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San Antonio Hosts BSA

by Dave Petrush

At the National Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, the Order was represented by past and present national youth officers in National Executive Board, Boy Scout, Advancement, and OA national committees. They also offered insight on national BSA projects like Service to America, the new *Boy Scout Handbook* and the revision of merit badge pamphlets.

The national OA committee voted to improve communication by offering two-year subscription for the *National Bulletin* to be available to all Arrowmen for only \$10. The national OA Web page will continue to communi-

cate program ideas and event information.

All lodge, section, region, and national Key 3 members will converge on Colorado State University, July 31- August 3, 1999, to begin implementation of the new OA Strategic Plan.

During the national meeting, Chris Boswell, Dan Segersin and Dr. Robert Szczys, national OA committee members, were presented the Silver Antelope Award for outstanding regional



Left to right: Region Chiefs Jason Kuder, Mark Angeli, Ryan King, Astronaut James Lovell, Bob Gates, National Chief Mat Milleson, National Vice Chief Dave Petrush and Brandon Fessler.

service. Ed Pease, national OA committee chairman, received the Silver Buffalo Award, for outstanding service to Scouting and America's youth on the national level. ♪

NOAC INSIDE!

Check out the sights and sounds of NOAC '98 including:

- Training!
- Founder's Day!
- Shows!
- TOAP! and more.

OA Charts Future Course

by Kyle Wingfield

As the OA celebrates its fiftieth year as an official part of the Scouting program, the national OA committee has developed a strategic plan for the next century. Our brotherhood will continue to follow the vision of our founder while widening our scope of responsibility.

The Indian head logo, the symbol of our Order for more than 20 years, will be replaced by the arrowhead from the OA sash. The arrow will result in instant recognition as the emblem of the Order of the Arrow.

Additionally, our brotherhood will now be referred to as "Scouting's National Honor Society" rather than its previous

description as a "Society of Honor Campers."

The strategic plan calls for each lodge to become an active, integral part of their council. The Quality Lodge Award will be revamped to more accurately measure each lodge's partnership with its council.

The role of sections will be changed to emphasize the lodge/council relationship. The section will monitor each lodge's progress in supporting council programs and achieving Quality Lodge status.

Our highly successful National Leadership Seminar will be expanded to allow more Arrowmen to receive this outstanding training.

see Strategic Plan, page 5.

The Voyage Begins

1999 OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage

by Jason Accola

You have been to Philmont and you have participated in the OA Trail Crew. Now, experience the Voyage! The summer of 1999 will mark the kick-off of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. For only \$100, participants will have the opportunity to spend two weeks in the boundary waters, one of America's most pristine wilderness areas, located along the United States/Canada border. Stationed at the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base, the OA Voyage pro-



gram will include one week of portage trail and campsite maintenance, and will conclude with a one-week adventure into

the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

During the summer of 1998, Jason Accola, Ryan Racicot, Brian Yancey, and David Yoder spent the months of June and July leading crews into the boundary waters area and gaining an understanding of how the Northern Tier program operates. The leadership team members laid the foundation for the program that will be implemented during the project's duration.

Information regarding the Voyage can be found online at <http://host.scouter.net/oavo>. Applications are available at your local council office, from your lodge adviser or from the Internet. Further inquiries can be directed to Jason Accola by e-mail at accolla@uiuc.edu. ♪

Northern Tier 1999 Sessions

June 9-21
June 16-28
June 23-July 5
June 30-July 12
July 7-19
July 14-26
July 21-August 2
July 28-August 9
August 4-16
August 11-23

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Distinguished Service Award

by Billy Walley

Thirty-seven individuals received the Distinguished Service Award at the Monday night History Show at the 1998 NOAC. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, area, regional or national basis.

The 1998 recipients include the following:

Jason Accola	Central
John L. Alline	National
Jeremiah J. Arnold	Central
Joseph David Barton Jr.	Northeast
John Keller Berry	Southern
Gregory D. Buckler	Northeast
Devang Desai	Southern
Phillip Michael Dullock	Western
Rees A. Falkner	National
Anthony Joseph Fiori	Western
Clyde "Bud" Harrelson III	Southern
Marcus Haubenstricker	Central
John W. Hess	Western
Brett Michael Higgins	Central
Edgar J. LeBenne	Southern
Joseph M. Marsicano	Northeast
Clyde M. Mayer	National
Justin D. McCarthy	Northeast
Barry P. McFarland	Central
Brian Scott McGrath	Northeast
Dr. Richards Miller	Southern
Terrel W. Miller	Northeast
Richard L. Mills	Western
Ryan Richard Miske	Central
Jeremy Joseph Mo	Western
Roger A. Ohmstede	National
Jason E. Peoples	Southern
Kenneth Peterson	Central
Ryan J. Pitts	Western
Jere B. Ratcliffe	National
Christopher T. Rogers	Central
James Allen Schwab	Southern
Josh Souza	Western
Dr. Mark Stolowitz	Central
Kyle E. Tanner	Southern
Todd Allen Turner	Central
Marty Zvonar	Central

Service to America

by Tony Fiori

Since 1997, the OA has been promoting the BSA's Service to America program. The BSA has pledged 200 million hours of community service by the end of the year 2000.

Please be aware of these updates:

1. Scouts and Scouters who complete 12 hours of community service may purchase a new patch that is now avail-

able at all Scout shops.

2. In October every lodge and section will receive a Service to America Training packet for use at their events.

3. The OA, with the BSA, is producing a Service to America video that will be mailed to lodges this fall.

Any questions concerning the project should be directed to your lodge or the national office at 972-580-2438. ♪

One Day...

by David Strebler

One Day is an exciting new program within the Southern Region that allows OA sections and lodges to provide valuable service to their local communities on One Day, November 14, 1998. In 1997, almost 1,000 Arrowmen participated and contributed more than 7,000 hours of service.

One Day also provides a great way to promote your Service to America programs and put them into motion. Lodges are free to select any type of community

service project. For example, Arrowmen from Osceola Lodge chose to plant trees in a city park. Waguli Lodge collected trash around a swamp area. Atchafalaya Lodge helped clean and repair a local children's museum that had been damaged by flood.

Lodges, sections, or regions interested in starting their own One Day program can obtain more information from David Strebler, 1998 One Day coordinator, 11762 Sparkleberry Lane, Jackson, FL 32223; e-mail dstreb@grove.ufl.edu. ♪

Profiles in Service

by Alex Rhodes

The *National Bulletin* is proud to profile three more lodges that have met the challenge of service by working with their local Scout councils using funds made available by the national Order of the Arrow Matching Grant program.

Octoraro Lodge of the Chester County Council in West Chester, PA, received a matching grant to construct two pavilions for teaching at their local Scout camp. The Trailblazer pavilion, for use in the first-year camper program, measures 20-by-40 feet and is nearing completion. The second shelter will be used in the camp craft area.

Quelqueshoe Lodge of the Calcasieu Area Council

in Lake Charles, Louisiana, received a matching grant to construct a new building to serve the expanding needs of the council's Project COPE course. Together, youth and adult members of the lodge planned and constructed an instructional pavilion, storage area, and latrine that cost over \$6,000 to complete.

Meechgalanne Lodge of the Essex Council in Verona, New Jersey, received a \$1,500 matching grant for the construction of a picnic shelter accessible to people with disabilities at Camp Conklin. Once the shelter was complete, another local group of Scouters contributed and installed the roofing shingles. This truly was a councilwide effort. ♪

Goodman Portfolio

The E. Umer Goodman portfolio is every collector's dream. Each numbered set includes the following:

1. Special bound volume of *A History of the Order of the Arrow*, second edition, by Kenneth P. Davis, Ph.D.
2. New printing of *The Building of a Life*, by E. Umer Goodman
3. Biography of the Order of the Arrow's founder, written by Nelson Block
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Strategic Plan, continued from page 1.

New programs will be introduced, including a program designed to train young Arrowmen as future lodge officers. A lodge adviser's training program will be instituted to train new lodge advisers within three to six months of their appointment.

These are just a few details of the strategic plan. The complete plan may be viewed at the OA website. Specific implementation will be created in the upcoming months and years, both at the Dallas Planning Meeting in December and at the Leadership Summit with the Key 3 at Colorado State University next year. ♪



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1998 Planning Calendar

October 1	OA Charter Renewal Kits Mailed
October 2-4	Western Region NLS - Cheyenne, WY
October 11	National OA Steering Committee Meeting - Indianapolis, IN
October 9-11	Southern Region NLS - Marianna, FL
October 30 - November 1	Central Region NLS - Rochester, IN
November 13 - 15	Central Region NLS - Hickory Corners, MI
November 20-22	Southern Region NLS - Smyrna, TN
November 20-22	Western Region NLS - Stockton, CA
November 30	OA Service Grant Applications Due
December 1	Lodge Program Support PAK Available
December 26-29	National OA Planning Meeting - West Lake, TX
December 31	Lodge Recharter Deadline

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by Brock Ostrander

Takachsin Lodge, Sagamore Council, Kokomo, IA, has established an endowment fund for camp improvements and council service projects.

Mikano Lodge, Milwaukee County Council, raised \$5,700 to construct a new archery range at Indian Mound Scout Reservation.

Langundowi Lodge, French Creek Council, Erie, PA., is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Owasippe Lodge, Chicago Area Council, awards camperships based on the number of camp promotions completed by each chapter.

Waupecan Lodge, Rainbow Council, Morris, Ill., donated funds for a rappelling/climbing tower at Rainbow Camp Scout Reservation.

Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge, Great Southwest Council, Albuquerque, N.M., celebrating its 65th anniversary, is home lodge of Mathew Milleson.

Catawba Lodge, Mecklenburg County Council, Charlotte, NC, earned an honor rating in the brotherhood ceremony competition at NOAC.

Burning Issue with Chad Heflin

Question: Why do some lodges do a better job at camp promotions than others do?

Answer: To have a successful camp promotion effort, a lodge must have excellent communications between the lodge and council and enthusiastic, well-trained

camp promotion teams armed with quality promotional materials.

When planning your camp promotion effort, make sure that your lodge coordinates with the local council and district professionals and volunteers. Try organizing your teams by chapter or geographic area. Combine unit elec-

tion, camp promotion and Service to America promotion efforts so that only one visit per unit is required. Help your council develop or revise your camp promotion materials such as videos, slide presentations, pamphlets, leader guides and/or where-to-go Scouting guides. ♪

Fifth Trail Crew Planned

by OA Trail Crew Staff

A group of 25 Arrowmen stood at the top of Philmont's Tooth of Time. With fierce winds thrashing the barren rock protrusion, the group wearily muttered the "OA Song." For each individual, the words came to life as the song took on a more significant meaning.

During the summer of 1998 there were six two-week sessions, with more than 250 participants in attendance. Twenty-four foremen provided leadership for the 1998 participants, including: Cortland Bolles, Jeff Brewer, Whit Culver, Phil Dullock, Ben Feher, Cody Ferguson, Dave Golden, Andrew Hardin, Mike Hartwig, Jason Johnson, Ryan King, Josh Kirby, Bobby Kunstman, Eric Lassance, Matt Laudone, Jeff Lee, Ted Love, Matt Markle, John McNary, Mark Nichols, Will Parker, Kevin

Powers, Justin Saunders, and Brent Wade. Providing leadership were Todd Turner, director; Jared Farley and David Stowe, coordinators; Gene Schnell, lead adviser; Steve Willis, support staff; and Carey Miller, associate director, Order of the Arrow.

By the end of the sixth session, the Lovers' Leap trail was completed and ready for use by Philmont expeditions. The Tooth Ridge trail was more than three-fourths completed, and three of its five switchbacks were open for use.

If you are interested in participating in Philmont's 1999 OA Trail Crew, please contact Carey Miller at the national office, phone 972-580-2455, for an application. If you are interested in serving as an OA Trail Crew staff member next summer, please contact Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM 87714; phone 505-376-2602. ♪

1999 OA Trail Crew Dates

Session 1	June 13-27
Session 2	June 20-July 4
Session 3	June 27-July 11
Session 4	July 4-18
Session 5	July 11-25
Session 6	July 18-August 1
Session 7	July 25-August 8
Session 8	August 1-15
Session 9	August 8-22

Cost: \$100 for two weeks with participants paying for their own transportation.

Requirements: 16 years of age by the beginning of program, but not 21 by its conclusion.

NOAC '98 at Iowa State



Monday, August 3

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF LODGE CHIEFS AND ADVISERS - Hundreds of lodge chiefs and advisers attended the inaugural National Convention of Lodge Chiefs and Advisers to exchange ideas and to learn about upcoming national programs. They will come together again next summer at Colorado State University for the Leadership Summit.



CEREMONIES - 13 cells of ceremonial training, IT (intensive training sessions) and ceremonial team evaluations were a huge hit at the conference. Honor teams appeared in the closing show at the conference.

MEET THE MAN - Nearly 500 Arrowmen packed Fisher Auditorium for a Meet the Man session with six members of the national Boy Scout District staff: Don McChesney, John Dalrymple, Dave Johnson, John Alline, Clyde Mayer and Carey Miller. Hot topics included rank requirement changes, uniform changes and BSA program updates.

TOAP PROMOTES ARROWMAN SKILLS AND LOW-IMPACT CAMPING - TOAP, The Outdoor Adventure Place, was divided into two major areas. The Arrowman Sharing Knowledge (ASK) area required each Arrowman to push the envelope in Scoutcraft skills, leadership development and team work. The other half of TOAP featured a new award for the BSA's Leave No Trace camping program, as well as a model campsite.



Sunday, August 2



REGISTRATION - More than 7,000 youths and adults converged at Iowa State University's Scheman Building to register for NOAC. Contingent leaders from each lodge completed the sign-in procedure while region representatives oriented participants about the endless variety of activities awaiting them.



NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT - More than 600 Arrowmen representing 54 lodges participated in three service projects. The projects helped beautify the ISU grounds and showed our appreciation to Iowa State for hosting the conference. All of the participating Arrowmen received a commemorative patch for their service.



SCUBA - NOAC Special Events Committee and the National Association of Underwater Instructors offered "Try Me SCUBA" program.

ACTIVITIES - The Activities committee sponsored basketball and volleyball competitions and a swim meet for the enjoyment of all participants.



TRADING POST - Hordes of Scouts crowded into the trading post to make purchases and to pick up preordered items. Boxer shorts, T-shirts, banners, pins and patches were popular goods.

WWW RADIO - Conference participants listened to NOAC's official radio station, WWWW 107.1 FM, which provided up to 18 hours of programming each day from its mobile station.



OPENING SHOW SUNDAY - From the opening slides and video, to the dedication to 1997 National Vice Chief Josh Sain, the opening show brought the conference theme "Memories of the Past, a Vision for the Future" to life for all participants. The national officer bonnets were passed to National Chief Mat Milleson and National Vice Chief Dave Petrush. Petrush then shared what the theme meant to him.

The national officers, region chiefs and the chairman presented a new strategic plan to lead the OA boldly into the next millennium. Arrowmen were treated to a retrospective of OA programs at the 1997 National Scout Jamboree and the OA Philmont Trail Crew program.



TRAIL CREW REUNION - Approximately 50 Arrowmen reunited to rekindle friendships and share Philmont stories at the OA Philmont Trail Crew Reunion.

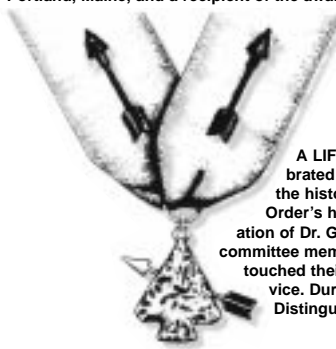
THE CHIEF - At the Hometown News conference more than 500 brothers gathered to meet Chief Curtis Zunigha of the Delaware tribe.



VISIONS OF THE FOUNDER - A stellar NOAC moment occurred at the Visions of the Founder presentation, where Arrowmen gained a unique insight into the life of founder Dr. E. Urner Goodman. Personal friend of his children, Theodore Goodman and Ann Goodman-Kapell, told moving stories to a packed crowd. The commemorative Goodman portrait was also unveiled.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD DINNER - One hundred fifty Arrowmen and guests gathered at a special dinner for the 37 recipients of the Distinguished Service Award.

OA members who received the Distinguished Service Award. Scout Executive Rees Falkner (pictured right) of the Pine Tree Council, Portland, Maine, and a recipient of the award, told of his admiration of the work of the Order. Ken Davis shared the interesting history of the award.



A LIFE OF SERVICE - HISTORY SHOW - The Order celebrated the life of its founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, in a history show. An Arrowman acted as a guide through the Order's history with narration, pictures, videos and a reenactment of Dr. Goodman's Brotherhood Barn. Past national officer committee members and Dr. Goodman's children shared how they touched their lives. All told of his undying commitment to the Order. During the show, 37 dedicated Arrowmen received the Distinguished Service Award.

August 3

ADVISERS - Inaugural exchange. They will inaugurate university

ceremonies train- emonial ere a huge rence. appeared in ow at the confer-



MAN - Nearly 500 Arrowmen packed for a Meet the Man session featuring members of the national Boy Scout Division including John Dairymple, Dave Bates, Clyde Mayer and Carey Miller. Hot topics included requirement changes, uniform changes and program updates.



RAIL CREW REUNION - Approximately 150 Arrowmen reunited to rekindle friendships and share Philmont stories at the OA Philmont Rail Crew Reunion.

THE CHIEF - At the Hometown News conference more than 500 brothers gathered to meet Chief Curtis Zunigha of the Delaware tribe.



LEADER - A stellar NOAC moment during the Founder presentation, where we had a unique insight into the life of OA E. Urner Goodman. Personal friends and family, Theodore Goodman and Ann Kapell, told moving stories to a packed and commemorative Goodman portfolio unveiled.

AWARDED SERVICE MEMBER - One young Arrowman gathered at a dinner for the 37th Award. Scout Executive Council, in admiration of the Order, shared the history of the



ICE - HISTORY SHOW - The Order celebrated founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, during an Arrowman acted as a guide through the narration, pictures, videos and a re-created Brotherhood Barn. Past national officers, Jr. Goodman's children shared how he had told of his undying commitment to service, 37 dedicated Arrowmen received the ice Award.

Tuesday, August 4

TRAINING - Intense training cells, 14 workshops, Camp Promotions Extravaganza and the National Convention of Lodge Chiefs and Advisers made NOAC Training the best available in Scouting.

PUBLICATIONS MARATHON - "Publications Marathon" was an intensive three-day course exploring how to help your publications shine. From writing and editing to selecting pictures, each participant worked on a portion of the timeline for this issue of the *Bulletin*.



HOT DANCE COMPETITION WITH AIA - The beat of the drum, the haunting chant, the ching-ching of the bells, the whirling color of the feather bustles, the dance competitions had begun. At stake was the opportunity to dance in front of the brothers at the pow wow and to claim the crown of national champion in a dance style. Nearly 500 Arrowmen spent a hot, sultry afternoon competing in individual old-style, traditional, straight, grass, fancy and group dance.

NOAC MUSEUM - Arrowmen experienced "memories of the past" as they viewed historic patches, the national officers' eagle bonnets and a collection of OA handbooks. A highlight of the museum was its vast collection of photos and memorabilia of Dr. Goodman.



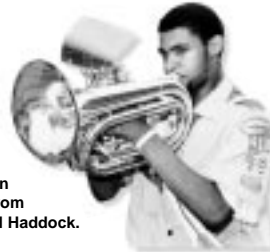
OA BRASS HELD FOR QUESTIONING - No holds were barred as the panel discussed issues including the OA emblem change, the new Venturing segment of the Scouting program, lodges in merged councils, and the new strategic plan. Lighthearted questions delved into the panelists' vigil names and dating habits. The panel included NOAC Program Chairman Brad Haddock; OA director, Clyde Mayer; youth coordinator of the National Bulletin, Ryan Miske; National Chief Mat Milleston, National Vice Chief Dave Petrush and the four region chiefs.



VIA LUNCHEONS - The lodge chief and the youngest Arrowman from each lodge were invited to the Very Important Arrowman luncheon to meet and hear from Dave Petrush, Matt Walker, Jason Accola, Ryan Miske, and Mat Milleston. Each participant received a copy of the new OA Ideabook.

HIGH ADVENTURE EXPO - The High Adventure Expo featured major manufacturers of high-adventure equipment, including Coleman, Campor, American Outdoors and many more. Participants inspected featherweight backpacks, lightweight raingear, new boots and other cool stuff.

MUSIC, SWEET MUSIC - Arrowmen came together to provide musical entertainment to the masses as members of the Brotherhood Band and Brotherhood Chorus. Some of their performances included the staff show, DSA dinner, VIA luncheons and the closing show.



SECTION OFFICERS AND ADVISERS DINNER - Section officers and advisers gathered for dinner, fellowship and to learn more about the section's role in the new OA strategic plan from national OA committee member Brad Haddock.



CAMP PROMOTION EXTRAVAGANZA - Lodges from all over the nation showcased their council camps, canoe bases, sailing and other high-adventure programs at the Camp Promotion Extravaganza.

AMERICAN INDIAN SHOW - As the American Indian show began, one finalist selected from each style of dance joined Delaware Chief Curtis Zunigha in an opening dance. As each category was announced, the narrator talked about the history and components of each outfit and style of dance. After the exhibition, awards were presented to the winners in each category.



Wednesday Founders'

AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES - American Activities offered training classes and work dance, drumming, singing, ceremonies, regalia, handicraft and competition. Judges were made by youth members and gave awards in participation.



OA JEOPARDY-LIP SYNC-MATCH GAME - Questions in response to answers. Member sync famous tunes. The introduction of Match Game. Arrowmen will long remember the fun they had at these competitions.



THEME SHOW - An inspirational week climaxed as actors led the crowd through a 16-year-old challenges he presented to his friends. The you



ICE CREAM, MUSIC AND ROCKET'S RED G Wednesday night show, all brothers moved courtyard to enjoy an ice-cream social at the Joining members of the National OA Comm conference committee were Assistant Chief Roger Ohmstede and Doug Smith, national Program, who helped scoop ice cream for the Arrowmen. The ska band, Fashionable Male appearance and a fireworks display capped

Wednesday, August 5 Founders' Day

INDIAN ACTIVITIES - American Indian offered training classes and workshops in drumming, singing, ceremonies, regalia construction and competition. Judges examined crafts youth members and gave awards based on authenticity.



5K RUN - Brothers from ages 13 to 60 walked and ran in a 5K run through the campus of Iowa State University.

HARDY-LIP SYNC-MATCH GAME - In response to answers. Members lip-synched popular tunes. The introduction of Match Arrowmen will long remember the fun at these competitions.



FOUNDER'S DAY - Founder's Day opened with a picnic lunch, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a parade led by the national chief and vice chief. The

music of the Philmont singing cowboy, Rod Taylor; Fashionable Male; and the U.S. Navy band drifted through the air as Arrowmen viewed a skydiving jump, lodge booths full of goodies and a pow wow. The evening meal featured a Mexican fiesta buffet.



SHOW - An inspirational week climaxed with the theme show "The Admonition." Four led the crowd through a 16-year-old Arrowman's final moments on earth and the challenge presented to his friends. The young man asserted that trust, courage and humility

were all keys to friendships as he advised the crowd to "remember the past, plan for the future and have a party." The actors demonstrated the spirit of the Order's admonition through a cryptic play that showed we must indeed love one another. The evening was concluded with a rousing laser show.



AM, MUSIC AND ROCKET'S RED GLARE - After the lay night show, all brothers moved out to the Scheman to enjoy an ice-cream social at the Goodman gala. Members of the National OA Committee and the NOAC committee were Assistant Chief Scout Executive Jim Stedman and Doug Smith, national director of the BSA, who helped scoop ice cream for more than 7,000 brothers. The ska band, Fashionable Male, made another appearance and a fireworks display capped the evening.



Thursday, August 6



NEW OA HANDBOOK UNVEILED - Each conference participant received a copy of the newly edited *National Order of the Arrow Handbook*. The handbook features the new logo, a new cover, and an expanded index.

PATCH TRADING - In the hallways, on the steps, in the shadows, Arrowmen huddled together in small groups. What were they doing? Trading patches.



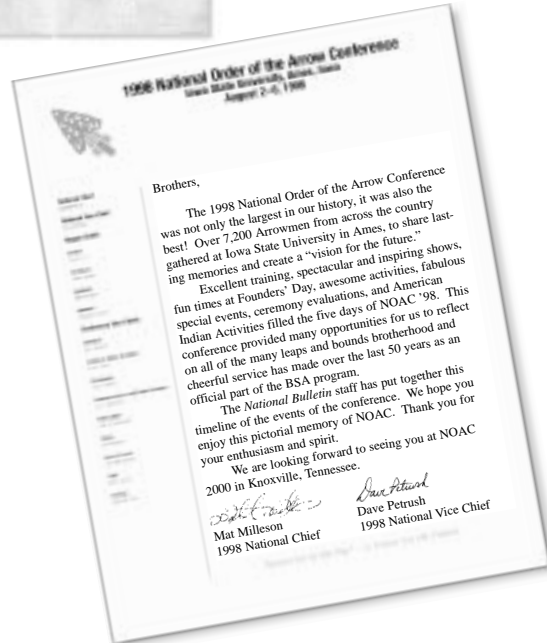
MITIGWA LODGE EXUDES SERVICE - Mitigwa Lodge enthusiastically embraced the role of service lodge for the 1998 NOAC. The lodge's 138 Arrowmen moved furniture, expedited supplies and rendered cheerful service.



OA WEB PAGE - Over 109,447 "hits" were recorded at the NOAC web site in its first ten months. At the conference, the web site featured daily highlights for members who could not attend. Due to its popularity, www.ou-bsa.org becomes OA's permanent web site.



CLOSING SHOW - Video and photographic images from NOAC '98, an enthusiastic speech by Assistant Chief Scout Executive Roger Ohmstede (pictured right), an inspirational challenge from National Chief Mat Milleson, and the singing of the OA song made for a moving closing show. Participants left with mixed emotions, saddened by the event's close but anxiously awaiting NOAC 2000.



This view of NOAC '98 is brought to you by the:

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