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2012 Dallas planning meeting: united, we leave a legacy

By **JACOB SCHLIES**
Staff Writer

While most people were celebrating the holidays with their friends and family, section chiefs and national leaders from across the country traveled to Dallas, Texas, for a decades-old tradition in the Order of the Arrow, the National Planning Meeting. The leaders spent four days at the Marriott Solana training, enjoying fellowship, and planning for this year's national program of emphasis, the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

The meeting moves very fast, is highly intense, and is full of OA leaders devoting their time to planning the upcoming national event. One of the most important parts of the meeting is the election of the national officers. The national chief and national vice chief elections are held on the first night of the meeting, and the region chief elections are held the following morning. Later in the meeting, 10 section chiefs were elected to serve as NOAC conference vice chiefs. The remaining section chiefs were assigned to NOAC subcommittees to provide essential conference leadership.

A highlight of this year's meeting



National Chief (left) John Rehm and National Vice Chief (right) Preston Marquis.

was the recognition of former national committee chairman Dr. Carl Marchetti for his 50 years of service on the national

OA committee. Dr. Marchetti is the longest serving member of any BSA national committee. He was appointed

to the national OA committee in 1962 and served as its chairman from 1984 to 1993. During the recognition dinner, Dr. Marchetti presented E. Umer Goodman's national committee sash to the Order for preservation.

The national committee also announced national service grants totaling \$40,000 for 15 lodges across the country. These matching grants are awarded to lodges for council camp or service center projects.

The section chiefs elected national officers whom they believe will take our Order to new heights and lead the planning of the 2012 NOAC. All of the officers are excited to have the opportunity to meet thousands of Arrowmen during their term and welcome participants to the conference at Michigan State. Here is some background information about your 2012 national officers.

The section chiefs elected John Rehm of Turbotville, Pennsylvania, to serve as the 2012 national chief. John is a Vigil Honor member of Woapeu Sisilija Lodge of the Susquehanna Council and has served as the section chief of NE-4A. John has served as a staff member for Camp Karoondinha summer camp,

numerous National Leadership Seminars, the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, and last year's Indian Summer. John's favorite staff experience was serving as a member of InstructorCorps for SummitCorps.

John is currently a freshman at Susquehanna University majoring in public relations. When not busy with Scouting activities, John enjoys kayaking and meeting new people.

Preston Marquis was elected to serve as the 2012 national vice chief. Preston is from Norfolk, Virginia, and is a Vigil Honor member of Blue Heron Lodge of the Tidewater Council. Preston previously served as the section chief of SR-7A. Preston has served on staff for numerous National Leadership Seminars and was an Incident Commander for SummitCorps. Preston's favorite staff experience was serving on the Chief's Corps for the 2009 NOAC.

Preston is currently a senior at Granby High School and has been accepted to attend Georgetown University in the fall. In his free time, Preston enjoys tennis, cross-country, Model UN, student

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Arrowman receives Teen Nick HALO Award

By **MATT ROSENDAHL**
Staff Writer

Arrowman James O'Dwyer was recently recognized with a Teen Nick HALO Award for developing a relief program in support of the victims of last year's tornado disaster in Alabama.

Country music star Taylor Swift presented O'Dwyer, an Eagle Scout and Brotherhood member of Egwa

Tawa Dee Lodge, with the award for his hard work and leadership in co-founding Magnolia Disaster Relief—a charity that provides resources and support for victims of the EF4 tornado that struck Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in April 2011.

O'Dwyer had only lived in Tuscaloosa for eight months before the tornado hit. It was realizing "that I could very easily have been one of those people

who lost everything, and just how lucky I was that I hadn't been affected directly at all," that motivated him, O'Dwyer said.

O'Dwyer started where most teenagers would: Facebook. He created a page for both those affected by the tornado to post their needs and concerned citizens to offer support, and O'Dwyer's team then "connected the dots."

Magnolia Disaster Relief grew

into an interstate campaign that resulted in innumerable donations from everyday Americans. Thus far, the charity has collected over \$50,000 in cash or gift card donations, \$30,000 in pet food donations, and four 18-wheelers, four 26-foot box trucks, six cargo vans, and countless SUV/pickup truck loads of supplies.

He credits Scouting and the OA for instilling the value of

service in him. "I learned the values of hard work, dedication, and service through Scouting very early on," he said. In retrospect, O'Dwyer shared, brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service, three key principles of his charity work, were strengthened in him through the lessons learned in the Ordeal.

An important takeaway from O'Dwyer's story is that he is not see **O'DWYER**, page 3

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2012 National Planning Calendar

March

9 - 11 NOAC Site Visit, Michigan State University
23-25 NLS, Oahu, HI - Western Region
NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ - Northeast Region

April

13-15 NLS, Orange County, CA - Western Region
20-22 NLS, Central City, IA - Central Region
NLS, Dundee, NY - Northeast Region
30 NOAC Fees Due

May

30-June 1 BSA National Meeting, Orlando, FL
30 OA National Committee Meeting, Orlando, FL

June

2 OA Ocean Adventure Begins
6 Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins
Northern Tier OA Odyssey Begins
8 Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
17 - 23 Philmont OA Adviser Training
30 NOAC Late Fees Due

July

24 Northern Tier OA Wilderness Voyage Ends
Northern Tier OA Odyssey Ends
26 OA Ocean Adventure Ends
NOAC Staff Arrival
27 Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
27-30 NOAC Trade-O-Ree
30-31 NOAC Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

August

1-4 NOAC Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

September

14-16 NLS/NLATS, Davis, OK - Southern Region
21-23 SOS, Northeast Region, TBD

October

1 OA Charter Renewal kits released
5 - 7 NLS, Delaware, OH - Central Region
12 - 14 NLS/NLATS, Estes Park, CO - Western Region
SOS, Southern Region, New Braunfels, TX
15 OA Steering Committee Meeting
26 - 27 SOS, Western Region, Phoenix, AZ
31 OA Service Grant Application Due

November

2-4 NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO - Central Region
NLS/NLATS - Northeast Region
16-18 NLS/NLATS, San Francisco Bay Area, CA Western Region
NLS, Germany - Northeast Region
NLS, King, NC - Southern Region
SOS, Central Region, Islamorada, FL

December

27-30 National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX

Social media: Like. Comment. Share. Hashtag.

By **FRANK GAMEZ**

Social Media Coordinator

Social networking sites are a part of our daily lives—whether you like it or not.

There are 845 million people on Facebook; the world's largest social networking site, and that number is expected to grow to 1 billion this summer. On an average day, there are 300 million tweets shared on Twitter, the world's second most popular social networking site, with 400 million members and growing. YouTube, the world's largest video sharing site, and the world's second largest search engine if you count the number of daily search queries, receives 4 billion views a day—a whopping 1 trillion views a year! The words “tweet” and “social media” have been officially

added to the Oxford English Dictionary. When we stop to think about the scale of these websites, it's hard to imagine a world without them. Just a few years ago, these sites didn't exist! This is just the beginning.

The single most important feature of social networking sites that makes them so popular and successful is that they're free. Social media sites are great tools for spreading a message or organizing events. The Order of the Arrow has grown significantly in the world of social media. We have 55,000 “likes” on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OABSA, and 1,500 followers on Twitter: www.twitter.com/OABSA, at the time of this writing. The numbers are growing rapidly. We have a full-time dedicated staff who update the sites at least once daily. Using social networking sites is a

free and effective method of getting the word out. YOU should take advantage of these free tools, too!

Lodges can create an account on a social networking site so that they can inform their members of events and update them on any lodge news. A Facebook page and Twitter can be very effective for communicating with large groups of Arrowmen. Lodges can also create an account on YouTube for promotional videos. Read more at: www.oe-bsa.org/bulletin.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to read bonus material.

Social media policy revised

During the National Planning Meeting, the national committee approved a resolution that sets a new standard for Order of the Arrow social media use, overturning the restrictive social media policy

announced in the 08-5 Operations Update. The national committee “supports the use of social media as a mechanism for promoting the program,” the resolution reads. The approved guidelines are (1)

Key 3 approval; (2) posting in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law, Guide to Safe Scouting, Field Operations Guide, and Guide for Officers and Advisers; and (3) proper maintenance and support.

NATIONAL UPDATES

Lodge Patches at NOAC

Lodges interested in using the Michigan State University name or logos must first get usage, placement, scale, and/or positioning reviewed and approved by the university prior to ordering patches. Use of the university mascot, “Sparty,” will not be approved. For more information, visit www2.ur.msu.edu/.

Four New Best Practices

Additional lodge and chapter program tools have been posted to the website.

Ask the Chairman

Go to www.oe-bsa.org to check out questions that are being answered by the national chairman, Ray Capp. The most recent questions were regarding becoming a national officer and the Order's role in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first Eagle Scout Award with NESAs.

Journey to Excellence

Chapter, lodge, and section Journey to Excellence requirements have been posted to the website.

Quality Lodge Pin Order Form

2011 Quality Lodge pins are now available for ordering. Lodges may purchase pins for \$1.50 each. The order form is available in the 2012 Program Support Pak and on the website.

National Website

For additional information about all updates and available resources to use, visit the national OA website at www.oe-bsa.org.

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Next stop: NOAC

By **JEFF ST. CYR**

National Promotions

This summer at Michigan State University in East Lansing, the Order of the Arrow will host the 31st National Order of the Arrow Conference from July 30 to Aug. 4. NOAC 2012 is expected to bring together 8,000 Arrowmen from across the nation for the weeklong conference. Lodges are building their contingents now and preparing their travel plans for NOAC.

At the conference, Arrowmen can look forward to new and exciting programs. From the morning training sessions to the afternoon programs and evening shows, Arrowmen will be active all day as they visit the many parts of the conference, including Adventure Central, the OA Museum, the NOAC Trading Post, the American Indian Activities Pow Wows, recreation activities, exhibits, Founder's Day, and lodge competitions.

This summer, the Order will partner with the National Eagle Scout Association to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award. Special NESA events will be held throughout the week, including leadership training, NESA dinner, guest speakers, and a NESA-themed evening show and concert.

During the first three full days of the conference, Arrowmen will be able to participate in training sessions focusing on leadership development, running a lodge, high-adventure



activities, American Indian activities, inductions and OA ceremonies, and many other topics. The training committee is working on developing training sessions to help meet the needs of lodges and providing the latest information to Arrowmen so they can successfully support their councils when they return home.

The last full day of the conference is Founder's Day, where Arrowmen will come together for a day full of events including the Founder's Day parade, Goodman Games, and the Founder's Fair. The Founder's Fair provides lodges the opportunity to showcase their lodge, where Arrowmen can visit the booths and leave with memorabilia from around the country.

The conference will conclude with the theme show, where the final week in review video is presented along with a theatrical production with special effects highlighting the conference theme. Following the show, Arrowmen gather for the ice cream social before returning to their dorm rooms to prepare to leave the following morning.

To attend NOAC, Arrowmen need to contact their lodge Key 3. Lodges travel to NOAC as a contingent, often stopping at popular tourist spots along the way to Michigan. Arrowmen may also staff the conference. For more information on NOAC 2012, visit www.event.oa-bsa.org. You can also follow the Order on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

Teen Nick HALO award

O'DWYER

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any different from other Arrowmen and Scouts across the nation; he just acted on his intuition.

"I never imagined anything like this would come of the first little Facebook group I started and the email my mom sent out to my church, but it just shows you how something can take off when you put the work into it," he said.

Scouting and the OA seek to instill in their members a willingness to serve our fellow man. O'Dwyer encourages Scouts to act on their desire to serve. "Whatever your passion may be, from helping disaster victims to playing basketball [or even] playing video games, think about how you can use that to make a difference in others' lives," advises O'Dwyer.

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- James O'Dwyer

NOAC CVCs Elected

Ten section chiefs were elected to serve as NOAC conference vice chiefs during the National Planning Meeting. The following section chiefs, along with the national chief, national vice chief, and region chiefs, will provide leadership for the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in August.

Activities and Recreation:

Taylor Blanc - Burbank, WA

American Indian Affairs:

Mike Gray - Peoria, IL

Communications:

Raymond Cheung - Quincy, MA

Founders Day:

Frank Gamez - Miami, FL

Inductions & Ceremonial Events:

Jordan Hughes - Clarkes Summit, PA

NESA:

Ethn Fowler - Dothan, AL

Outdoor Adventure:

Mitch Andrews - Willoughby Hills, OH

Shows:

Graham Rapier - Lubbock, TX

Special Events:

Joshua Hone - Albuquerque, NM

Training:

Samuel Bellomy - Sierra Vista, AZ

Chiefly Speaking



Brothers:

We are extremely honored and excited to serve you this year. We are humbled by the opportunity to represent the Order as we build upon our storied legacy of service.

2011 was a great year for our Order. The nation witnessed the beginning of a great legacy through the SummitCorps project, where over a thousand Scouts took a week out of their summer vacation to build hiking and mountain biking trails near the site of the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia—the permanent home of the national Scout jamboree. OA members also had the opportunity to strengthen their ceremonial and dancing skills at the second ever Indian Summer, hosted at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina.

In August, our brotherhood will come together again for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This year's program will offer something for first time guests and veterans alike. Whether you are big into patch trading, learning new practices for your lodge/chapter, or you just want to meet new friends, NOAC 2012 will be a memory that will live with you forever.

NOAC provides a unique opportunity to gather Arrowmen with differing interests and Scouting backgrounds from across the nation for a week of fun and fellowship.

Appropriately, "United, We Leave a Legacy" was chosen by the section chiefs as the NOAC theme. This theme represents the determination of all Arrowmen to cheerfully serve our fellow man. We are stronger and more impactful when we work together. We have demonstrated this resolve during past service projects like ArrowCorps5 and SummitCorps.

As Scouting's National Honor Society, we have committed ourselves to the principles of brotherhood and cheerful service. Our legacy to Scouting is demonstrated time and time again through the service of Arrowmen around the country. On an individual level, we must take the next step in creating our own legacy. Make this year "your year." Challenge conventional wisdom and do something extraordinary! Our achievements will be measured not by quantity but by quality. We should use this as an opportunity to leave an impact in our councils, camps, and communities as we strive to continually live up to the ideals established by our founders.

Cheerfully yours,

John Rehm
2012 National Chief

Preston Marquis
2012 National Vice Chief

Showcase your lodge's accomplishments: the annual report

By **TAYLOR BOBROW**
Staff Writer

The annual report is one of the key items in every lodge's administrative process. The report is an opportunity for the lodge to recognize its accomplishments and areas needing improvement. This report also serves to provide future officers continuity in how they can better continue to achieve the goals of the lodge. However,

the annual report is not relevant to just the lodge's functions, but also the council. For this reason, the annual report is an opportunity to earn points on the Journey to Excellence Score Card for lodges.

It is suggested that the annual report be presented by the lodge chief to the executive board of the council with which the lodge is associated. This report is an opportunity to share with the council how the lodge is doing, outside of the usual

communication with the staff adviser. The lodge has the opportunity to share its weaknesses and strengths with the council.

The key to a successful annual report is creativity and content. A great way to make your annual report successful is to capture your audience with multimedia graphics. You can include pictures of your members working on camp projects, a clip of an Arrow of Light ceremony performed at a local pack, or

giving a camp promotion presentation.

"Witauchsoman Lodge has been using videos to present their annual report to the council for the past four years," says Matt Planer, lodge chief of Witauchsoman Lodge. The Witauchsoman Lodge 2011 Annual Report video consists of a variety of statistics. A series of photos acts as a backdrop that supports the statistics and information. Planer says, "Don't put the report off until the end of the year.

Work throughout the year, maintain accurate records, and keep the information being presented focused and concise." Witauchsoman Lodge uses service hour tracking sheets, OA LodgeMaster, and a variety of other resources throughout the year to track information. Along with the video, Witauchsoman Lodge provides a one-page printed report. To view Witauchsoman's video report and to learn more, visit oa-bsa.org/bulletin.

15 lodges awarded National OA Service Grants

Since 1999, the National OA Committee has annually selected lodges from each region to receive matching service grants. For 2012, fifteen lodges in councils across the nation were chosen to receive a combined total of \$40,000 in matching grants.

Central Region

The Hawkeye Area Council headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will receive \$5,000 to expand its wheelchair-accessible campsites and to provide a swimming pool mobility lift at the Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation.

The Dan Beard Council headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, will receive \$2,180 to replace its aging campsite shelters at Camp Friedlander.

The Great Lakes Council headquartered in Detroit, Michigan, will receive \$3,675 to build and install new swimming docks at its Lost Lake Scout Reservation.

Northeast Region

The La Salle Council headquartered in South Bend, Indiana, will receive \$2,775 to construct a new trail at Camp Tamarack, to produce signage to identify plants, trees, and flowers for educational purposes, and to purchase a sawmill for the harvesting of black locust trees.

The Yankee Clipper Council headquartered in Haverhill, Massachusetts, will receive \$2,000 to build a new waterfront tower at the Wah-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation.

The Cape Cod and Islands Council headquartered in Yarmouthport, Massachusetts, will receive \$2,845 to reconstruct four Adirondack shelters and a latrine at its short-term use campsite.

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council headquartered in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, will receive \$3,000 to create a new "pod" Cub Scout campsite at the J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation.



Photo by Bob Black.

Members of Otahnagon lodge work on a new boathouse as part of their national service grant project.

The Longhouse Council headquartered in Syracuse, New York, will receive \$1,200 to construct a new pavilion at Camp Woodland.

The Baden-Powell Council headquartered in Binghamton, New York, will receive \$2,600 to renovate the shower house at Camp Tuscany to be used by all campers.

Southern Region

The Indian Waters Council headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, will receive \$1,725 to extend and improve a 2,400-foot trail to its chapel at Camp Barstow.

The Palmetto Council headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina, will receive \$2,425

to reconstruct its amphitheater seating at Camp Bob Hardin.

The Old Hickory Council headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will receive \$1,725 to construct a training and instructional shelter at Camp Raven Knob.

The Shawnee Trails Council headquartered in Owensboro, Kentucky, will receive \$2,425 to renovate its lodge building at Camp Roy C. Manchester.

Western Region

The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council headquartered in Pleasant Hill, California, will be awarded \$4,000 for BB-gun and archery range improvements at Camp Terms.

The Conquistador Council headquartered in Roswell, New Mexico, will be awarded \$2,425 to rebuild the seating, to plant trees, and to construct a walkway for the amphitheater at Camp Wehinahpay.

Region chiefs elected at planning meeting



David Joyner



Marty Opthoff



Eric Bush



Joe Barton

PLANNING

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government, and playing the trumpet.

The 2012 Central Region chief is Marty Opthoff. Marty is from Waterford, Michigan, and is a Vigil Honor member of Noquet Lodge of the Great Lakes Council. He previously served as section chief for C-2A. He has attended NOAC 2009, ArrowCorps®, and Section Officer Seminar. He served on staff for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, National Leadership Seminar, and Indian Summer 2011. His favorite staff experience was serving as a member of the I-Corps staff at SummitCorps.

In high school, Marty served as president of the environmental club. He is currently a freshman at Michigan State University majoring in applied engineering sciences. In his free time, Marty likes rock climbing and skiing. He is a member of the Spartan Ski Club.

The chief of the Northeast Region is Eric Bush. Eric is from West Newton,

Pennsylvania, and is a Vigil Honor member of Wagion Lodge of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council. He previously served as section chief for NE-4B. Eric attended National Leadership Seminar, the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, SummitCorps, and the Gathering of Leaders. He served on staff for last year's Indian Summer, and his favorite OA staff experience was staffing a National Leadership Seminar.

Eric is currently a freshman at Pennsylvania State University majoring in business management. When not busy with Scouting, Eric likes to play music, run, wrestle, and spend time outdoors.

David Joyner was elected to serve as the 2012 Southern Region chief. David is from Mount Olive, North Carolina, and is a Vigil Honor member of Nayawin Rar Lodge of the Tuscarora Council. David has attended SummitCorps, Indian Summer, and the National Leadership Seminar. David's favorite OA experiences were the Order's activities at the 2010 National Scout

Jamboree.

David is a senior at Southern Wayne High School and will be attending college in the fall. In his spare time, David enjoys running cross-country, playing tennis, competitive swimming, and art.

Joe Barton, of San Francisco, California, was elected to serve as the 2012 Western Region chief. Joe is a Brotherhood member of Talako Lodge of the Marin Council. He previously served as section chief of W-3N. Joe has served on staff for his council's Cub Scout Day Camp, and his favorite staff experience was serving on staff for his council's National Youth Leadership Training Course for three years, serving as a troop guide and then as the senior patrol leader.

Joe is a junior at Marin Catholic High School. In his free time, Joe likes to scuba dive and run track. He also enjoys shooting sports and hanging out with friends.

Quality Lodge Summit: The road to the top

By **JORDAN HUGHES**
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Jan. 29, Section NE-2A gathered at the State University of New York-Ulster to hold their 2012 Quality Lodge Summit (QLS). The event brought together over 60 Arrowmen from all six lodges within the section, as well as representatives from Achewon Netapolis Lodge No. 282 of Section NE-2B. This unique meeting offered excellent training opportunities to youth and adults of any background and any level of experience.

The section's purpose in holding the event was to offer lodges the tools to accomplish their organizational goals as well as achieve the Journey to Excellence's Bronze, Silver, or Gold designations. To this end, participants were offered a wide variety of training options in the morning, with topics ranging from the Journey to Excellence and Increasing Brotherhood Membership to How to Run an LEC Meeting. Each training cell

was led by an adult adviser or youth officer with the necessary knowledge and experience on the topic. The training format varied for each cell, including open forums, digital presentations, and lectures.

However, the goal for QLS stretched beyond merely providing quality training to participants—it also fostered unity within the section following last year's realignment. "This is the first time we've gathered as the new Section NE-2A," said NE-2A Section Chief Tom Donlon. "The hope is that you will meet brothers from different lodges in the area and exchange ideas about what each of you is doing right." Participants attending the event received certificates and event patches in addition to the invaluable experience and knowledge they were able to take home to their lodges. Many expressed their anticipation of the next QLS slated for January 2014. Overall, the 2012 Quality Lodge Summit was a great training experience filled with fun and fellowship for all participants.

Boy Scout, Arrowman, Mayor

By **MATT ROSENDAHL**
Staff Writer

Vigil Honor recipient Jeremy Yamaguchi was recently elected as the mayor of Placentia, California, at the age of 22, making him the youngest serving mayor in his state.

After three years of service on the Placentia city council, Yamaguchi was named mayor in a six-way race, and will serve his term while also attending California State University Fullerton. Yamaguchi was not quick to forget the valuable lessons in leadership and service that the Order of the Arrow taught him. Most notably, he reflected on his service as a lodge and section chief, and how these experiences gave him the tools that he now uses to manage a community of 50,000.

"The experiences gained while serving as lodge and section chief helped me develop as a leader, meeting facilitator, conflict manager, and group collaborator," reflected Yamaguchi, who served Wiatava Lodge, chartered to the Orange County Council, and later as a section chief of the old W-4B and the newly aligned W-4S section. Yamaguchi also expressed a deep

appreciation for the principles of the Order, stating that "The ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service have stayed with me after leaving my leadership position within the Order of the Arrow." As someone who grasped the opportunity to serve as a leader in the OA, Yamaguchi is adamant that the techniques he learned through the OA are important life skills in any profession.

"I encourage all Arrowmen who wish to pursue a career in politics or any type of leadership position to continue their volunteer efforts and continue leading their fellow Arrowmen," Yamaguchi said.



Courtesy of Jeremy Yamaguchi
Yamaguchi presides over a meeting of the Prascilla City Council.

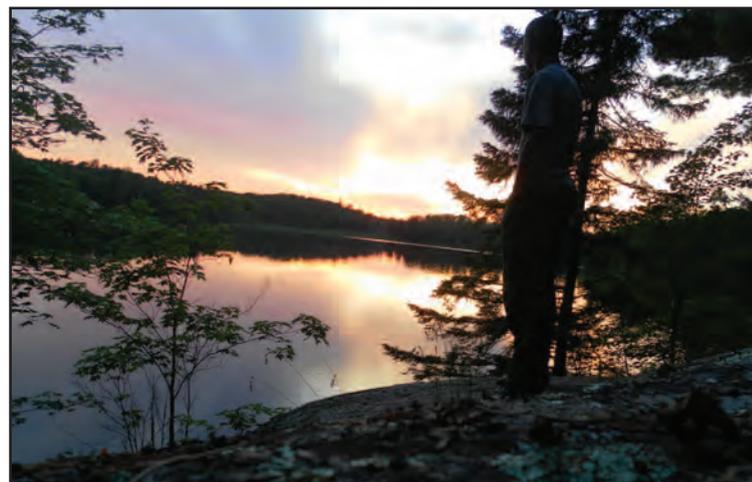
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Staff Writer

Kyndarrn Williamson is not your typical Arrowman. Raised in south central Florida, he went from growing up in a rough neighborhood where he was expected to follow the gang lifestyle to becoming an inspirational Scout. Most teenagers and young adults in his neighborhood became involved with gang culture. Were it not for his best friend, James Townsend, he speculates that he would probably be in jail or dead. James Townsend was the friend who persuaded Kyndarrn to join Scouting. On January 5, 2007, Kyndarrn joined his local Scout troop. Eleven months later, Kyndarrn was elected to the Order of the Arrow.

The Order of the Arrow and Scouting have worked wonders for Kyndarrn. Along with the benefit of having his life changed, he has had the opportunity to attend Northern Tier with Scouts from his local area. Money was always an issue, but with some support and encouragement from BSA National Commissioner Tico Perez, Kyndarrn and the Scouts in his contingent received a sponsored flight and reduced rates to attend OA Northern Tier Voyage. Northern Tier provides Scouts the opportunity to enjoy the pristine lakes of the Boundary Waters between Canada and Minnesota. The thing Kyndarrn enjoyed the most about attending Northern Tier, however, was the quiet. The ability to canoe and not hear a thing was amazing to him. Kyndarrn attended ArrowCorps⁵ at George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in 2008. ArrowCorps⁵ was an eye-opener to Kyndarrn. It showed him that it is truly possible for Arrowmen to come together in large numbers and accomplish something great, receiving no reward other than the satisfaction of "cheerful service."

Another memorable experience in Kyndarrn's life was his involvement

The road not taken



Courtesy of Kyndarrn Williamson.

Kyndarrn Williamson observes a sunset during an OA Wilderness Voyage Trek at Northern Tier.

in the Philmont Trail Crew program offered by the Order of the Arrow. The Philmont OA Trail Crew program offers Arrowmen the opportunity to work on trails at Philmont and experience the pristine beauty that is the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range alongside fellow Arrowmen. Kyndarrn participated in OA Trail Crew in 2009 and is very glad that he had the opportunity to be a part of this program. One of his fondest memories from the OA and Scouting comes from his experiences at Philmont OA Trail Crew. With strenuous labor and days full of fellowship come restless nights. Kyndarrn gazed out at the stars. Philmont is optimum for stargazing due to its location far from the lights of major cities. According to Kyndarrn, he was given the opportunity to "Gaze out to the edge of the Milky Way, and just think about how great our world is." Kyndarrn encourages everyone to attend Philmont Trail Crew, "It's a great program, it helps Philmont out a ton, and it is incredibly fun."

As human beings, we shouldn't think of the negativity of an area. It's easy to make assumptions. Like a broken trail, with some hard work and dedicated beings, a rough area

can be improved. Kyndarrn led the way in his neighborhood. Often when Kyndarrn's troop would go camping for the weekend, the boys in his neighborhood would come along, even if they were not Scouts. The effect Kyndarrn's troop has on the local neighborhood is fantastic. In one year, they provided more opportunities for service and outdoorsmanship than these kids had in 10 years.

The spread of the Kyndarrn effect is huge, be it his service as senior patrol leader for his troop, Ordeal master for his chapter, national events promoter for his lodge, or as the neighborhood youth who's a part of the local Scout troop. It seems amazing that even a young man from the roughest neighborhood can rise to become a trustworthy and well-respected leader. Kyndarrn has accomplished greatness in the eyes of many and hopefully will continue to do so. Kyndarrn Williamson is continuing his service to his country and others as an enlisted man in the United States Navy. Kyndarrn is from Tipisa Lodge of the Central Florida Council.

"On a scale of 1 to 10 measuring how much Scouting and the Order of the Arrow has changed my life, I would have to say 10." Kyndarrn said.



Wagion Lodge eats their way to Michigan

By **MARK STEINER**

Staff Writer

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is the biggest and most dynamic OA event in our organization. However, there is a detail about NOAC that should not be overlooked: the cost. The conference fee is \$420 plus travel costs. This can be a lot of money for most Arrowmen. Because of this, it is important for lodges to find ways

to raise funds to help subsidize the cost of attending NOAC. This year, with NOAC 2012 approaching quickly, Wagion Lodge No. 6 has supplied their "best practice" to the OA Chapter Resources Team in the form of raising money for their lodge's NOAC contingent.

In 2010, Evan B. was appointed NOAC 2012 chairman for Wagion Lodge. His main goal was to keep the cost of NOAC low for lodge members so more Arrowmen could

attend. One of the most successful fundraisers for the Wagion Lodge has usually been a Scout memorabilia auction, where the proceeds are donated to the NOAC contingent. During a weekend in August 2010, Evan came up with the idea of having a bake sale to sell cookies and brownie bars. He walked around selling them each for \$2 to any Scout who wanted to support NOAC and/or his empty stomach. He got support

from his father, his mother with baking cookies, and his adviser with salesmanship. So far, Evan has raised over \$9,000 to help send Arrowmen from his lodge to NOAC.

When asked about his experience, Evan wants to tell lodges not to reject ideas, "I was a little skeptical at first with the bake sale, but look how well I'm doing!" he said. The most rewarding thing for him is to be able to "provide every member of Wagion an opportunity to go to

NOAC no matter what his financial situation is." Evan is looking forward to having a great time with 8,000 fellow Arrowmen at NOAC!

"NOAC is an amazing opportunity for all Arrowmen. No Arrowman should miss out on this year's conference. Evan has done an amazing job fundraising for Wagion Lodge, and your lodge can do the same if you try!" says Northeast Region Chief and Wagion Lodge member Eric Bush.

Bayshore Chapter Pre-Ordeal potluck dinner

By **RAYMOND CHEUNG**

Local Features Editor

Colonneh Lodge's Bayshore Chapter seems to have cracked the secret for running great and efficient chapter events and has been cause for much excitement in the great state of Texas for several years.

Annually, the Bayshore Chapter runs a chapter potluck and Ordeal weekend for its future members and their families. Before departing for their Ordeal, the chapter provides a nice dinner for the candidates and their family members. This idea leads back to 1992, when Chapter Chief Sam McJunkin Jr. brought the concept of an Italian-themed

covered-dish dinner to the then Anti-Lati Chapter. Over time, this event has evolved and grown as the Anti-Lati Chapter transitioned into the Bayshore Chapter.

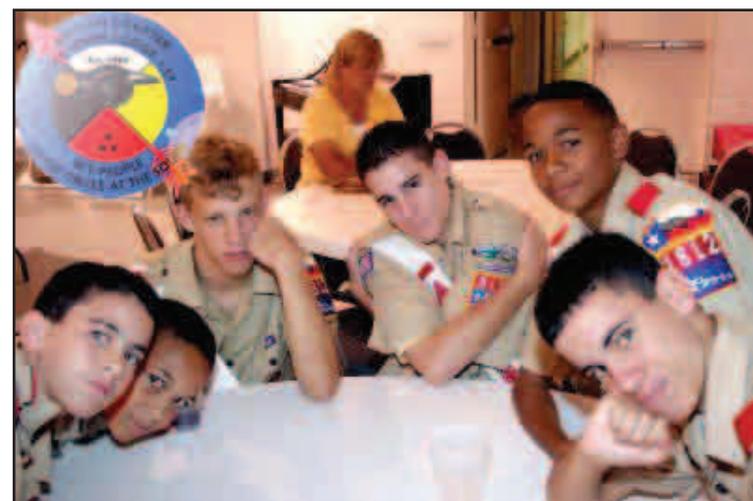
The Bayshore Chapter includes a guest speaker and award presentations at the dinner. The chapter invites the lodge chief or adviser and recognizes outstanding youth with awards such as the Carroll A. Edson Award. This award recognizes an outstanding Arrowman who works behind the scenes to support the chapter.

This past year, there were nearly 200 Ordeal candidates, staff members, and guests who came together for this pre-Ordeal dinner. One of the most visible

benefits, according to Associate Chapter Adviser Steven Willis, is the lodge's ability to use this event as a friendly platform to provide more information about the Order of the Arrow to families in their council.

"Parents don't really get any orientation on the OA, and this, is a good opportunity for us to do this" says Willis.

There are many ways to implement effective chapter events. The Bayshore Chapter runs a great pre-Ordeal dinner; so could your chapter! Discuss this idea and see if you can find a way to incorporate events, whether similar or unique to Bayshore's, into your own lodge programs.



Bayshore chapter members at the potluck dinner.

The Order of the Arrow backcountry story

By **BRENT WESSEL**

Staff Writer

Every year, May comes around, schools let out, and summer vacation begins. While most of us cannot wait for this time of the year, it never fails that by the middle of the summer we are looking for something fun and exciting to do. Look no further. The Order of the Arrow offers four great high-adventure programs at three different high-adventure bases each summer. These 10- to 14-day programs provide the low-cost summer experience of a lifetime where participants get to not only serve cheerfully with their brothers from across the nation while making the high-adventure bases better, but they are also able to explore the great wilderness areas of the base and create their own adventure as well. One of these programs is OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch.

During the first week of the program, participants have the chance to positively impact Philmont in a great



Order of the Arrow Trail Crew members celebrate their hard work.

way by participating in trail building across the base with their crew. This includes making switchbacks, erosion control, and general terrain clearing. During the second week, the crews are able to explore the vastness of Philmont Scout Ranch, planning their own treks

throughout the area. Whether you want to visit Mt. Baldy or the Tooth of Time, the adventure is yours to make!

Jeffrey and Elias Poolaw are brothers and Arrowmen from Ma-Nu Lodge in Oklahoma. They were nominated by a Scouter in their council

for a scholarship given by the American Indian Scouting Association (AISA) and had an opportunity to create their own OA Trail Crew experience. The OA mentoring and the Multicultural Markets programs partnered with AISA to award this scholarship, which paid for the brothers' trip and event cost. This was the first time Jeffrey and Elias had ever been to Philmont or any high-adventure base. They were assigned to different crews and were able to meet Arrowmen from across the country while participating in great fellowship and cheerful service.

Andy Horner, the past Nisha Kittan Lodge chief from Troy, Illinois, was able to enjoy the OA Trail Crew experience as the Poolaw brothers did. He was one of only two Arrowmen to receive the Section C-3B OA High-Adventure Scholarship awarded to Arrowmen of the section who show an interest in high adventure and an aptitude in leadership to be able to bring the program back to his troop, chapter, lodge, and section. The first thing

Andy noticed was that the bonds of brotherhood cross state boundaries. He noted, "We all went into the program with the bond of brotherhood, and that helped us to start our friendships and work together as if we had been friends for the longest of times." After a week of work, his crew enjoyed a trek up Mt. Baldy and visits to different staff camps. Andy will certainly not forget this experience throughout his life. "The experiences were endless. The memories will last forever."

The experiences of Jeffrey and Elias Poolaw and Andy Horner highlight the unforgettable moments of OA Trail Crew. This is the program for those Arrowmen who love fellowship, service, high adventure, brotherhood, and FUN. Spots are still open so sign up today! Visit <http://adventure.ou-bsa.org> to register for your unforgettable adventure. For more information about all of the High Adventure programs and to also see the new plan for the future of OA High Adventure, stay tuned to <http://adventure.ou-bsa.org>.

In memory of Gene Wadford

By **MATT GRIFFIS,
MARK HENDRICKS, AND
CHAD WOLVER**

Past Western Region Chiefs

This past fall, the Order of the Arrow lost an adviser who stood out among even the most dedicated. Over his 50-year tenure in Scouting, Gene Wadford made significant contributions as both a volunteer and adviser. He began as a youth in Blue Heron Lodge, serving as a lodge vice chief. As an adult he was lodge adviser or associate in three lodges, and upon becoming a professional he served as a staff adviser in four lodges. His professional career culminated as associate regional director of the Western Region, which included serving as the region's OA staff adviser. Following his retirement from professional Scouting in 2008, Gene was asked to continue to serve on the national Order of the Arrow committee as a volunteer.

As extensive as Gene's list of service was, it fails to describe his true impact on the Order, because Gene's impact came through his interactions

with Scouts and Scouters. He was a genuine person, a model adviser, and a devoted professional Scouter. He worked tirelessly to empower those he worked with, selflessly giving of his time and knowledge. Through all of his work he maintained a contagious attitude and smile; he knew how to make Scouting fun.

As an adviser Gene always stood up for his chiefs, providing the support and advice they needed to succeed. He was a driving force enabling the youth to take ownership of the organization and focus on the important aspects, saving the peripheral work for himself. And he never took credit for his work, instead directing the recognition to those around him. His steadfast example and wisdom-filled words inspired everyone, but especially the youth he advised, to live the Oath, Law, and Admonition.

As Gene's chiefs, we could not have asked for a better friend or adviser. We will forever value his mentorship, caring demeanor, and his passion for this organization. He will be deeply missed.



Gene Wadford, center, with Clyde Mayer (left) and Mike Bliss (right) at a Western Region National Leadership Seminar.

Ted Goodman: in memoriam

By **NELSON BLOCK**

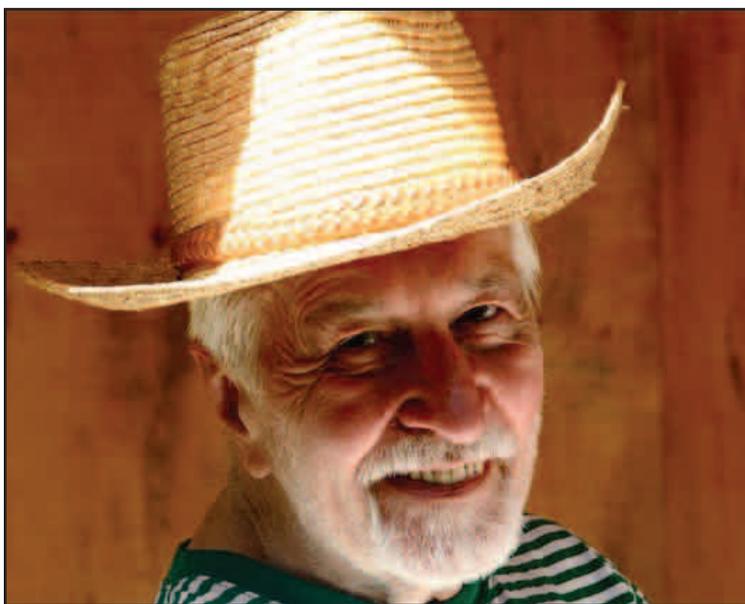
National Committee

Our brother Arrowman, Ted Goodman, eldest child of Louise and Umer Goodman, passed away on February 3, 2012, in Williamstown, Massachusetts. He was 90.

Born on August 12, 1921, Ted was a Boy Scout and Sea Scout in New Jersey and attended summer camp at Treasure Island. Ted was a very bright child. When his father was Scout executive in Chicago, the winters were too harsh for little brother George, so Mrs. Goodman and the children spent them in Florida. The children attended a school on the beach, housed in a large open shack. Third-grader Ted spent his time listening to the neighboring fourth-grade class and learned so much that when he returned to school in Chicago in the spring, he skipped to the fourth grade.

Ted was a graduate of Swarthmore College. During World War II he served as a cryptologist on Iwo Jima.

After the war he married Carol Davis, the daughter of Louise and Umer's best friends, who lived in South Londonderry, Vermont. The elder Goodmans built the Brotherhood Barn in nearby Bondville, a place that Ted loved the rest of his life. Ted and Carol lived much of their life in Morristown, New Jersey, where Ted was a city planner and alderman.



Ted Goodman. Photo courtesy of Charity Goodman.

His interest in sustainable growth led him to earn a master's degree in urban planning from Rutgers University. The couple raised four children: Logan, Charity, Walter, and Elisabeth.

Ted loved music, children (especially his six grandchildren), silly jokes, public service, travel, photography, and the opportunity to do a kindness. He was an elder of the First Congregational Church in Morristown

and worked for Habitat for Humanity.

Ted was very proud of the many good works of his parents, and enjoyed visiting Arrowmen at a couple of national conferences he attended. His bright eyes and deadpan humor reminded one of his father.

In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, he is survived by his sister, Ann Goodman Kapell; her husband, Bob; and their children. His brother George died in action during World War II.

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All proceeds from the sale of the Quality Lodge pin will go the Order of the Arrow's Endowment Fund. Interest income generated from this fund provides support to Scouting both nationally and locally.