Lichota presents Report to the Nation

By SAMUEL GIACALONE
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In March, Brad Lichota, the 2010 national chief, joined an eight-person delegation to present the 2009 Annual Report for the Boy Scouts of America in Washington, D.C. This longstanding tradition can be traced back to 1910, when President William Howard Taft invited BSA representatives to Washington, D.C., to speak on behalf of Scouting.

This year’s delegation consisted of youth members from each Scouting program. “Representing over 170,000 Arrowmen and 3.8 million Scouts was an incredible honor; one I will treasure forever,” said Brad.

During the five-day trip, Brad visited several government sites throughout the city, from the Goddard Space Flight Center to the CIA offices. Brad described the trip as a defining experience in his life: “Laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington was a powerful experience for me. It was incredible to honor those who dedicated their life to service.” The trip also included tours of the Smithsonian Institute, Pentagon, Capitol, and several presidential memorials.

This annual report is delivered to Congress and several other important members of the United States government. The annual report included noteworthy statistics on the Scouting movement and described the successes of our program in 2009 before also discussing the significance of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

Brad also had the chance to meet with Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, who is a Distinguished Eagle Scout and lifetime Scouter. Brad met with Senator Harry Reid, Senator Mitch McConnell, and Representative Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the House.

Brad said, “It was reassuring to know that these officials are working hard for our country and, most importantly, continue to support Scouting. I made sure to tell each official the significance of Scouting’s accomplishments and especially to highlight the past 100 years of dedication to youth.”

To see pictures and read more about this trip, the delegation, and the annual report, check out the Report to the Nation page on www.Scouting.org.

Good Morning America hosts Arrowmen

By FRANK CACCAVALE
Staff Writer

As part of the Boy Scouts of America’s 100th Anniversary Celebration, ABC’s Good Morning America ran a special segment on the BSA. The show featured a video clip from past decades of the organization’s history that included highlights of Arrowmen working on the ArrowCorps and Chuck Wills, author of Boy Scouts of America: A Centennial History. An interview of a family with five generations of Boy Scouts were also featured in this media segment.

In the studio that day, the anchors were joined by a group of 17 Scouts from New York and New Jersey. Among these Scouts were the BSA’s two millionth Eagle Scout, Anthony Thomas, and two lodge chiefs—James Yurko of Lenapehoking Lodge and Frank Caccavale of Woapalanne Lodge. Throughout the show, these Scouts humorously worked on their “Good Morning America merit badge,” meeting the requirements by completing tasks such as forecasting the weather and ironing an anchor’s shirt.

They had a fantastic time as they represented the millions of youth in our organization and the progress that the Scouting program has made over the last 100 years. ABC concluded its news segment on the BSA, adding that “Scouting is as relevant as ever, and as long as America needs leaders, it will need the Boy Scouts to help form them.”
## 2010 National Planning Calendar

### May
- 25-28 BSA National Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX

### June
- 8 Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
- 9 Northern Tier OA Voyage / Odyssey Begins
- 20-26 OA Lodge Adviser Conference, Cimarron, NM
- 30 OA Service Grant Application Distributed

### July
- 26-31 2010 National Scout Jamboree, Ft. A. P. Hill, VA

### August
- 1-4 2010 National Scout Jamboree, Ft. A. P. Hill, VA
- 16 Philmont OA Trail Crew Ends
- 18 Northern Tier OA Voyage Ends
- 18 Northern Tier OA Odyssey Ends

### September
- 10-12 NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ
  - SOS, Southern Region, TBD
- 22-24 NLS/NLATS, Cimarron, NM

### October
- 1 OA Charter Renewal Kits Distributed
- 1-3 NLS, Jacksboro, TX
- 11 OA Steering Committee Meeting, Irving, TX
- 11-13 BSA National Meetings, Irving, TX
- 15-17 NLS, Metamora, MI
- 22-24 NLS/NLATS, Cimarron, NM
- 29-31 SOS, Western Region, Tempe, AZ
- 31 SOS, Western Region, Parkville, MO

### November
- 5-7 NLS/NLATS, Parkville, MO
  - SOS, Northeast Region, Alpine, NJ
  - NLS/NLATS, Radford, VA
  - NLS, Western Region, Japan
- 19-21 SOS, Central Region, Parkville, MO

### December
- 27-30 National OA Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX
- 28 National OA Committee Meeting, Dallas, TX
- 31 Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

### August 2011
- 1-6 Indian Summer, Ridgecrest, NC

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Importance of Conservation

By HOWARD KERN

The Order of the Arrow and Scouting have a distinguished history of conservation-related endeavors. The roots of this partnership can be traced back to Scouting’s founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who felt that Scouts should use the outdoors as a laboratory in which boys learn ecology and practice conservation of nature’s resources. This interest was given such high regard in the founding years of our organization that conservation is now recognized internationally as a quality associated with the Scouting movement.

Major initiatives like ArrowCorps5, for example, bring a great deal of national attention to Scouting. Also of importance are the regional events that have emerged from the momentum of the project, from Area W4’s “AreaCorps” in the Los Angeles area to T’Kope Kwiskwis Lodge’s “ArrowCorps502” at Mount Rainer and one of the most ambitious projects, “Four Corps 2010” in Florida. In conjunction with the United States Forest Service, Section S-4 will host “Four Corps 2010,” a week-long project in the Ocala National Forest. Each of these projects has a similar theme of service, conservation, and, most importantly, partnership.

As the Order of the Arrow moves into a new decade, we are establishing key partnerships to help our lodges and new partners achieve common goals. One private partnership recently announced is with the American Hiking Society. As interest in conservation continues to build, you can expect a number of additional partnerships to emerge. Meanwhile, Arrowmen and lodges should consider reaching out to local, state, and federal land managers to see if assistance is needed. You will be surprised at how excited they will be to hear from you.

Recently the OA has teamed up with partner organizations nationally, such as the USFS for ArrowCorps5 and the National Trails Association. Can lodges form partnerships with local organizations in a similar way?

Yes, in fact lodges are encouraged to develop relationships with local organizations to further the mission of the lodge, OA, and Scouting. However, any relations with outside organizations must be approved by the council’s Scout Executive (or his designee) – it is important to get approval from your local council before making a contact.

Send your Burning Issues to Editor in Chief Mark Hendricks at mphendricks@gmail.com.

Chiefly Speaking

Let me start by saying what an honor it is to serve as your national vice chief, and what an exciting year this is—the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America! During the course of the year, we can truly exemplify our highest ideals by serving cheerfully and by promoting Scouting across the country. As the summer months approach, we have many great opportunities to reach out to not only our brothers in the Order, but also to the members of our great Scouting family at our summer camps, high-adventure bases, and our centennial celebration at the national jamboree.

This summer at the national Scout jamboree, we will show the entire nation that our Order has what it takes to lead the Scouting movement into the next century “through service and devotion to the welfare of others.” We will accomplish this by serving cheerfully on the OA Service Corps, inspiring many at the Mysterium Compass, and educating Scouts and visitors at our Native American Indian Village.

I challenge each of you to look deep inside and remember why you joined Scouting and the Order. You have started on an incredible path of servant leadership; a path in life that few people choose to undertake. You have chosen to live by the highest ideals in society and to commit yourself to a life of service, brotherhood, and adventure. We should all think of our life as a book, with every chapter a new adventure. How will your next chapter read?

I look forward to living and sharing the next chapter with each of you this summer, and for many years to come.

Yours in Service,

Will Swingle
2010 National Vice Chief
Lodges recognized for dedicated service

**National Service Award**

The Awards and Recognitions subcommittee of the National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the National Service Award. The award was established in 1999 to recognize those lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service to their councils, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Awards are presented annually to two lodges in each region. The following lodges were recognized for their 2009 accomplishments:

**Northeast Region:**
- Otahnaqon Lodge
  - Baden-Powell Council #368
  - Binghamton, NY

- Madocawanda Lodge
  - Pine Tree Council #218
  - Portland, ME

**Central Region:**
- Nischa Chuppecat Lodge
  - Hoosier Trails Council #145
  - Bloomington, IN

- Illinek Lodge
  - Abraham Lincoln Council #144
  - Springfield, IL

**Southern Region:**
- Yustaga Lodge
  - Gulf Coast Council #773
  - Pensacola, FL

- Nawakwa Lodge
  - Heart of Virginia Council #602
  - Richmond, VA

- Wiatava Lodge
  - Orange County Council #39
  - Santa Ana, CA

- Orca Lodge
  - California Inland Empire Council #45
  - Redlands, CA

**Western Region:**
- Cahuilla Lodge
  - California Inland Empire Council #45

- Mischigonong Lodge
  - Lake Huron Area Council #265
  - Auburn, MI

**E. Urner Goodman Camping Award**

The Awards and Recognitions subcommittee of the National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce the selection of eight lodges for the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. The award was established as a tribute and testimonial to the Order’s founder, E. Urner Goodman. Its purpose is to encourage Order of the Arrow members and lodges to promote Scout camping. Awards are presented annually to two outstanding lodges in each region. The following lodges were recognized for their 2009 accomplishments:

**Northeast Region:**
- Wyona Lodge
  - Columbia-Montour Council #504
  - Bloomsburg, PA

- Na Tsi Hi Lodge
  - Monmouth Council #347
  - Morganville, NJ

**Central Region:**
- Jaccos Towne Lodge
  - Crossroads of America Council #160
  - Indianapolis, IN

- Mischigonong Lodge
  - Lake Huron Area Council #265
  - Auburn, MI

**Southern Region:**
- Wachtchu Mawachpo Lodge
  - Westark Area Council #16
  - Fort Smith, AR

- Yocna Area Council #748
  - Tupelo, MS

**Western Region:**
- Cahuilla Lodge
  - California Inland Empire Council #45
  - Redlands, CA

- Orca Lodge
  - Redwood Empire Council #41
  - Santa Rosa, CA

The Order’s involvement in Cub Scouting is essential

By BRANDON RHEA
Past Section Chief

The Order of the Arrow has always been on the frontline of service in Scouting. To this end, one important way to help sustain our organization’s growth into the next century is to support our Cub Scout programs and get involved wherever possible.

Understandably, Cub Scouts are far more likely to join the Boy Scout program if they feel welcomed by older Scouts in their program interactions. One way to assist in this cause is to volunteer as a den chief and spend time working with local Cub Scout packs.

Lodges can also take part in promotions of this nature in a variety of support settings. For example, hosting lodge dance team performances at Cub Scout outdoor programs and events.

Visit www.oa-bsa.org for OA and Cub Scouting resources.

The National Cub Scout Support Tool Kit with Arrowmen’s Guide is one resource available at www.oa-bsa.org, however Arrowmen in every troop are encouraged to talk directly with local Cubmasters and den leaders to find out how to best serve Cub Scouting.

When 40,000 participants at this summer’s national Scout jamboree converge on Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, they will have the opportunity to compete in a physical fitness competition and learn how to make better health decisions in their daily lives. PACEsetters, which stands for Personal Accountability and Commitment to Excellence, will be a must-stop for all Scouts and Scouters who want to test their fitness.

On the fitness challenge trail, participants will face the challenge of performing to the best of their abilities in exercises such as push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups. They will also receive information to help them make informed decisions regarding their daily health and diet choices.

The goal is to encourage all Scouts attending the jamboree to complete the Personal Fitness merit badge. After completing a short questionnaire with information found throughout the trail, participants will become members of PACEsetters. They will receive a membership card and a piece of wearable memorabilia to show their commitment to excellence for life.

For more information, visit the PACEsetters Web site at www.leaders-for-life.org.
11 Arrowmen awarded the Josh Sain Scholarship

The National Committee of the Order of the Arrow is pleased to announce the recipients of the Josh Sain Memorial Youth Officer Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and memory of Josh Sain, a past national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow. This scholarship is awarded to immediate past national officers and immediate past section chiefs, based on exceptional service and scholastic achievement. The following officers received a $1,500 scholarship:

Jack O’Neill is the immediate past national chief and attends the University of Missouri, where he is majoring in political science.

Daniel J. Higham is the immediate past national vice chief and attends Oswego State, where he is majoring in human resources management.

Mark A. Norris is the immediate past Southern Region chief and attends the University of South Alabama, where he is majoring in civil engineering.

Ryan M. Hay is the immediate past Northeast Region chief and attends DeSales University, where he is majoring in political science.

Michael L. Beckman is the immediate past Central Region chief and attends Mount St. Joseph, where he is majoring in graphic design.

David A. Harrell is the immediate past Western Region chief and attends Colorado State University, where he is majoring in business administration.

The following officers received a $1,000 scholarship:

James H. Tarbox is the immediate past S-9 section chief. He attends the University of Alabama, where he is majoring in political science.

Jeremy B. Yamaguchi is the immediate past W-2C section chief and attends California State–Fullerton, where he is majoring in political science.

Robert L. Mason is the immediate past S-7B section chief and attends Appalachian State University, where he is majoring in political science.

Jeffrey L. St. Cyr is the immediate past NE-1A section chief and attends the University of New Hampshire, where he is majoring in hospitality management.

Mowogo Lodge provides service to trail system

By JOHN WARREN-ALIFF
Contributing Writer

At the 2009 NOAC, Mowogo Lodge members and leaders talked about their experiences at ArrowCorps® and how they could use those experiences to serve their fellow Scouts and local communities. On March 6, 2010, the Northeast Georgia Council and the Mowogo Lodge carried out an ArrowCorps®-style service project to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA. The project took place at the Jake and Bull Mountain Trail System outside Dahlonega, Georgia, that featured a structure similar to the incident command system used at ArrowCorps®.

Nearly 300 Arrowmen reported early for duty at the Bull Mountain parking lot ready to provide cheerful service. They were assigned to crews, handed their lunch, and given personal safety equipment to use at the worksite. The lodge also used this event as an opportunity to instruct local Cub Scout packs on the importance of consumption of our natural resources. Hundreds of Cub Scouts were in attendance to learn about Leave No Trace and other outdoor principles from the staff. This part of the program provided Cub Scouts a valuable glimpse into the workings of the Order of the Arrow; an impression that will hopefully stay with them for years to come.

Arrowmen look at the rings of a wooden cookie.
The order of the arrow Service corps at the 1950 national Scout Jamboree. courtesy of dr. lynn Horne, International Scout museum, las vegas, nevada

OA Service Corps celebrates 60th anniversary

By KENNETH P. DAVIS, PH.D
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As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 100th Anniversary, the Order of the Arrow will celebrate 60 years of service at national jamborees. The OA has provided service at Boy Scout national jamborees since the second event in 1950 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. For most of the early jamborees, that service consisted of an OA Service Corps, made up of youth Arrowmen and led by selected adults. However, recent years have seen the role of the OA at the jamboree grow into an integral part of the BSA’s largest gathering.

In 1964, the jamboree returned to Valley Forge, and the role of the OA at the jamboree has steadily grown. The OA Pow Wow at the jamboree was attended by some 15,000 Arrowmen, and included remarks from both founder Urner Goodman and former Chief Scout Executive Joseph A. Brunton. Brunton spoke about the heritage of service that the OA had built, foreshadowing the next 46 years of service to come.

In 1977, the jamboree was held north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at Moraine State Park. It was at this event that the OA first expanded its role of handling functions other than an OA Service Corps. The corps itself was comprised of more than 100 Arrowmen. OA Vice Chairman Carl Marchetti and Executive Secretary Bill Downs were asked to supervise a youth staff subcamp for the jamboree. In this new organization, the Order would be responsible for overseeing not only the service corps, but all youth staff (aged 16 to 20) at the jamboree. No matter what their program assignment was on site, they would be housed, fed, and provided transportation, recreation, and other services by an OA-led team. This increased the impact of the Order across the entire jamboree, as there were 600 to 800 youth staff members at the time.

The 1989 National Scout Jamboree saw several other activities added to the mix. This was a significant increase in OA involvement at the jamboree. A five-troop OA service corps (139 Arrowmen) provided invaluable service at the jamboree, plus an on-site radio station, WBSA, conceived by Mark Chilutti and Angelo Cappelli. For the first time, the Order set up a Native American Indian Village with 45 youth and adults providing a busy program of crafts, skills, and dancing. Finally, the OA conducted a rendezvous in the main arena with approximately 12,000 to 15,000 Arrowmen in attendance.

In 1993, the OA continued its expanded service to the jamboree, again held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The Native American Indian Village returned with an expanded program, including culture, crafts, and dancing. Jamboree participants completed more than 175 Indian Lore merit badges.

The OA again took on the oversight of all youth staff, providing them with food, housing, Scoutmasters, transportation, and recreation. A new event—the “model campsite,” which demonstrated proper backcountry camping techniques—was led by the Order. The OA show again proved to be a success with approximately 15,000 Arrowmen attending.

The OA again expanded its support as the jamboree returned to Virginia in 1997. With the service corps becoming an ingrained component of the event, the new big hit provided by the OA was “Odyssey of the Law,” an interactive show and video presentation that challenged Scouts to rely on the Scout Oath and Scout Law when making decisions in their lives. This effort was one of the most popular attractions at the jamboree and was attended by 20,000 Arrowmen.

In 2001, the OA again made significant contributions to the national Scout jamboree. Ron Bell, an American Indian specialist from the national committee, was named the new leader of the American Indian Village. Scouts continued to visit this place to learn about dancing and crafts and to try some authentic American Indian food. The big show this year was called “Scoutopia.” After the success of “Odyssey of the Law” in 1997, which was funded by the OA, the BSA’s jamboree leadership built the cost of Scoutopia into the budget, along with strong support from the U.S. Marine Corps.

By the time 2005 rolled around, the OA was solidly engaged in providing a tremendous amount of service and programs throughout the jamboree. “Twelve Cubed,” an interactive show run by the OA, was another huge success.

As the 2010 National Scout Jamboree approaches and we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA, the OA will once again be an integral component, preserving its rich tradition of serving others while providing an invaluable experience to all who attend.
Creative solution for transportation to NLS

By SAMUEL GIACALONE
Program/Events Editor

A section supports lodges in a variety of ways. A large part of that is providing a section conclave for their lodges, as well as help throughout the year to improve their programs. Things like discussion forums at council of chiefs meetings to share ideas between the lodges and lodge assistance team visitations can help improve the Order of the Arrow’s impact on local councils. However, these aren’t a section’s only responsibilities. Promoting participation in regional and national events, as well as coordinating transportation to them, is another important task.

Some sections have geographical issues to overcome. One case is Section W-1N, which serves Alaska and Western Washington. Transportation issues are numerous when it comes to planning regional and national events. In section W-1N, travel times can be very long during high traffic times. In addition, those traveling from Alaska need to fly, which can be costly.

Working to put Arrowmen first, the section leadership tried to think of a way to encourage people to attend the Western Region NLS and NLATS program in Portland, Oregon. They decided to mitigate transportation issues and create an opportunity for fellowship by chartering a bus.

The bus started at the northern end of the section near the Canadian border and traveled through Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, stopping several times along the way to pick up Arrowmen, including at the airport to pick up participants from Alaska. When the 30 Arrowmen arrived at the training site, they were excited about the event, but also about all the friends they had made and the camaraderie built during the bus ride. This outside-the-box thinking solved the transportation problem and resulted in great attendance.

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Committee member passes on to our maker

On March 24, 2010, the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America lost one of its most ardent supporters and dearest advisers, Esten Grubb. A member of the national Order of the Arrow committee for over 20 years, Esten was revered by youth and adults alike. His dedication to empowering youth was unparalleled while his commitment to advancing the Order in the Western Region was one of his strongest passions.

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Esten will be best remembered for his folksy humor, his ability to inspire young people, and his consistent commitment to making the world a better place. He had an innate ability to bring people together with divergent opinions and lead them toward common ground. And, for the hundreds, if not thousands, of youth leaders in the Order and Scouting who had the pleasure of working with Esten, every single one can tell you a story of how his gracious style and commitment to their personal growth had an impact of their lives.

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