



PENNSYLVANIA SCOUT COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER



October 15, 2024



If you have any questions, please contact greg schlegel at gregmarine102383@gmail.com

I would like to make this newsletter fun, interesting, and informative, so please if you have any information, news, or you would like to share something about Scouting America, please feel free to email me at gregmarine102383@gmail.com, so I may share with the rest of the Department, and or if you have a question, or suggestions for myself, the Department, or National, please submit it to me. Until our next 2nd Quarter Edition – Semper Fi Greg Schlegel

Click [HERE](#) for a link to the National Scout Committee's Newsletter

In this issue:

1. Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Awards (July—September 2024)
2. Detachment Reports
3. Special Recognition
4. Eagle Project Spotlight
5. Photos from Ceremonies
6. National Scout Newsletter, 5/21/2024
7. National Scout Committee 2024 Annual Report

1. EAGLE SCOUT GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS (JUL-SEP 2024)

- Eli Zeiders, 7/21/2024, Troop 245, State College, PA. Mailed out by Robert Johnson, MCL Detachment #302 Nittany Leathernecks.
- Christopher Smearbeck, 7/21/2024, Troop 245, State College, PA. Mailed out by Robert Johnson, MCL Detachment #302 Nittany Leathernecks.
- Josh Leauber, 8/15/2024, Troop 538, Lewisburg, PA. certificate was presented at Court of Honor by Greg Schlegel, MCL Detachment #308 Susquehanna Valley.
- Liam Shabahang, 8/15/2024, Troop 538, Lewisburg, PA. certificate was presented at Court of Honor by Greg Schlegel, MCL Detachment #308 Susquehanna Valley.
- Donovan Michael, 8/17/2024, Troop 61, Mifflinville, PA. Certificate was presented at Court of Honor by Greg Schlegel, MCL Detachment #308 Susquehanna Valley.
- Trevor C. Gilles, 9/7/2024, Troop 456, Palmyra, PA. certificate was presented by MCL, Dept of PA Headquarters Senior Vice Commandant Victoria McCoy.
- Luke Harrison Roger, 9/7/2024, Troop 316, Fairless Hills, PA. certificate was presented at Court of Honor by Gus Cales, MCL, Patriot Detachment #1230.
- Justin Gontarek, 9/28/2024, Troop 147, Holland, PA. certificate was presented at Court of Honor by Michael Clark, MCL, Detachment Patriot #1230.

2. DETACHMENT REPORTS

- **Lehigh Valley #296**, Presented 1, Reported and presented by District Vice Commandant, Paymaster/Adjutant Colyer James.
- **Nittany Leathernecks #302**, Presented 5, Reported, and presented by Robert Johnson.
- **Susquehanna Valley #308**, Presented 3, Reported and presented by MCL, Dept. of PA. Chair Scouting America/ Senior Vice Commandant.
- **First Capital #521**, Presented 1, Reported and presented by Paymaster/Coordinator Dave Brady.
- **Washington County #1138**, No report, by Larry Maggi

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Lori Berger earned her Master Guide in Pathfinders, which is comparable to an Eagle Scout, and was presented the Marine Corps League “Distinguished Citizens Award” on 6/21/2024.

4. PROJECT SPOTLIGHT— Liam Murphy

Local Eagle Scout Liam from Clearville, Pennsylvania is a loving, and compassionate young man who enjoys all aspects of Scouting, and also has a deep passion and desire to help Veterans and first responders who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS). Liam, who at an early age already knew that giving back to the local community is what he really wanted to do, but was somewhat unclear as of what path he would go, but that would all change the moment he meets Ryan Decker who owned a small non-profit business called "last line". Ryan's intention was to build and place small little homes on his land with hopes that these homes together would offer a place of tranquility and quiet peaceful solitude. A place where a Veteran can go and escape the pain and horrible realities that are associated with PTS. It was then that Liam knew what was missing in his project plan. His Family had an old camper, which was donated to Liam for his project, along with material from local business that would be used in creating a small, but spacious getaway. From the ground up, a great deal of time was spent redesigning the floor plan, which involved plumbing, new windows, heater, refrigerator, new wiring, new siding, and roof, not to mention the detailed interior, finally the decorations. It took a total of 762 hours to complete this wonderful retreat. During this transformation from becoming an old camper to a private cozy little getaway would not only become a dream come true for Ryan, becoming his first retreat home, which was donated by Liam, but it would also create a bond between an Eagle Scout named Liam and a Veteran named Ryan.

A Scout must complete a well designed and carefully planned Eagle Project, these projects should benefit and have a long lasting impact in their local community, group, or entity. They must be approved by the troop and District committee before construction begins, and once completed, an official who witnessed the project could vouch that this project meets all the rules set forth, as complete, would then sign off.



Bravo Zulu Liam!

If you have any questions, please contact greg schlegel at gregmarine102383@gmail.com

5. Photos from Ceremonies

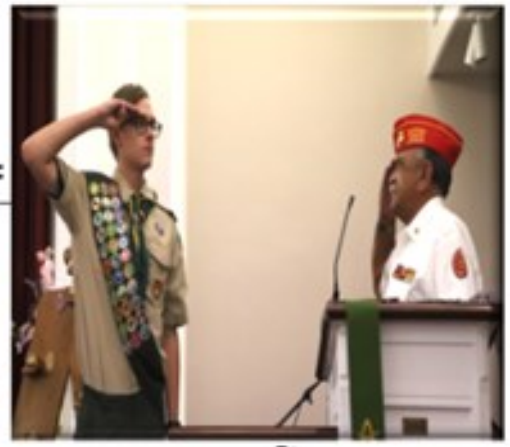
- A. Donovan Michael, Troop 61 Mifflinville, PA. Presentation by Greg Schlegel
- B. Luke Harrison Rogers, Troop 316 Fairless Hills, PA. Presented by Gus Cales
- C. Luke Harrison Rogers, Troop 316 Fairless Hills, PA. Presented by Gus Cales
- D. Trevor C. Gilles Troop 456 Palmyra, PA. Presented by Victoria McCoy
- E. Trevor C. Gilles Troop 456 Palmyra, PA. Presented by Victoria McCoy
- F. Lori Berger Master Guide, Marine Corps League Distinguished Citizen Award, Presented by Greg Schlegel



A)



B)



C)



D)



E)



F)



Please send us pictures and ideas for future issues!

If you have any questions, please contact greg schlegel at gregmarine102383@gmail.com