Committee Chair Phillip Padden worked diligently through many challenges to ensure the successful charter renewal process for the unit's adult leaders and Scouts.

# Pack 656

## Christopher Hayes

Christopher Hayes has selflessly served Pack 656 for two years taking on many roles such as Scout-for-Food Coordinator, Adult-in-Charge for Wreathes Across America + Flags In, and more. Through Chris' support and leadership, Pack 656 Cubs learn respect and caring for others.



# Pack 675

## **Carter Neuberg**

Pack 675 nominated Carter Neuberg for this award for his outstanding service and impeccable leadership to our unit since 2014. Carter has been a cubmaster, a committee chairperson, and a den leader. He also has run the Pinewood Derby and set up several pack meetings and committee meetings over the years. Carter has been and will always be our leader. He has the respect of the parents and the scouts in Pack 675. We will miss him as this is his last year with Pack 675.

# Pack 882

## Matthew Leatherman

I nominate Matthew Leatherman as the Pack 882 Unit Scouter for this year. Matt started with 882, 4 years ago when his oldest son joined as a Lion. Matt stepped into the den leader role immediately and did a fantastic job.

He transferred back to the Lion den last year when his youngest son also joined as a Lion.

Since then, Matt has not only expertly managed this den and kept the activities fun during COVID, but he has also stepped up as Assistant Cubmaster. He has personally built out a website for our pack and created spreadsheets and other documents to help us automate our fundraising efforts. He built a wiki for the pack that has been absolutely awesome, warehousing information that would previously be lost when parents aged out.

Many parents help a unit behind the scenes, but Matt does both the behind the scenes stuff better than anyone and runs a fantastic and fun program for his den.

# Pack 833

## **Michelle Mahone**

Through her exceptionally organized and dedicated leadership as Chartered Organization Representative and Committee Chair, Michelle has ensured the youth of Cunningham Park ES and surrounding community have the opportunity to enjoy an active Scouting program with their friends and neighbors - a great community service, indeed!

# Pack 919

## **Terrence Gabriel**

Terrence's ability to foster an atmosphere of community through leading Pack 919 at Freedom Hill ES has had much positive impact. His motivation to develop quality character in the youth of Pack 919 is a natural reflection of his own qualities and attributes. Thank you, Terrence, for your time and service to Scouting.

# Pack 976

## Lee Wilkinson

Lee is a calm presence during difficult times, appreciative of others, able to bring people together and dedicated to scouting. He started in a new role at a difficult time because of COVID. He's done a remarkable job making sure kids have the opportunity to interact with other kids in their dens, both virtually and outside in person, and the chance to learn scouting skills and stay involved.

# Pack 1116

## Keith Robinson

Keith is a long serving CM who has maintained solid relationships with the Sponsor (VPC), host (Wolftrap ES), Adult volunteers, parents and youth.

He has supported and encouraged the Den Leaders to continue meeting virtually, has organized unit meetings and officiated at Committee meetings.

He is a regular attendee at Roundtable and supports Council and District events. He was POC for rechartering and rechartered a majority of youth, on time.

# Pack 1139

## Jason Dalton

Energetic and creative Cubmaster.

Jason has maintained active Pack and Den programs throughout this challenging year. He used his tech savvy to engage and challenge the Cubs. His virtual Pack meetings were well attended and well paced.

The unit rechartered with a majority of enrolled youth.



# Troop 152B

## Tim Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan has been a tireless supporter of Troop 152 over the past 4 years. His contributions include:

- Troop Membership Chairperson – 2019-2021
- Troop Recruitment Coordinator – 2018
- Assistant Scoutmaster
- Troop Committee Chairperson – Term began January 2021
- Active merit badge counselor for several Merit Badges
- 2020 adult Summit crew member



# Troop 187



## John Ma

For outstanding service and leadership to the troop while serving as one of the most active Committee Members, the Advancement Chair, and Counselor for multiple Merit Badges. Additionally, John took on the role of preparing Scouts and adults for Philmont.

# Troop 187

## Neil Guin

Mr. Neil Guin served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for our Troop for decades after his own son Eagled out.

As a former gym teacher and coach, he taught Personal Fitness Merit Badge and others for many years.

At Troop meetings he would often perform uniform inspections that kept the Scouts looking sharp.

Even after walking became difficult for him, he regularly attended Goshen Summer Camp to help ensure we had adequate adult coverage. At Goshen he always endeared himself to the Scouts by holding a daily competition for the best-maintained tent, with the winner earning “the Schmoo” (a bowling pin with a smiley face).

We were saddened by his passing last year, and we believe him to be highly deserving of this posthumous award.



# Troop 345



## Doug Stephon

Troop 345 is nominating Mr. Doug Stephon for his tireless efforts to create a tremendous Scouting opportunity for Troop 345.

Doug has worked long nights and many weekends to take Scouts to Philmont, participate in Merit Badges afloat, train Scouts and adult leaders on how to use Scoutbook, track advancement, input all BSA MIS, serve on BORs and as a merit badge counselor for Hiking, Backpacking, Camping and E Prep to name a few.

He organized ScoutQuest 2020 for an outdoor event for AOLs and Troop 345 Scouts to compete in teams to practice Outdoor Scouting Skills. Despite the COVID environment, Doug has used his imagination and organization skills to help keep the Troop engaged and will take another group of Scouts this summer to Northern Tier.

Doug has set an example for Scouts, Scoutmasters and all adults on how Scouting can be fun, organized and a tremendous experience for all.



# Troop 349

## Thomas (TJ) Gilmore

ASM Gilmore's efforts in support of Troop 349B over the past year, during the numerous challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, included rock solid planning, follow-up, and execution.

He strove to keep our scouts moving forward on their journeys by stepping in to organize community service efforts, to run Citizenship In The Community and Citizenship in the Nation merit badges, and to rescue the 2021 recruiting effort by delivering eight exceptional new Scouts to the Troop.



# Troop 895B

## Tom Hanley

Tom Hanley has served scouting for nearly a quarter of a century in the role of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 895 and when our Committee Chair had to ship out due to military transfer, Tom Hanley stepped in to fill the role of Committee Chair at the beginning of this scout year.

While Tom's son aged out many years ago, he continues to work with scouts and parent volunteers to help them along the trail through scouting.

Over the years Tom directly oversaw the awarding of 26 Eagle Scout ranks and more than 103 Eagle Scouts indirectly through his support of the Troop. Tom is a perfect example of what a great scout should be, and his mentorship of adult leaders and parents of scouts has been invaluable to Troop 895 and is highly recommended for this recognition.

# Troop 918

**Craig Cole**

For superior effort and performance as Scoutmaster

# Troop 976B

## Heidi Snyder



Heidi Snyder has devoted many years to Scouting as not one, or two, but three of her sons worked their way up to Eagle Scouts. She served as the COR until spring and then joined our Troop Committee and has always been generous with her time as a merit badge counselor.

In addition to her service to 976, she has been the organizer and chief cheerleader for the Scouting for Food efforts in our area, reminding us what Scouters can accomplish.

As she finishes her service as a Scouter, she will be sorely missed but has set a great example for other adults in the Troop and Pack.



# Troop 979

## Roland Burbano

Roland Burbano has continually assisted the troop. When the troop needed a merit badge counselor, he stepped up and volunteered. He assists in advancement of the scouts, ensures our troop is in two deep adults, and attends outings and summer camp.





# Troop 987B

## **Gunnar Spafford**

For guiding a successful program that resulted in a sustained participation, rank advancement, merit badge classes and a Gold Journey to Excellence score while working under the limiting conditions of COVID-19.

# Troop 987G

## Chris Hunter

For being the founding Scoutmaster of T987G and guiding a successful program that resulted in a sustained participation, rank advancement, merit badge classes and a Gold Journey to Excellence score even while working under the limiting conditions of COVID-19. Your efforts toward making this a successful new unit are appreciated.

# Troop 1539B



## Rob Skaggs

Rob Skaggs has been an Assistant Scoutmaster for over 8 years and fills a couple of key roles.

First, he is a key administrator of our Troop website and helps manage the transfer of data for advancements and outings between Soar, Troopmaster, and Scoutbook. He has been instrumental in our troops transition to Scoutbook for remote documentation of advancements and merit badges during COVID-19.

He is also a very experienced hiker and backpacker familiar with many great hikes throughout the mid-Atlantic, and he has gone to Philmont as an adult advisor. He is an active supporter of our hiking, backpacking, and land navigation program. He regularly assists leaders and scouts plan hikes and has a vast library of day hikes and multi-day trips already traced out on topographical maps.

He is an avid technologist who builds hiking treks using online tools like CalTopo and transfers them to cell phones and GPS devices. He also took advantage of the Zoom meeting format and gave a fantastic demonstration of how to use different topographical map overlays, plot hikes, and track mileage and elevation for interesting hikes and meeting training goals.

He also makes a mean dutch oven apple strudel.

# Troop 1887

## Dan Moore

A dedicated Scouter, Dan Moore is the previous SM for Troop 1887. Even though Dan's son has aged out, he has remained active with the Troop. He has been an ASM now for 3 years after stepping down as SM. As an ASM he has been working with the new Scouts when they come into the Troop. He has been very effective during the pandemic in working to sign off rank requirements with the Scouts virtually

# Troop 1978B

## Frank Anstett

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) and Chartered Organization Representative (COR) from May 2017 until present.

Mr. Anstett displayed the highest moral character and a true love of scouting as the Patrol ASM for the Spartan Patrol and Lead ASM for the Troop program in February of each year. Through his dedication, mentorship, and character, Mr. Anstett provided the finest example of a “Scouter” to the scouts of Troop 1978B.





# Troop 1978G



## Todd Lundquist

Todd Lundquist stepped in as a new Scoutmaster for Troop 1978G shortly before Covid. Not only did he run an excellent program, he put together with his leaders a very successful week-long Summer Camp, Camp Cherry Tree where the troop were able to experience as close to a Scout Summer Camp as they could.

# Troop 1996B

## Chad Fulgham

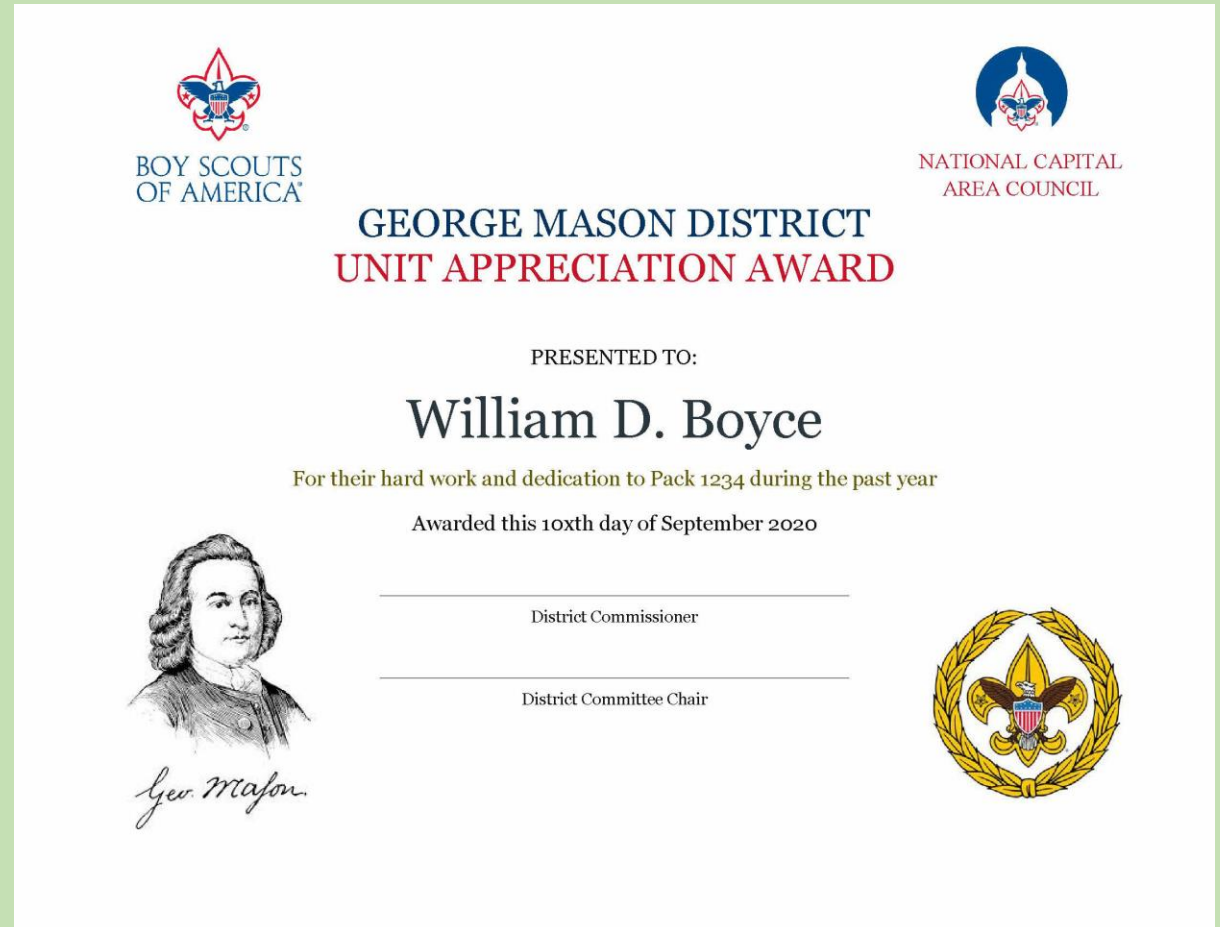
Chad Fulgham is Troop 1996's founding Scoutmaster. In this role, he has led our Troop, counseled our scouts in all aspects of scouting, met bi-weekly with our Patrol Leader Council, has presided over each of our Courts of Honor, and has led all troop camping and summer camps.



Troop 1996

# Unit Appreciation Award

The unit appreciation award is a District award presented by a unit to a Scouter who has provided outstanding service to the unit and its youth.





# Pack 152

## Ann Christopher

Ann leads our Wolf den, and is always first to fill any volunteer roles. Her leadership during “Scouting for Food” helped make it a successful event for the Pack and the community despite the difficult challenges in the past year. She faced the challenges with positivity and poise and didn’t shy away. She is actively engaged in the committee and seeks out opportunities for the Pack while also leading a den.



Ann Christopher

## Brian Christopher

Brian leads our Webelos I den. He has been the den leader since 2017 when his oldest son joined, and he has also taken an active role in leading many of the Pack’s activities and events. Brian will step up for any job, no matter how big or small. His personality lights up the room and makes Pack special. Camping wouldn't be the same without Brian's barrista services.



Brian Christopher

# Pack 152 (cont).



Krystal Salazar

## Krystal Salazar

Krystal has been Pack treasurer since 2016, and she has kept Pack 152 on solid financial footing as a good steward of our Scouts' parents' money. She has never backed down from a challenge, and has helped out whenever it's needed. Her positive, can-do attitude adds so much value to the Pack. For years, Krystal and her sons would be the first ones on the popcorn trail, selling to neighborhoods and the community as a whole, and she has been a leader of the Pack in popcorn sales and fundraising.



Bob Etris

## Bob Etris

In 2020, Bob concluded a fantastic three-year term as Cubmaster of Pack 152 and has since stayed involved as a member of the Pack Committee, dispensing his hard-earned wisdom and guidance, and participating as a leader in Pack meetings and events.

## Tom Hazzard

Tom is a Pack Committee member and parent who is has stepped to lead Pack events, most notably his outstanding execution as Grand Marshal of Pack 152's exciting and well-organized Pinewood Derby in this exceptionally challenging year.

# Pack 152 (cont.)



Matthew MacLean

## Carmody Damon

Carmody stepped up to be our first leader of a girls' den when Pack 152 opened its doors to our sisters and daughters. She is an active committee member who contributes her time, passion and valuable input.

## Matthew MacLean

Matt is Pack 152's new Cubmaster, and he continues to lead the Pack's Bear and Wolf dens.

## Peggy Morrison

Peggy has been Pack 152's Committee Chair for the past two years, and she also leads our Covid safety committee. Her tireless leadership has kept the Pack going during this challenging time. While things have been different during Covid, we haven't missed a beat. Pack 152 has maintained regular online Pack meetings, in person den meetings, and Pack events including Scouting for Food and a Pinewood Derby, all while having fun and maintaining the highest level of safety for Scouts and adults.



Peggy Morrison

# Pack 187

**Ryan O'Dell**

Outstanding Webelos Leader

**Scott Sanford**

Outstanding Webelos Den Leader

**Joshua Keithley**

Outstanding Bear Den Leader and Pinewood Derby Coordinator

**Allison Horton**

Outstanding Treasurer

**John Carter**

Outstanding Charter Organization Representative



Allison Horton



# Pack 675



Carrie Haase

## Carrie Haase

A den leader the past two years, our Pack treasure, and past camp coordinator. Her organization and support of Pack initiatives has only enhanced our leadership. Carrie is also a role model to all of us in Pack 675 in her leadership as a Webelos den leader.

## Jessica Hull

The Pack's first den leader of our girls Tiger den. Her passion for scouting led to the formation of the first girls den in Pack 675. She also has been our expert in setting up virtual zoom meetings this year. We appreciate her participation at committee meetings, and her strong leadership as a den leader to her scouts.

## Chris Glazner

A den leader the past two years, Chris has taken a more active role this year in Pack level activities. His leadership in running our first ever outdoor PWD derby will be remembered by all the Scouts that participated. As an Eagle Scout, Chris brings that enthusiasm to our committee meetings and we have only grown as a Pack since he joined.

## Mary Stickelamaier

Mary has taken an active role this year at our committee meetings, and Pack events. Her years of experience as a leader in the Girls Scouts has only improved our leadership in Pack 675. Her ideas have been welcome with the other leaders in the Pack.

# Pack 882

## Colin Dorrity

At Pack 882 we are very appreciative of Colin's leadership. During the last year, a lot of units have seen a retraction in participation and execution of the Cub Scout program. At 882 we have seen quite the opposite.

We are also appreciative of Colin for his commitment to stand outside in 32-degree weather for 2.5 hours on Saturday February 20, 2021 so that we could hold 9 separate bridging ceremonies to work within the restrictions of covid gathering limits to demonstrate to the boys that you can work within restrictions and have a great outcome.



Colin Dorrity

# Pack 976

## **Brian Havey**

Brian is deeply committed to providing an opportunity for the kids to be engaged and to have fun during the COVID-19 pandemic. He has continued to lead the pack as a cubmaster demonstrating great care for the kids and families by coming up with innovative and creative approaches to keep the Pack active on Zoom. The Pack sincerely appreciates his commitment, dedication, and creativity during this very challenging time!

## **Andrew Fisher**

Andrew Fisher leads the Lion Den and has helped welcome newcomers to the scouting world.

## **Chris Lavery**

Chris Lavery (Tigers) has helped keep his den active through direct engagement with the kids.

## **Ken Lee**

Ken Lee has been a key part of leading the Wolf den and involved in planning for the Pack as a whole.

# Pack 976 (cont.)

## Pascal Forotti

The scouting year would have been lost without the dedication and support of den leaders like Pascal.

## Tyler Heimann

Tyler Heimann has been an active part of the Pack's leadership including leading the Bear Den.

## Dan Rinaldi

Dan Rinaldi has dedicated himself to creating innovative and fun scouting experiences whether through Zoom or den outdoor activities following CDC guidelines.

## Jessica Herrera Flanigan

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Jessica Herrera Flanigan



# Pack 987

## **Brian McCabe**

Brian McCabe's efforts as CC for Pack 987. Brian's work to support the Pack's active program in 2020, coordinate leadership and volunteers, and contribute to the Virtual Pinewood Derby's success are worthy of recognition.

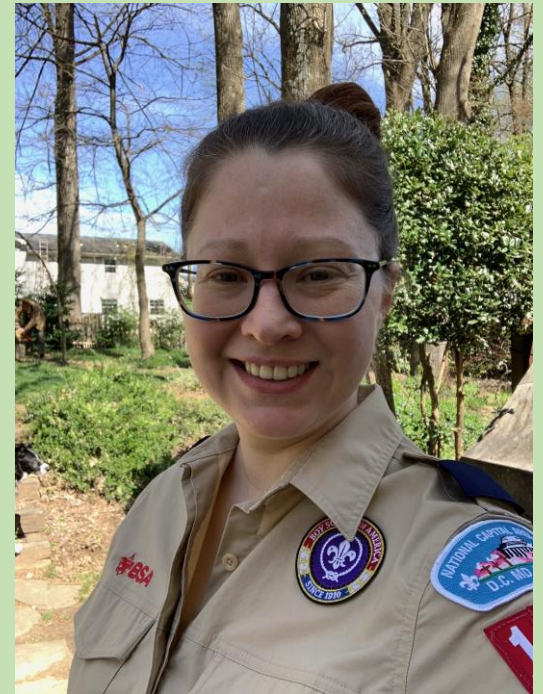
# Pack 1513

## Monica Montgomery

Since her son joined our Pack as a Tiger, Monica has served as our campout coordinator, Popcorn Kernel, and finally as Cubmaster. She has been instrumental in keeping our Pack active, both before and during pandemic protocols. Her efforts in driving our annual popcorn fundraiser have kept the Pack on a healthy financial footing, allowing us to initially absorb new national fees without passing the costs on to our families. Pack 1513 thanks Monica for her leadership and many hours of service and wish her and her son the best as they transition to Boy Scouts.

## Doug Glenn

Doug has worn two hats for the past few years, serving as our Pack Treasurer as well as our Pinewood Derby Coordinator. As Treasurer, he has kept our books balanced and kept the Committee well informed of our financial situation, enabling the team to make prudent decisions in setting annual fees, considering expenditures, and exploring fund-raising opportunities. In addition, he has led our annual Pinewood Derby race for several years, ensuring that the Pack put on a fun, safe, successful event that all the Scouts enjoy. Pack 1513 appreciates all that Doug has contributed as a member of our leadership team. We thank him and wish him and his son well in their future Scouting endeavors.



Monica Montgomery

# Troop 152B

## Cindy Wallace

Cindy Wallace served as Troop 152 Advancement Chair from 2012-2017. In addition to recording and reporting Scout advancement, she updated advancement procedures and transitioned troop to web-based tools with a consolidated website. As Eagle Scout Coordinator since 2017, Cindy has guided nearly 30 Eagle Scout candidates through application and BOR process.

## Mike Frank

Mike Frank has been the Troop 152 Advancement Chair since 2017 and helped with Advancement since 2014. Mike has also managed the troop's online TroopMaster application that stores information about the Scouts and Scouters affiliated with the Troop; publicizes and records participation for Troop events; tracks advancement and Order of the Arrow progress; and stores historical documents.



Mike Frank

# Troop 152B (cont.)

## **Shelkim Crotty**

Shelkim Crotty has been the Troop 152 Court of Honor Coordinator since 2016. She has organized the presentation of Advancement and Merit Badges to 70-90 scouts on a quarterly basis.

# Troop 187B

## David Laun

For outstanding leadership and service to Troop 187 while serving as an active Committee Member and Treasurer.

## Todd Christian

For outstanding service to the Troop while updating the Troop website and streamlining the Troop electronic communication procedures, keeping parents and Scouts informed, connected, and engaged during the pandemic year.

## Travis Tempel

For outstanding service to the Troop while serving as the FundRaising Chair and serving as the representative of the Troop to the parents of new Scouts by organizing Q&A sessions and demonstrations for the new parents.



Todd Christian



Travis Tempel



# Troop 187B (cont.)



Cullen Bengtson

## Cullen Bengtson

After years of service as Scoutmaster, Mr. Cullen Bengtson has continued to play an integral role in Troop 187. He trained and mentored his successor and established a strong tradition of teaching Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops to every newly-elected PLC. He was instrumental in helping the Troop get set up on Zoom and continues to parachute in to cover for other adult leaders when needed. His tireless advocacy for leadership training has led to several NYLT graduates in the Troop.



Jerry Orvedahl

## Jerry Orvedahl

Mr. Jerry Orvedahl serves as an Eagle Advisor for the Troop. Especially during the pandemic, he continues to play a crucial role in keeping our Eagle candidates motivated and on track. He also stepped up to make a Troop campout and hike possible during the pandemic, helping to keep our outdoor program alive. With his help, Troop 187 Scouts are continuing to reach the Eagle Summit.

# Troop 187B (cont.)

## Dick Talbert

Mr. Talbert has played a key role in keeping the Troop moving forward during the pandemic. Having served as Assistant Scoutmaster for the Troop for more than a decade, Mr. Talbert taught important merit badges that did not require groups being physically together, like Reading and the Eagle-required Family Life and Personal Management. Thanks to his contribution, Scouts from Troop 187 have continued to advance in rank and climb the Trail to Eagle. He also accompanied the Troop on one of our COVID-safe hikes in the fall, helping to keep our outdoor program alive also.



Dick Talbert

## Sheila Carney

Mrs. Sheila Carney has been an integral part of Troop 187 for more than a decade, serving as Committee Chair for at least 7 years, where she proved a master at recruiting adults to volunteer positions. Even after all three of her sons made Eagle, she continues to serve as an Eagle Advisor for the Troop. During the pandemic she has played a crucial role in keeping our Eagle candidates motivated and on track. With her help, Troop 187 Scouts are continuing to reach the Eagle Summit.

## Earl Roberts

Earl Roberts started his Scouter leadership on 1 July 2019 as a merit badge counselor then, committee member to his current position as committee chairman as of 1 January 2020. Earl didn't miss a beat when the pandemic hit. Immediately, he scheduled ongoing monthly virtual committee meetings allowing troop leadership to ensure a vibrant and strong troop. Earl's mentoring talent extends not only to scouts however, to adults. During a campout, Earl was spotted using the EDGE method to teach a female Lone Scout Cub knots. As well, Earl conducted an impromptu presentation and Q&A about Troop 187 for parents at a campout for potential incoming scouts. Troop 187 succeeds because of Earl!



Earl Roberts

# Troop 345B



Fred Muhlenberg

## Fred Muhlenberg

Fred is always available for Camping, Hiking, Backpacking and supports all of the Troops outdoor activities. Our Scouts love his dry sense of humor and quick wit. We thank him for helping to keep the outing in Scouting! He took Scouts to Philmont and they had the experience of a lifetime.



Chris Rodriguez

## Chris Rodriguez

Chris is very supportive of our Troop speaking about his service in the Coast Guard during Troop Movie Night at the Church, taking Scouts Hiking, Backpacking, Camping and to Philmont. Chris is a tremendous example for our Scouts and enabling many great outdoor activities with his leadership.



# Troop 349B

## Linda Somogyi

Linda has served the Troop as Advancement Coordinator for 4 years. She faces this sometimes daunting task with a smile and has been instrumental in educating Scouts on the process while approving hundreds of requirements.

## Jim Rydell

Jim has served as the Troop's Mulch Sale coordinator for the last 3 years. This is Troop 349B's sole fundraising event each year and it involves the coordinated delivery of thousands of bags of mulch.



Misha (L) & Linda (R) Somogyi

# Troop 349B (cont.)

## **Katie Neimi**

Katie has managed the Troop recharter effort for 2 years and confronts this task with determination and a healthy sense of humor. Troop leadership understands the level of effort required for recharter and appreciate her work.

# Troop 681B

## Karen Lacaden

Karen has served as an ASM for over 10 years, planning countless troop activities and high adventure trips and worked as the OA Leader for the troop.

## Bill Pemberton

Bill has served as an ASM and has coordinated summer camp and high adventure trips for the troop

## Christian Griggs

Christian has served as an ASM, planning activities and offering guidance to the troop along with his District role.



Bill Pemberton



Christian Griggs

# Troop 895B

## Robert Kraus

Robert, an active committee member, has been a long-time supporter of the Troop – always being willing to step in and help where help is needed. He is dedicated to making sure the scouts have a great program and helps the committee with administrative activities, including working with our web site and funding management process. He is a willing participant on most camping or hiking trips and lends his leadership to quietly help guide scouts along the trail to their next rank or objective.



Alison Shearer

## Alison Shearer

While relatively new to Troop 895, Alison has been a great supporter of the scouting program and upon her son bridging into Troop 895 last year, she stepped up and began helping. She signed up to be a committee member, offered to help with Scoutbook transfer efforts for new scouts and became a merit badge counselor. Not only did she sign-up to help, she jumped in to help and to learn from other adults the ways the troop operates.

# Troop 918B

## **Steven Aden**

Nearly 10 years of service as ASM to Troop 918. Willing to volunteer and help out in any way possible. Many miles of driving to and from campouts; and spending vacation days at summer camp. Rarely absent at Troop meetings and supportive of the scoutmaster. He has participated in High Adventure: Philmont twice and Voyager Trek. He has already had two Eagle Scouts in the troop and two more scouts on their way to Eagle.

## **Thad Pinney**

Length of service 8 years in support of Troop and Scoutmaster. Thad is our high adventure coordinator. Although he didn't grow up a Scout he has extensive camping and backpacking experience that has been invaluable to the scouts and adults alike. He has coordinated Philmont and Voyager Trek trips and currently working on New River Experience in West Virginia for this summer. He has one Eagle Scout so far and he has two more sons in the troop.

# Troop 918B (cont.)

## **Gary Cartwright**

Support of Troop and Scoutmaster. He has two sons in the troop. He is in charge of programming and making sure that we are tracking younger scouts to meet their requirements for ranks up to first class. He did grow up in scouting with stints in Michigan Troop 352, Ohio -Troop 85 and here in Northern Virginia, starting with troop 890 before being absorbed by 990. Always willing to drive, rarely misses troop meetings.



# Troop 976B



Tricia McCarthy

## Abe Bacarra

Abe has led with enthusiasm, creativity and care during the pandemic, keeping the Troop active on Zoom and organizing campouts and other outings. He always keeps his sense of humor, and care for the Scouts at the forefront and looks for ways for them to have fun and continue learning.

## Tricia McCarthy

Tricia served more than three years as treasurer, doing a very professional job of keeping our finances on track and keeping everyone informed. She also has served as a committee member and in that role provides great insight on issues that arise.



Stacy Blair

## Stacy Blair

Stacy does an amazing job as unit advancement chair. In 2020, our troop had 5 new Eagle Scouts and four others who have finished their work and are waiting, because of the pandemic, for a Board of Review. Stacy shepherds each young man through the process with every “i” dotted and “t” crossed. And she does it with encouragement and warmth.



# Troop 976B Cont.

## Pete Thiringer

Pete has led a large and active committee to keep the back office of our troop running even in difficult times. He has done a great job running meetings and staying on top of details like how to run a wreath sale with new online ordering and pandemic distribution rules. He also is an active merit badge counselor for many of our most challenging Eagle-required badges.



Pete Thiringer

## Harry Rice

Harry joined our Troop Committee and jumped right into the deep end. In addition to being a committee member and helping with medical forms, he volunteered to lead efforts on rechartering, a time-consuming and detail-intensive job. He brought his experience working on rechartering for the Pack and came quickly up to speed with the Scout process.

## Fred Cheng

Fred's son aged out (after becoming an Eagle Scout) but Fred stuck around as a member of our Troop Committee and as a merit badge counselor. He also was a very valuable resource in handing off his knowledge of the rechartering process and helping with that transition this year.



Fred Cheng

# Troop 976B Cont.

## Gregory Beatty

Greg has been a terrific addition to the ranks of assistant scoutmasters. He attends each meeting, in uniform even if it's on Zoom, to serve as a good example to the boys. He is a regular presence on troop camping outings and always a contributor of ideas to make the troop better.



Gregory Beatty

## David Chichka

Dave is not only a contributing member to our committee but also never misses a chance to help lead camping expeditions. As our head of merit badge operations, he's been especially busy this year as many of our Scouts have used their pandemic free time to work on badges. Dave himself is a counselor and enjoys engaging the boys intellectually in the topics he works with them on.



David Chichka

# Troop 979B



Chad McRae

## Chad McRae

Chad assists in attending outings, assisting the advancement of scouts, and attending summer camp.

# Troop 987B

## John Waterston

John holds 2 important roles for the Troop. He is the Committee Advancement Chair and our Order of the Arrow Representative.



John Waterston (L) and Josh Boyd (R)

## Randall “Randy” Weinhardt

Randy is a Committee member and the Troop treasurer. He spent countless hours organizing our financial records which allows the Committee to make financial decisions with confidence.



Thomas (L) and Randy (R) Weinhardt



# Troop 987B Cont.

## **Kurt Saffer**

Kurt is the Committee Merit Badge Coordinator, keeping track of the hundreds of merit badges earned by our Scouts.

## **Peter Stapleton**

Peter is an Assistant Scoutmaster. He is an active volunteer with the Troop. His dedication to the Troop has helped us continue to thrive during the pandemic by organizing safe activities.



Peter Stapleton



# Troop 987B Cont.

## **Tong “Tony” Kwak**

Tony has supported the Troop for several years in many ways. He is a Committee member, a Board of Review Member, and the Summer Camp Coordinator.

## **Louis Sichenze**

Louis has been supporting the Troop for several years. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster and the Committee Advancement Coordinator.

## **Kathleen Sichenze**

Kathleen is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee member and assists the Advancement Coordinator.

# Troop 987G

## **Greg Gurski**

Greg is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee member and the High Adventure Coordinator. He was instrumental in getting the Girl Troop set up and organized.

## **Ann-Marie Johnson**

Ann-Marie supports the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster and a Committee member. She is an active volunteer with the Troop.

## **Neil Johnson**

Neil supports the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster and a Committee member. He is an active volunteer with the Troop.

# Troop 987G (cont.)

## Cary Hunter

Before the Girl Troop began, Cary stepped up to be an Assistant Scoutmaster, allowing the Troop to be formed.



Cary Hunter

## Ronald T “Ted” Sienknecht, Jr.

Ted is vital to the Troop. He is our Chartered Organization Representative and a Committee Member. He was instrumental in getting our Chartering Organization to approve the Girl Troop.



Ted Sienknecht

# Troop 1143B

## **Anandhi Ganesan**

T1143 greatly appreciates the efforts of Committee Chairperson Ana Ganesan over the past year successfully completing our unit recharter and hosting our committee meetings.

## **Suresh Dora**

T1143 thanks Suresh Dora for his service as the Board of Review Chairperson for our unit.

## **Chandra Bhimarajou**

T1143 thanks Chandra Bhimarajou for his service to our unit as treasurer, committee member, and assistant scoutmaster.

# Troop 1539B

## **Christine Bodziak**

Christine has been a valuable member of the committee and our Philmont planning team. She regularly assists the committee with Boards of Review.

Christine was the lead for researching travel options in preparation for Philmont in 2020 (cancelled 😞) and again for our rescheduled Philmont 2021 trip 😊. She has patiently and meticulously researched changing guidance and availability for airlines and other sites of interest.

Most importantly, Christine has been our Goshen summer camp coordinator for several years, helping with scout and unit registration, taking payments, coordinating adult participation, and arranging transportation.



# Troop 1887B



Peter Stafford

## **Peter Stafford**

A dedicated Scouter, Peter Stafford has been an ASM with Troop 1887 for 3 years. He arranged and conducted a campout for Troop 1887 Scouts in Oct. 2020 during the pandemic when the COVID restrictions allowed it for groups under 25 in size. This was done while following all of the proper protocols.

## **Jeff White**

American Legion Post 177 Commander Jeff White's outstanding support to both Troops 1887 and 1888 has been critical in this difficult COVID-19 time. Cdr. White ensured both troops had the resources required to continue Troop activities and to provide a COVID safe environment for hybrid (live and virtual) events when required. Cdr. White is working closely with both the Troop Committees as the Post's efforts move forward for a construction project which will require a temporary relocation of all Post and Troop activities for the next two years while demolition and reconstruction efforts occur. Cdr. White and the Legion Executive Corporate Board remain dedicated in their support for both Troops 1887 and 1888.

# Troop 1887B (Cont.)

## **Tom Pevarnik**

A dedicated Scouter, Tom Pevarnik has coordinated and conducted the Troop 1887 Boards of Review for about 10 years. When a female Troop (Troop 1888) was organized at American Legion Post 177, Tom helped them set up their own Boards of Review. He is still an advisor/mentor to Troop 1888.

## **Jack Gallagher**

A dedicated Scouter, Jack Gallagher has been the Troop 1887 Treasurer and Advancement recorder for the last 5 years. He has been of significant assistance to Troop 1887 thru the years. He also was the primary data collection and recorder for the Troop's software database.

# Troop 1887B (Cont.)

## **Brian Knapp**

A dedicated Scouter, Brian Knapp has been an ASM with Troop 1887 for almost 10 years. Even though his son has aged out, Brian has remained active with the Troop.

## **Bruce McKinstry**

A dedicated Scouter, Bruce McKinstry has been an ASM with Troop 1887 for 4 years. He has headed up our Summer Camp contingents on a couple of occasions.

# Troop 1887B (Cont.)

## Derek Smith

A dedicated Scouter, Derek Smith has been an ASM with Troop 1887 for 6 years. He organized a Fishing campout in support of the Fishing Merit Badge for which he is a Merit Badge Counselor.

## Andrew Arrage

A dedicated Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor, Andrew Arrage has been both the Troop 1887 and the Troop 1888 fundraising Chairman for the last two years. He is an avid Birder. As such, he conducted a couple of hikes during the pandemic in pursuit of the Bird Study Merit Badge.



Derek Smith

# Troop 1888G

## **Catherine Bavido-Arrage**

Catherine has consistently gone above and beyond in her support of Troop 1888. As a Committee Member, she is an active board of review member for two troops, and a past “Popcorn Colonel”. She quick to lend a hand when it’s time to plan events for the troop, and is an camping adult leader. Troop 1888 is fortunate to have her help.

## **Anduin Touw**

Anduin was one of the founding leaders of Troop 1888, and has worked tirelessly as the Advancement Chair for the Troop. She’s also been the primary lead on Summer Camp for Troop 1888 and 1887 more than once, and her attention to detail assures that events with which she’s involved always run smoothly.

# Troop 1978B

## **Janine Bruhn**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Eagle Scout Coordinator from 2018 until present. As Eagle Scout Coordinator, Ms. Bruhn mentored and guided twenty-two (22) Life scouts to successfully achieve their Eagle rank. Ms. Bruhn's unselfish dedication to the Troop reflects great credit upon herself and Scouting BSA.

## **Mike Miller**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Board of Review (BoR) Coordinator from 2020 until present. As BoR Coordinator, Mr. Miller mentored and guided seventy-two (72) scouts to successfully achieve rank advancement and practice their interviewing skills. Mr. Miller's unselfish dedication to the Troop reflects great credit upon himself and Scouting BSA.



# Troop 1978B (Cont.)

## **Peadar Harmon**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) from November 2018 until present. As Patrol ASM for the Ballistic Broncos Patrol and Lead ASM for the Troop Program in May of each year and Summer Camp, Mr. Harmon displayed outstanding leadership, mentorship and character which enabled the Troop to provide a robust scouting program and leadership experience to all scouts.

## **Rita Galiano**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) from May 2020 until present. As Patrol ASM for the Green Dragon Patrol and Lead ASM for the Troop Program in January, Ms. Galiano displayed outstanding leadership, mentorship and character which enabled the Troop to provide a robust scouting program and leadership experience to all scouts.

# Troop 1978B (Cont.)

## **Phil Root**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) and Troop Committee Chairman from November 2018 until present. Mr. Root displayed outstanding leadership and empathy while developing effective COVID-19 protocol which enabled the Troop to continue the Scouting program safely.

## **Rob Gatehouse**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) from 2020 until present. As Patrol ASM for the Pit Viper Patrol and Lead ASM for the Troop Program in March, Mr. Gatehouse displayed outstanding leadership, mentorship and character which enabled the Troop to provide a robust scouting program and leadership experience to all scouts.

# Troop 1978B (Cont.)

## **Sharon Hughes**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Advancement Coordinator from 2020 until present. As Advancement Coordinator, Mrs. Hughes mentored and guided seventy-two (72) scouts to successfully achieve rank advancement and recognized their accomplishments at monthly award ceremonies. Mrs. Hughes' unselfish dedication to the Troop reflects great credit upon herself and Scouting BSA.

## **Steve Ward**

For outstanding service and dedication to Troop 1978B as Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) from November 2019 until present. As Patrol ASM for the Stud Muffin and Baby Yoda Patrols and Lead ASM for the Troop Program in September, Mr. Ward displayed outstanding leadership, mentorship and character which enabled the Troop to provide a robust scouting program and leadership experience to all scouts.

# Troop 1978G



Connie Lo, Patty Whepley, Zhen Lo

## Connie Lo

Connie Lo is a member of 1978G's Troop Committee and our Medical Form Administrator. Her meticulous attention to detail ensures our medical records are accurate and up to date. She has volunteered countless hours organizing and processing our annual medical and health records. Additionally, she works to prepare the medical binders for each Troop activity.

## Patty Whepley

Patty Whepley is a 1978G committee member and our Troop Merit Badge Dean. She also serves as the Merit Badge Dean for our brother Troop 1978B. During the last year she has championed our Troops' combined Merit Badge Academies. Her energetic can-do spirit and meticulous attention to detail has allowed over 80 Scouts access to dozens of merit badges during 4 separate academies. She recruited counselors, coordinated enrollment, and ensured our Scouts were linked to their counselors. As COVID restrictions limited our ability to meet in person, Patty's imagination allowed the Scouts in both Troop 1978 G & B to learn new skills and socially interact. This has been a highlight of our Scouting year!

## Zhen Lo

Zhen Lo is a member of 1978G's Troop Committee and our Onboarding Coordinator. His meticulous attention to detail ensures our newest Scouts are welcomed and introduced to Scoutbook. He has volunteered countless hours organizing and processing our activity permission slips. This year he championed a process where all permission slips and COVID waivers for the Troop, Chartering Organization, and BSA are digitally signed and electronically filed. This has saved Troop members hundreds of hours

# Troop 1978G (Cont.)



Lisa McKinley (R)

## Lisa McKinley

Lisa McKinley serves as Troop 1978G's Treasurer. Her meticulous attention to detail ensures our financial records are accurate and up to date. She has volunteered countless hours organizing and processing reimbursements. Additionally, she works closely with our brother Troop 1978B to coordinate joint spending plans and budgets.



Sharilyn Green (far R)

## Sharilyn Green

Sharilyn Green serves as Troop 1978G's Advancement Chair. Her meticulous attention to detail ensures our Scouts' records are accurate and up to date. She has volunteered countless hours organizing and hosting Boards of Review and visiting the Scout Shop. Additionally, she opened her property to the Troop last summer for a week-long summer camping experience.



# Troop 1978G (Cont.)



Mark McKinley (Center Back)

## Mark McKinley

Mark McKinley is an ASM in Troop 1978G. Serving as Patrol ASM and Troop Quartermaster, Mark has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Scouts in our Troop. Further, he spent a week on staff at Camp Cherry Tree (our Troop's response to COVID) teaching Scouts and offering a program comparable to a traditional summer camp.



Mary Neuse

## Mary Neuse

Mary Neuse is an ASM in Troop 1978G. Serving as Patrol ASM and Merit Badge Counselor, Mary has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Scouts in our Troop. Further, she spent a week on staff at Camp Cherry Tree (our Troop's response to COVID) teaching Scouts and offering a program comparable to a traditional summer camp.

# Troop 1978G (Cont.)



Nick Manicone (R)

## Nick Manicone

Nick Manicone is an ASM in Troop 1978G. Serving as Patrol ASM and Merit Badge Counselor, Nick has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Scouts in our Troop. Further, he spent a week on staff at Camp Cherry Tree (our Troop's response to COVID) teaching Scouts and offering a program comparable to a traditional summer camp.



Griff Green (R)

## Griff Green

Griff Green is a founding ASM in Troop 1978G and has received the William D. Boyce Award. Serving as Patrol ASM and Merit Badge Counselor, Griff has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Scouts in our Troop. Additionally, he opened his property to the Troop last summer for a week-long summer camping experience. Further, he spent the week teaching Scouts and offering a program comparable to a traditional summer camp.

# Troop 1996B

## Stephanie Oppenheimer

Stephanie Oppenheimer continues to volunteer for our troop committee. She has done an outstanding job of maintaining our Facebook page, our communications links with our families, and encouraging the Falls Church news press to cover scouting not only in the city but specific to our troop. Her activities benefit all scouting By making people aware of the good scouts do. We are fortunate to have her on our team.



Stephanie Oppenheimer

# Additional Unit Level Awards

- Barbara Hamill, New Unit Organizer, Troop 1888G
- Dave Nystrom, New Unit Organizer, Troop 1888G
- Roy De Lauder, New Unit Organizer, Troop 1888G
- Brian Jackson, New Unit Organizer, Troop 1888G
- Scott Willey, Scouter's Training Award and Unit Leader Award of Merit
- Abe Bacarra, Unit Leader Award of Merit
- Gunnar Spafford, Scoutmaster's Key
- Brian Jackson, Scouter's Training Award

# Service at the District Level



# District Award of Merit

- The District Award of Merit is presented by the District to Scouters who have rendered service of an outstanding nature to youth, both in the community and in Scouting.



# District Award of Merit - Brian P. Summers, Sr.

Brian trained as our Troop's Summer Camp coordinator during the summer 2016 and took over the job the next year, guaranteeing that the Scouts of Troop 1978 had the **BEST WEEK OF THE YEAR!** As the coordinator he has trained several leaders in the roles and responsibilities in both 1978B and 1978G Troops for this endeavor, thus ensuring that the Scouts would continue the adventures.

When his son, Brian Jr. was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2017, Brian stepped up to take on the O/A Advisor position within the Troop. This led him to the District, and he has not stopped yet. He helped with several Ordeals, Camporees and Fellowships in various roles.

Brian was part of the N6-82-18-1 Wood Badge course earning his beads in 2019. Once he completed the course, he began working with the District on their Shooting Sports Committee eventually becoming the Chair in 2018. In this capacity he has overseen several shooting sports activities at Camp Snyder and Goshen. Both Cubs and Scouts have learned from him on how to handle Bows and Rifles, instilling in them not only a love of Shooting Sports but a respect for them as well.



Brian Summers (R)

# District Award of Merit - John Drisco



John's service to the youth of George Mason District began in Troop 13 in 2008 as an Assistant Scoutmaster. John was Scoutmaster from 2009 to 2017. During his time as Scoutmaster, more than 20 Troop 13 Scouts earned the Eagle rank, including a youth that experienced a disability that required significant support from John and the other troop leaders.

John was an adult leader for patrols that attended both the 2017 National Jamboree and the 2019 World Jamboree.

John has been a merit badge counselor for over 12 years.

John was a Unit Commissioner from 2008 to 2009. He supported the District Merit Badge Day in 2018. John led the District Merit Badge events in 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid) and 2021.

John also has been a District Eagle Representative since 2018, working with Life Scouts who are completing their requirements for Eagle. John guides them on the Eagle Scout service project, reviews their Eagle application and participates in their Eagle Boards of Review as the Council/District representative.



# Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Upon nomination by their local Scout council and with the approval of the National Court of Honor, recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it.



# Rus Pittman



Rus Pittman has been a dedicated registered BSA Scouter for more than 30 total volunteer-years in the George Mason District of the NCAC.

He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for 12 years, as a Merit Badge Counselor for nine years, and as a Unit Commissioner for five years.

Since 2018, he has served as the George Mason Roundtable Commissioner, coordinating and leading these important monthly events for District Scouters and unit leaders.

In his nine years as a Merit Badge counselor, Rus has counseled Scouts in the Archery, Electricity, Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, Photography, Public Speaking, Pulp and Paper, Safety, Salesmanship and Space Exploration merit badges. In 2017 he assumed duties as the District Merit Badge Dean, a position he held until 2019. Rus taught merit badges at multiple District merit badge events, helping recruit other merit badge counselors and ensuring that the District events complied with Council and National BSA guidelines on merit badge group instruction.

In 2018 Rus volunteered his IT skills to the District Committee by serving as Webmaster which he continues to do to this day.

As a Scouter, Rus believes in the importance of being a Trained Leader. Rus attended Powder Horn in 2014 and in 2015, he attended Woodbadge, earning his bead a year later. Rus was recognized by his peers for following the Scout Oath and Law by being nominated into the BSA Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow, in 2013.

His recognition for selfless service resulted in Rus earning the District Award of Merit in 2020.

The George Mason District also recognized Rus in 2020 with the Schenaker Award, given to one Scouter each year for extended and outstanding service to the George Mason Roundtables.





# Order of the Arrow Vigil

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Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office

# OA Vigil Members

Mary Neuse

Brian P. Summers, Jr.

Robert (Rory) Townsend III



Brian P. Summers, Jr.



Rory Townsend



Mary Neuse

# Commissioner Awards

# 2021 Commissioner Arrowhead



Brian Summers (R)

**Brian P. Summers, Sr.**

The Arrowhead Honor recognizes proficiency in the contemporary tools and techniques commissioners use to provide effective unit service.





# 2021 Distinguished Commissioner

## Christian Griggs



Christian Griggs

The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award is the highest recognition that can be given to a commissioner who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional commissioner service resulting in significant, positive impact to youth, units, and a district and/or council.





# Schenaker Award for Meritorious Service in Support of District Roundtables

This Award is presented by the District to a volunteer that provides meritorious service to the George Mason District Roundtables.

The award honors Deb and Mike Schenaker who, beginning in the early 2000s when they joined the Cub Scout Roundtable staff, invested countless hours in support of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables over more than 15 years.

Deb and Mike set the standard for selfless support of the District's Roundtables and unit leaders. We recognize each year a volunteer that follows their example of Roundtable support.



# 2021 Schenaker Award Recipient



Brian Summers (R)

Brian P. Summers, Sr. is the recipient of the 2021 Schenaker Award for his outstanding service as the Assistant Roundtable Commissioner.

Brian supports the Roundtable every month, filling in as needed, keeping attendance and providing input on the monthly agenda. Brian has led multiple "Big Rocks," the monthly keynote. Brian's positive approach and reliability help make sure that Roundtables are fun as well as educational.

# April 8, 2021



**District Court of Honor**

# STAY INFORMED ATTEND ROUNDTABLE



Send a representative from your Pack or Troop to stay informed on upcoming events, program updates and trainings.