



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, IA

HAC NESAC Committee Founded 2013

2018 NESAC Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) Recipients

Steven Serrot

Community: Steve is in his 14th year of teaching 5th graders at St. Pius X School in Cedar Rapids, IA where he is a role model and positive influence on the personal and educational development of the youth, both in school and most importantly those in Scouts BSA. Prior to that he taught and was in administration at the collegiate level. Steve has a BA in Communications, BA in Elementary Education and MS in Higher Education. He was recognized as the Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year (2017) by the United Way of East Central Iowa.

Scouting: Steve earned his Eagle Scout rank on June 13, 1976 as part of Sauk Area Council's (now Mississippi Valley Council) Troop 35 in Rushville, IL. Steve has been active in Scouts for over 25 years. As a youth he received the Arrow of Light and Vigil Honor Order of the Arrow and was Lodge Chief for

_____ Lodge in 1981. He attended the 1977 National Jamboree, Philmont in 1978 and 1980, National OA Conference 1979 and 1981. He has been active again since his first boy Peter started as a Tiger Cub in 2006 and is now also an Eagle Scout. (His second son Daniel is on the trail to Eagle.) Steve has been a leader at all levels from Tiger Cubs through Webelos and on to Scouts BSA, the Unit, District and Council. At the unit level, he is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 42, Committee Chair of Pack 27 and Committee Member of Crew 42. He is a Unit Commissioner, District Camping Committee member, Assistant Council Commissioner, Council Executive Board Member and Assistant Area Commissioner. His contributions have been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. He has also received the St. George Emblem and the Philmont Master's Track Award. He has served as the District Training Chair and has completed over 110 BSA training classes and has taught a number of courses at the Council level including serving on the Daniel Beard College of Commissioner Science staff a number of years and at the Philmont Training Center. He completed Wood Badge (C-10-05) and has been on Staff for 7 subsequent courses, most recently as the Scoutmaster/Course Director for C3-172-18. Steve has been the District Chairman, District Commissioner and Council Commissioner.

Christopher Godwin

Community: Chris has worked for Hy-Vee Food Stores for many years. In talking to the store managers, Tony and Shawn, they think of Chris as an exemplary employee that does a top job with honesty and integrity. He works in the Meat Department and has a lot of customers that come in because he is their go-to guy for meat. He is super reliable day or night. He recently came in at 10:00pm to fix a problem. He is a hands-on person that is able to solve problems, never complains, does metal recycling for them, has excellent customer service, does special orders for large events and goes out of his way to take care of his customers and the store. Chris is also the owner of York Tree Farm and has done a lot of work at Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation using his equipment.

Scouting: Chris earned his Eagle Scout rank on September 28, 1981 as part of Troop 218 in Iowa City, IA. He has served as a Merit Badge Counselor, Unit Commissioner, District Committee member, District Member-at-Large and has sat on many District Eagle Scout Boards of Review. He also has served as a Tiger Adult, Assistant Cubmaster, and Committee Member for Pack 216. Chris has been Troop Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster for Troop 218. He has been involved in the Hawkeye Area Council's National Jamboree Committee, has been part of multiple Council Contingents, and has served on Staff for multiple National Scout Jamborees. He is our resident "Patch Guy" when it comes to taking care of Jamboree patches. He is a Vigil Honor member of Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge #172, having received the Vigil Honor in 2003. He has been a Vigil Sponsor, member of the Lodge Executive Committee, Lodge Associate Adviser and Lodge Adviser. He has attended many Honor Flight returns and was an Honor Flight Guardian in 2016. He has received the District Award of Merit in 2001 and the Silver Beaver Award in 2007.

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Alan Kessler

Community: Alan is a Professional Engineer and has had an extensive and successful career in engineering. He was a senior executive for Trane Co, Vice President & Chief Technology Officer at Raytheon/Amana, and Vice President R&D, Engineering & Quality at Rheem. He has been inducted into the Kansas State University Engineering Hall of Fame.

Scouting: Alan earned his Eagle Scout rank on June 10, 1964 as part of Quivera Council's Post 123 in Newton, KS. He has been active in the Boy Scouts for over 40 years. He was a Cub Scout in Pack 100, Hays, KS, a Boy Scout in Troops 97, Downs, KS, Troop 102 in Smith Center, KS, Troop 111 in Newton, KS and Post 123 in Newton, KS. He is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow. In 1971 he was an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 51 in Clarksville, TN. Beginning in 1990, he was a Pack and Troop Committee Chairman, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and merit badge counselor (Hiking, Camping and Backpacking), with his son's Pack 3 and Troop 3. As an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster, they went on High Adventures to the Boundary Waters, Appalachian Trail and Rocky Mountain National Park in addition to attending HHCSR summer camps in the 1990's. With his son and/or other Scout leaders he has been on 18 high adventure backpacking trips totaling 864 miles and 97 nights in the wilderness. At the District and Council level since 2011, he has served as a District Camping Commissioner Chairman, Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner, Assistant Council Commissioner and many other volunteer activities including Friends of Scouting presenter, Camporee committee and on NYLT staffs. He currently serves on the Council Executive Board of the Hawkeye Area Council and he is scheduled to become the Hawkeye Area Council Commissioner in 2018-20. Alan has been a NESAC member since 1990. He was a Charter Member of the Hawkeye Area Council National Eagle Scout Association (NESAC) and has served as a Vice chairman since the founding in 2013. He has been awarded the Commissioners Key, Commissioners Arrowhead Award, District Award of Merit and Commissioners Award of Excellence. He has completed Wood Badge, Bachelors and Masters of Commissioners Science, Philmont Training Center Council Commissioner Week and also teaches courses at the area Commissioner Colleges and Scoutmaster/Assistant SM Specific Training.

Joseph Podzimek, Jr.

Community: Joe is a member of Fidelitas Lodge #364, AF&AM, of Fairfax, IA, having served as Master of the Lodge on multiple terms. Joe has been very active in DeMolay, the Youth program for the Masonic fraternity. Joe's son served as the State Master Councilor for Iowa DeMolay in 2010. There are only three DeMolay Chapters in the State of Iowa. Joe has served as the Cedar Rapids Chapter Chairman for DeMolay for several years and has also served on the State Committee for several years.

Scouting: Joe earned his Eagle Scout rank on 01/11/1972 as part of Troop 29 in Cedar Rapids, IA. He worked as a Backwoods Ranger at Philmont Scout Reservation in 1974. He also served as Assistant Field Sports Director for the Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation from June 1969, to August 1974. Joe was called out and served his Ordeal in 1969. Joe completed his Brotherhood in 1970 and received the Vigil Honor in 1973. He was elected and served as the Lodge Chief for the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge from October 1974 to October 1975. Joe also served as the Lodge Adviser for the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge from 2009 thru 2011. Joe was named one of 8 Centurions for the Lodge, for his service as a youth, during the Centennial Celebration of the Order of the Arrow in 2015. Joe started Troop 5200 in Cedar Rapids, chartered by Fidelitas Lodge. He served as the Scoutmaster for several years. In the Hawkeye Area Council, Joe received the District Award of Merit in the Tamaque District in 2002 and received the Silver Beaver Award in 2007.

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Gary McClure

Community: Gary worked at Hy-Vee for many years and retired as the Store Director of the Center Point Road location in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Scouting: Gary earned his Eagle Scout rank on October 20, 1970 as part of Troop 242, in Washington, IA. Gary has held a wide variety of Scouting roles for more than 25 years, from Troop leadership to Order of the Arrow activities, District and Council leadership positions, Wood Badge training and service at the Area level to Staff leadership at the National Scout Jamboree. In all cases, Gary has distinguished himself as a leader among leaders. Gary has served as Central Region Area 3 Wood Badge Coordinator for at least the last 4 or 5 years. He has served on National Jamboree staff at least 3 or 4 times including serving as Bravo Base Camp Commissary Director in 2013 and for the 2017 National Jamboree he will be serving as the Assistant Director in charge of all the Grocery Store Operations for the Jamboree. Gary is a Vigil Honor and Red Duty member of the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge. He received the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award.

Paul Swanson

Community: Paul continues to work for Foundation 2, working with youth and families in crisis, but now works full-time for Goodwill of the Heartland as a Counselor/Case Manager. For Goodwill, Paul serves as a Vocational Counselor, working with individuals who have barriers to independence and aiding them in building work skills, experience and moving forward toward a more independent life.

Scouting: Paul earned his Eagle Scout rank on September 29, 1978 as part of Troop 33, in Cedar Rapids, IA. Paul has been a critical member of Camp Staff for over well over 30 years, having served as Asst Camp Director for 15 years, under multiple Camp Directors. Paul has also been a Wood Badge Participant, and has served on several Staffs, in various roles. Paul has also been involved in the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge since he was originally called out in 1978. He has been active as the Awards & Recognition Adviser for many years. Paul has also received the St. George Award from the Dubuque Diocese for his work with Catholic Scouting Youth.

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William Jurgensen

Community: Outside of Scouting Bill has been actively involved with his church as an usher, volunteer at activities and parish festivals. He has been recognized for his contributions and service through Sertoma international as well as the Lions Club. In the community Bill is actively involved with the Witwer Center serving the aging local community. His involvement has included service on the board of directors as well as serving as board president. Bill has devoted his life to service to youth through Scouting and service to the community through a wide variety of organizations where he gives his time, his talent as a leader, and his treasure. Bill is being recognized for the long-term impact he has had on the local community both inside and outside of Scouting.

Scouting: Bill earned his Eagle Scout rank on December 8, 1955 as part of Troop 33 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Bill has been actively involved with Scouting since he was a boy and was recognized as a 50 year Veteran Scouter in 1999. He has served in a wide variety of positions of leadership in Scouting including 28 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 33 in Cedar Rapids and as the Council Commissioner for several years. More recently he has been a member of the Council Executive Board. Bill is a Life Member of NESAC, Vigil Honor member of the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge, District Award of Merit recipient, Silver Beaver Recipient and has received numerous other Scouting recognitions. He has provided leadership for the Central Region Area 3 Camp Visitation Team as co-chair and trainer and served as an Assistant Subcamp Commissioner several times at the National Scout Jamboree.

Michael Klappholz

Community: Mike's service to the country included many years in the National Guard, and his career with the Cedar Rapids Police Department which culminated in his service as the Cedar Rapids Police Chief. In all his endeavors Mike has been recognized as a leader. Following his retirement from the Guard and the Police Department he looked for new ways to serve and found a new calling with his ordination as a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church. Mike is also serving as the Chaplain for Catholic Scouting for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. His service to the community has extended well beyond Scouting. He is a long-time member of Rotary International where he served his local club as a board member and as club president. He has served in similar roles for the local Salvation Army. Mike is being recognized for his life-long commitment to community service and for his outstanding leadership in the organizations he supports.

Scouting: Mike earned his Eagle Scout rank on January 28, 1971 as part of Troop 100 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Mike has been active in Scouting since joining as a boy and was recognized as a 50 year Veteran Scouter in 2013. Mike has provided leadership in Scouting at various levels, serving as a Wood Badge Course Director, Council Commissioner, Council Executive Board member, Central Region Area 3 National Camp Accreditation member, and National Jamboree Assistant Scoutmaster to name just a few.

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Steven Rose

Community: Steve has been actively involved as a volunteer Firefighter in Amana and held several leadership positions in the Fire Department over the years. He is also a member of Amana Fire Fighters Association Inc., First Presbyterian Church, Friends of Iowa County Conservation Foundation, and Friends of Iowa County Conservation. Steve has devoted his life to service to youth through Scouting and service to the community through a wide variety of organizations where he gives his time and his talent as a leader.

Scouting: Steve earned his Eagle Scout rank on November 29, 1973 as part of Mid-Iowa Council's Troop 50 in South English, IA. He received the Mid-Iowa Council's Thomas Gendall Trophy as the Outstanding Eagle Scout of the Year. As the recipient, Steve was one of the keynote speakers at the annual Eagle / Council Dinner. Steve was also selected to report to Governor Robert Ray on the activities of the Mid-Iowa Council and presented a plaque to the Governor on behalf of the Mid-Iowa Council. Steve has been actively involved with Scouting since he was a boy. He has served in a wide variety of positions of leadership in Scouting, including Institutional Head and Charter Organization Representative of Pack 225 and Troop 225, Committee Member of Pack 225, and Committee Chairman of Troop 223 for several years. He has also held Adviser positions in the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge Executive Committee. Steve is a Life Member of NESAC, a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, District Award of Merit recipient, Silver Beaver recipient and has received numerous other Scouting recognitions. He served on the National Jamboree Staff in 2001 and was the Chairman of the Silver Beaver Selection Committee in 2015.

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Richard Naaktgeboren

Community: Rick has served as Camp Ranger at the Howard H Cherry Scout Reservation (HHCSR) for 40 years. His exceptional leadership has made HHCSR a premier Scout Camp that has been enjoyed by thousands of young people and members of the community. He has directed countless others in helping maintain the camp. At a recent family night, an Out-of-Council Troop leader commented how well the camp was maintained and how they thoroughly enjoyed the camp. Rick is a trained EMT and has served on the Northeast Linn Ambulance Service from 1987 to present. He has been Training Officer, Vice President, and President for 12 years.

Scouting: Rick earned his Eagle Scout rank on March 24, 1965 as part of Troop and Explorer Post 33 in Cedar Rapids. Rick lives by the Scouting principles and the Eagle Scout Promise. Rick received the Vigil Honor in 1968 and served as Lodge Chief of the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge in 1968. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop 504 from 1974 to 1980, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 44 from 1980 to 2000, and currently serves as a Committee Member of Crew 172. He has received the District Award of Merit, Founder's Award, and has completed Wood Badge Training. Rick is also a member of the Central Region Camp Assessment Team.

Bruce Dolder

Community: Bruce manages a Customer Service specialized software program for Verizon long distance, formally owned by MCI Communications. In his spare time, he enjoys mentoring people in various software applications like Microsoft Excel. Bruce is also a member of Masonic Canopy Lodge #290 in Oxford, IA. Bruce worked as an umpire for various levels of baseball and softball for over 20 years, including Little League, Pony League, Babe Ruth Baseball, High School Baseball and Softball, the Wooden Bat League sponsored by the Perfect Game Organization, and the Iowa Valley Men's League. Bruce umpired over 2,000 games in over 20 years.

Scouting: Bruce earned his Eagle Scout rank on September 8, 1975 as part of Troop 222 in Oxford, IA. He was the first Eagle Scout in the history of Troop 222. He lives by the Scouting principles and the Eagle Scout Promise. Bruce has received the Vigil Honor and Founder's Award and is a Red Duty Member of the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge. He is the Lodge Secretary Adviser. He completed Wood Badge Training in 2003 and served on Wood Badge Staff in 2005 and 2009. Some of the District and Council positions he has held are District Vice-Chair of District Operations, Assistant Council Commissioner for Training, Assistant Roundtable Commissioner, District Commissioner, Council Training Chair, District Training Chair, District Day Camp Director, and Unit Commissioner. Bruce has served as a Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member and Advancement Chair, Chartered Organization Representative, and Pack Trainer. Bruce has received the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award. He has served on countless District Eagle Boards of Review. Bruce has received the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award. He is also a Life Member of NESAs as well as the Summit Bechtel Reservation Staff Association. Bruce lives and breathes Scouting and has provided leadership, mentoring, and countless opportunities to youth of our Council and is a role model.

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Bruce Hamous

Community: Bruce is a Project Architect with OPN Architects, Inc. in Cedar Rapids since 1999 and in the profession since 1977. He has served on the Board of Directors of the following organizations: Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce 4 years, Leadership for Five Seasons 5 years including Chairman, Cedar Rapids West Rotary 7 years including two years as President, Prairiewoods Spirituality Center 6 years, American Red Cross, Grant Wood Area Chapter 7 years, Salvation Army 4 years, Linn County Historical Society 14 years, Cedar Rapids Jaycees 4 years including two years as President, Cedar Rapids Area Friends of the Zoo 10 years, and the Indian Creek Nature Center Sustainability Committee for 5 years.

Scouting: Bruce earned his Eagle Scout rank on April 29, 1971 as part of Troop 28 in Cedar Rapids, IA. He lives by the Scouting principles and the Eagle Scout Promise. He has served on the Hawkeye Area Council BSA Executive Board for 16 years. He has earned the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, James E West Award, St. George Award, OA Founder's Award, Vigil Honor member of the OA, and a Red Duty member of the Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge. He has served on National Jamboree Retail Staff several times.

Aaron Randolph, Jr.

Community: Aaron is Senior Vice-President and Financial Consultant at Wells Fargo Investments, a trusted securities adviser and deals with high net worth clients. He is Chairman of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, IA.

Scouting: Aaron earned his Eagle Scout rank on January 28, 1971 as part of Troop 67 in Anamosa, IA. He lives by the Scouting principles and the Eagle Scout Promise. He is Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Silver Beaver recipient, Silver Antelope recipient, past Council Commissioner, and the upcoming Council President. He has received the Bronze Pelican award from the Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Committee on Scouting. He has served in various positions at many National Scout Jamborees.

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