Duty To God Breakfast Beckons

Many of your executive officers are looking forward to greeting you at the 2015 National BSA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, May 20-22. Those who have been to the breakfast in the past know that this is an “inspiring and memorable celebration.”

“A Scout is Helpful” is the theme for this year’s event. Some wonder, “Why go there again? Haven’t we done a lot already with promoting helpfulness as the basis of our having BSA today?”

Indeed, over the years, Scouters have talked of helpfulness being a mark of scouting. Yet, there is more to scouting helpfulness than helping a man lost in the fog find his way safely—as significant for scouting as that reported event may be. True scouting helpfulness comes from genuine caring and trained expertise. It is sharing of the self, even sacrificially, with integrity.

A good scout works for individuals close to him and throughout the scout’s community, however large or small that community may be. The scout helps because that is the “right thing to do.”

As a BSA representative expressed it, “the scout willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward, and is always prepared to do a Good Turn daily.”

While it is BSA standard to help others without expectation of reward, it is the joy of NAPS and other religious traditions to recognize individuals from their faith who have given of themselves to help others through individual acts, their faith, and scouting leadership. The Duty to God Breakfast includes a full program featuring presentations of awards representing various faiths.

If you are attending the annual meeting in Atlanta, do be on the lookout for NAPS leadership during the meeting—or stop by the NAPS table at the Duty to God Breakfast, Thursday, May 21, at the Hyatt Regency, headquarters for the Annual Meeting. We look forward to presenting the Adult (Presbyterian) Religious Recognition to an Atlanta Scout during the Religious Emblems Presentation. See you in Atlanta!

Wray Johanning Honored By the World Sikh Council

Gulbarg Singh honors Wray Johanning

NAPS takes great pride in the recent honoring of former NAPS President Wray Johanning, The World Sikh Council recognized Wray for his efforts in assisting them in developing a youth religious Scouting recognition program and an Adult Scouters Association. The youth program, initially, was developed exclusively for Scouting youth; but, with Johanning's support and Kavneet Singh (Kavi Pannu)'s hard work, the program was broadened to become the curriculum for the Sikh Sunday School program.

Gulbarg Singh, President of the Sikh World Council, from Atlanta, presented a letter of recognition and a plaque to Mr. Johanning during worship services at the Sikh Place of Worship in St. Louis. Afterwards, celebration continued with a traditional meal.

Former NAPS President Wray Johanning is a member of the National BSA Religious Relationship Committee and Chairs the Sub-Committee on Awards and Badges. NAP appreciates this recognition of Wray Johanning’s many contributions to Interfaith Relations and Scouting ideals.

Add the NAPS QR to your smart phone or computer for direct access to the new NAPS website: presbyterianscouters.org.
NOTATIONS ON SCOUT SUNDAY AND ENDORSEMENTS OF SCOUTING AS EXTENSIONS OF FAITH.

1914 The first Scout Sunday observance took place. Membership, December 31, was 127,685. Total members to date, 275,304.

Many local Protestant churches organized Scout troops in the early days of the Scouting movement. Of the 7,375 registered troops at the close of 1915, more than 4,000 were chartered to Protestant churches, and 1,645 Scoutmasters were ministers.

When church troops became numerous, some of the denominational bodies decided to give recognition to the values of Scouting as a resource for the churches in their youth ministries. Among the earliest endorsements were from the Northern Baptist Convention, 1918; Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 1918; United Lutheran Church in America, 1918; Congregational Churches, 1919; Methodist Church, 1919; and Southern Baptist Convention, 1923. Today, Protestant churches have organized more than 26 percent of all packs, troops, and crews, making them the largest user of the Scouting program.

Currently, the following organizations have endorsed the program of the Boy Scouts of America: African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; American Baptist; Church of God (Indiana); Church of God International Offices; Church of God of Prophecy; Churches of God; Church of the Nazarene; Episcopal Church; General Conference, General Association of General Baptists; General Council of the Assemblies of God; Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting; Moravian Church, Northern Province; Moravian Church, Southern Province; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Southern Baptist; The Salvation Army; The United Methodist Church; United Pentecostal Church; and West Virginia Baptist Convention. Jewish institutions have used the Scouting program since 1916. Today, Scouting is flourishing in Jewish communities.

Editor's Note: From the BSA/NAPS archives, our Secretary, Dr. Liz Shelby, found this interesting endorsement of scouting as ministry. We are currently attempting to find the PC(USA) covenant which has been cited as both dating to 1918 and 1920 in various documents. If anyone can help clarify this and share the source location for the covenant, NAPS would deeply appreciate your help! Obviously from histories of 100 year old troops researched a few years ago, some troops were in existence before the official organization of BSA, having been started by English/Scottish transplants and some visitors to Europe and other areas who found the idea of scouting to be a great expression of faithful life and service. Anyone wishing to share items related to those findings also would find warm welcome and inclusion.

Blessings on all who continue to serve God and Scouting!

Record Number of Boy Scouts Receive Four Star Status

In 2014, P.R.A.Y. recognized 243 Boy Scouts who achieved Four Star status. A four star recipient is someone who started in the first, second, or third grade with God and Me, and continued earning the rest of the P.R.A.Y. awards ultimately earning the high school God and Life award. Pictured below are two brothers who earned God and Life and received their Four Star awards together.

Brothers Ryan and Connor
Four-Star Recipients
Charlottesville, VA
Olivet Presbyterian Church

Seth Lovell, Director of Youth Ministries:
"Recently I had the opportunity to work with Connor and Ryan as they worked through the God and Life program. I was impressed with the curriculum, and felt like even as the mentor, I had a lot to gain from the material. The curriculum helped facilitate wonderful conversations about faith, acknowledging the difficulties of discipleship, but also lifting up the importance of following Christ. I believe all three of us were nourished by this time together, and learned a lot about the importance of faith."

The growing number of Four Star recipients is a tribute to the adult volunteers who promote Duty to God and the religious emblems programs. [Article and picture from P.R.A.Y.]

Apologies of the editor (who violated the first rule of journalism) with misprinting Craig Mizutani's name in the last issue of the newspaper. Craig, we really do know your name and welcome you and Courtney as team Regional Directors.
In February, I had the privilege of attending—with Amanda Ballenger—the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) in Baltimore, Maryland. An outstanding three-day conference included workshops, networking, fellowship, and numerous exhibit organizations.

We met scores of Christian Educators from throughout the US [including Kathryn Maddy of First Presbyterian, St Albans, pictured to the left]. Participants’ consistent and common testimonial was how meaningful Scouting is in their ministry and throughout their congregations.

Some were from small churches, others from very large congregations, some were from Presbyteries and others served on conference and camp venues. People told us about their BSA affiliation and their volunteer role with children in Scouting. We distributed literature, signed up new members, and listened as conference participants visited the NAPS exhibit.

Camping, advancement, Blue & Gold banquets, Scout Sunday, Eagle Courts of Honor, plus the wide range of contemporary religious emblems programs were included in their mutually beneficial praises of Scouting. They were appreciative of the suggestions for creating or enhancing Scout Sunday programs in the newsletter and almost every visitor to the booth left with a copy of that newsletter. Many were surprised to find that Presbyterians embraced scouting as a mission of the church almost 100 years ago and that churches have been the largest creators and supporters of scouting ever since.

I invite you to have the same heartwarming experience in your local BSA council and presbytery. Offer to set up a display and promote the values and traditions of Scouting and promote the religious emblems program available to all youth. NAPS has a dedicated team of volunteers across America willing to help you, provide resources, and (if invited) even participate with you.

Check out our new and improved web site for further information. Send a photo or email to our editor [napseditor@gmail.com], and let us know what you are doing—your creativity can be an example for others to follow.

For more than one hundred years, "A Scout is Reverent" and "To Do My Duty to God" have been the cornerstone and character building components of our membership. Your involvement can make the difference.

Thanks for being a member of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters.
RICHARD COOK  
God and Service  
Adult Recognition  
First Presbyterian Church  
Youngstown, OH

Interim Pastor Rev. Carolyn Griffeth reports:  
"Scout Sunday was fantastic. We had a huge crowd with all the members and families from Troop 55 present. Rev. Rusty Cowden (former P.R.A.Y. Board member) preached a wonderful sermon. Rich Cook, Troop 55 Scoutmaster, had absolutely no idea he was the recipient of the award. When Rusty surprised him with it and called his entire family down as he received it, there was not a dry eye in the place. It was a great day for the Scouts and for the church as we celebrated together!"

Who could refuse these Scouts?

Assemblyman Silberkraus presents a bill for a Nevada Boy Scout & Eagle Scout license plates. By Mike Langer.

Crew 6 in Orangeburg celebrated its first Scout Sunday. Chaplain Jack Gibson received the Celtic Cross and Linguual Perfection received a Unit Award of Merit.

In Columbia, at Spring Valley Presbyterian, two Celtic crosses were presented to Steve Gross and Brad Carlton by Bob Smith II, District Chairman. Crew 202 and Troop 202 each received a Unit Award of Excellence.

TROOP 4 IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CHARTERED BOY SCOUT TROOPS IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

In June 2013, the troop celebrated 100 years of continuous operation with sponsor, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, CA.

With 80 to 100 Scouts enrolled throughout the year, it is also one of the largest troops in the San Gabriel Valley Council. Check out their website for more information: http://troop4.net/about.

HONOR MEDALS

Congratulations from NAPS to these scouts who take duty to God and service to others seriously—even to point of risking their own lives. The Honor medal was presented to Jeremiah Beaufort and Eli Thomas of Troop 341 Pine Nut District by Council President Jeff Whitaker.

These awards are presented by the recommendation of the National Court of Honor, for "Unusual Heroism in saving life" at "Considerable risk to self." Both scouts saved brothers from drowning. Glad you also had the know-how to achieve the rescues safely for all.
The Presbyterian Scouter Recognizes:

NAPS Director Paul Ke and Son Alex Honored on Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday, February 8, St. Marks Presbyterian Church (Ballwin, Missouri) presented God and Me awards to 4 youth: Jonathan N., Meghan R., Carter S., and Tristan S.), who had recently completed the Award in a Class taught by Diana Johanning, a Life member of NAPS.

The church honored 3 adult members, Jason Neal, David Rouff and Paul Ke, with the God and Service Award for their extraordinary service to Scouting and the youth of the church.

Previously recipient of the Celtic Cross, Paul Ke is Midwest NAPS Regional Director.

As is tradition at St. Marks, the families of the honorees participated in the presentation and were recognized for their sacrifices that allowed the honorees to give of their time and effort. NAPS Past President Elder Wray Johanning made the presentations.

On the same afternoon, Troop 631, sponsored by St. Marks, held an Eagle Court of Honor to recognize Alex Ke.

Alex attained to the Rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Project was building and installing two benches and a sign for his school’s Nature Trail.

His highest leadership positioning the Troop was Senior Patrol Leader. Alex is the son of Beth and Paul Ke, brother of Cate.

Congratulations to Jason, David, Paul and Alex for jobs well done. NAPS is proud of all of you and thanks you for your efforts and contributions to Scouting.

GSLC Protestant Religious Awards Recipients

The Protestant Committee of Greater St. Louis Council, Beaumont Scout Reservation, honored all youth and adults who received their Religious Awards in the years 2013 and 2014. Each youth present received a patch, a pocket size Bible and certificate recognizing their achievements. Adult Award recipient, Mentors and Teachers/Counselor received a patch. 58 youth received recognition.

Glenn Adams receives BSA Silver Buffalo

Glenn Adams, an NAPS Circle of Life member, received the Silver Buffalo award for his outstanding Scouting efforts from the Longhorn Council, Tues., April 14, at the Will Rogers Coliseum.

Positions held by Adams include Scoutmaster, Member of the BSA National Executive Board, President of the National Eagle Scout Association, Trustee of the National Boy Scouts of America Foundation, 2012 Scouting’s National Alumnus of the Year, Former President of the Fort Worth Longhorn Council, recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, notable man of business and dedicated husband and father. With his wife, Adams has created the Dave and Melinda Endowed Scholarship Program for the Glenn and Melinda Adams Eagle Scout Service Project.

Perhaps Glenn Adams is best characterized by the Longhorn Council’s Development Director, Renee Horton.

Ms. Horton says that when she first came to the Council that Glenn was supportive. As she got to know him better through her work with BSA, she realized that “Glenn is the best definition of a Christian.”

Steve Baker, presented Glenn Adams with a special Silver Buffalo certificate of recognition from NAPS. Fran and Eliot Kerlin preserved the special event in pictures for NAPS.
Thank You!

Scout Sunday is a special day celebrated each year. However, every day of the year, scouts and scout leaders strive to make faith, character, service and techniques for survival and growth a vital part of life. That is worth celebrating.

Churches sponsor scouting groups. Civic groups donate time, space and funds (or equipment) to help youth and adults who mentor them. Merit badge counselors share specialized interests. Parents and other volunteers give of themselves to help their children and those of others to grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and community.

Integrity is not an automatic function of society. It must be seen, practiced, and incarnated. It is a learned behavior. Scouting exemplifies integrity. If it does not, it is not Scouting.

Therefore, NAPS takes great joy in celebrating all of you who share in so much -and in so many different ways- to make a difference in the lives of our scouts and scouters. Special thanks also to those who work for and with us at BSA.

NAPS recognizes and salutes your care and sacrifices, dedication and achievements. Thank you!

SEEMING TO ANTICIPATE THIS COLUMN.

Keith Hasted posted this on thepresbyterianscouter.org

"Today was Scout Sunday...the Scouts helped with the service. When the Youth Pastor spoke about it, he called the ‘Scouts Forward.’ Then, when he asked all current and former Scouts and Scouters (Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts) to stand, AT LEAST 90% of the Congregation stood. He told me later that I had told him ahead of time that he would be surprised. He said, 'Actually I was SHOCKED!' Scouting touches lives!"

Former NAPS Chaplain Assumes New Duties

Recently, the Rev. Sean Butler, former Chaplain of NAPS, was installed as Senior Pastor of the Florissant Presbyterian Church in Florissant, MO. Sean has served as Chaplain for Beaumont Scout Reservation for the past 4 years and often held Saturday evening Protestant Services at camp. He has expressed a strong desire to continue this outreach mission.

Sean is an Eagle Scout and holds the God and Service Award. Congratulations to Sean on his new position. NAPS prays God’s blessing on him as he embarks on new path of leadership and faith.

[Thanks to Wray Johanning for the update.]

Warren Kraft's life Examples Full Service Operation

Warren Kraft adds a new level of civil responsibility as well as keeping NAPS and Scouting a full time endeavor.

Warren Kraft, NAPS Regional Director of Lakes and Prairies, has been made permanent Resources Director for Brown County, WI.


All Regional Directors are looking for volunteers to work with NAPS and to recruit new NAPS members. If you are interested and you live in Warren's area, contact him at warrenkraft@yahoo.com.
NAPS congratulates Ethan Maddox, on earning his Eagle Scout Award, which was presented at a formal Court of Honor, January 4th. Ethan's Eagle Scout Project was planning, building, and installing the benches that are scattered around the swimming areas and shoreline at Carroll County's Thousand Acre Recreation Lake, near Huntingdon, Tennessee. Ethan is the 5th Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 73, chartered to Huntingdon's First Presbyterian Church (USA), since 2005. Thanks to Stephen Phelps for this recognition.

Eagle Jeremy H., Troop 1346, Burke, Va

In his final steps on his Scout journey, Jeremy Haynes had to propose, plan, and orchestrate an Eagle Project. As he searched, and considered, possibilities, he found a need from the local Burke Universalist Unitarian Church. The desire of the church was to take a mostly unused portion of the grounds and transform it into a quiet spot used by its congregation to relax outdoors and hold small gatherings. After much planning, Jeremy led a team of Scouts from Troop 1346 and removed trees and brush, landscaped the areas with shrubs, flowering plants, timbers, crushed stone, and benches that he and his crew built. They also fixed and stained multiple picnic tables and benches. The area is now a place to sit and relax, have a picnic lunch, and a safe area for the children to play.

Riley Nordin Earns Rank of Eagle Scout

At end of 2014, Saluda, SC 11th grader Riley Nordin received his Eagle Scout recognition. Nordin joined Saluda, SC Boy Scout Troop #31 in 2010. Working with his team, he created an outdoor learning space at Saluda High School.
NAPS RECOGNIZES: SCOUT SUNDAY REPORTS

A Scout is Reverent
St Giles Presbyterian, Greenville, SC
Submitted by Michael Wade

Church of the Cross, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
Coleen Enright Benzo, Jim Benzo, Lisa Serritella Oswald,
Pastor Jane Young & Troop.

Troop 266, St Giles Presbyterian, Greenville, SC
Thanks to Michael Wade for the photograph

Troop 108, Unity Presbyterian, Ft Mill, SC
Submitted by Geoffrey Dunn

Scout Sunday 2015 with Troop 545 and Pack 326 at East Woods
Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, WA
Thanks to Jeff Kennedy for the submission.

The young men and women of Troop 421 and Venture Crew 421
assisted in leading worship at both services at Grace Presbyterian
Church in Arlington, TX. Not only did they Do Their Duty to God,
they also glorified Him in worship. Thanks for item to Louis Nash.
Want an opportunity to work with youth and scout leaders? Have fun & help scouts, adults, & staff be closer to God...

BOY SCOUT CAMP and/or Jamboree CHAPLAIN

QUALIFICATIONS
- Clergy or Seminarian or BSA Trained Chaplain (21 or older with mature judgment)
- Current BSA membership with current Youth Protection Certification
- Letters of “in good standing” from Council and presbytery/denominational office
- Selected & approved by NAPS and BSA Religious Relations Committee
- Preference given to current or formerly registered Adult Scout leader
- Member of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS)
- Willing to comply with Boy Scouts of America policies

JOB DUTIES
Serving as Camp Chaplain in a local or BSA high adventure camp or at a national BSA Jamboree is a unique opportunity. It will enrich the lives of many campers as well as the life of the Chaplain. The exclusive purpose is to be a REAL Chaplain ministering to people of all faiths.

A NAPS Chaplain shall:
- Attend camp & be a recognized presence in the life of camp (wear the official scout shirt with Chaplain patch) & help build camp morale
- Assume responsibility for the religious life of the camp, including organizing worship services
- Foster an interfaith spirit at camp
- Visit each unit & promote the religious emblems programs of all faiths
- Counsel campers & staff; visit the sick at camp health lodge and/or hospitals and assist with emergencies & personal problems relating to deaths, accidents, etc. from camp to parents, guardians or relatives and provide support
- Help Scout leaders handle behavior problems, as requested
- Help foster relations among camp staff, establish good rapport with Camp Director
- Make designated reports on Chaplain activities to the Religious Relations Committee of the program under which you serve and/or NAPS Executive Board as directed.

COMPENSATION: For some of the postings available to NAPS Chaplains, remuneration is available. For others, such as service at national Jamborees, a BSA fee is required as are personal supplies and travel expenses. Always there is the joy of rendering unto God a sincere service of love and gratitude and the inspiration and joy of working with youth, staffers and scouts.

QUESTIONS: Contact Liz Shelby at 458-9889 or scubaran@austin.rr.com

HOW TO APPLY: Please send your resume and a letter explaining why you are interested in the becoming a Charter Member of the NAPS Chaplains Corp to Liz Shelby, 5604 Shoalbridge Ct., Austin, TX 78756, or email scubaran@austin.rr.com. After initial screening, you be interviewed and placed on Request for Chaplains notification listing. Do notify NAPS of any handicapped needs or other special requirements and some idea of locations/opportunities where you may be willing to serve. As a national organization with international relations, NAPS seeks those who are willing to serve needs close to place of residence and internationally. [Note: NAPS is accepting applications and notification of staffing for High Adventure Camps and the next Jamboree now. Please do not wait to the last minute to notify us of your interest, as there must be time to verify applications, Youth Protection, NAPS membership and letters of recommendation.] [NAPS thanks Dr. Shelby for her original materials from which this handout was adapted.]
Every Unit Needs A Chaplain’s Aide

Eleanor Johnson, the Roman Catholic Relationships Chair in the Central Florida Council, tells this story, which is also only so true elsewhere in Scouting. She was chairing an Eagle Board of Review and the Scout appearing before it wore a Chaplain’s Aide position patch. She asked him to describe what he did in that position. He said, “nothing, they just gave me the patch to wear to meet my leadership requirements.” The Board denied his application.

(Postscript, he came back six months later, and described what he did as a chaplain’s aide the past six months, and was approved for advancement to Eagle.)

In keeping with the 12th Scout law and our pledge to do our duty to God, the Chaplain’s aide should play a key role in your unit’s operation.

WHAT DOES HE DO?

- Delivers an invocation and a benediction at opening and closing ceremonies at Troop meetings and other activities.
- Delivers a blessing at meals.
- Plays a key role in the Troop’s role in Scout Sunday observances, and as a lead participant.
- Serves as a member of a Chaplain’s Aide team in planning and conducting religious services at summer camp, camporees, and other District or Council events under the leadership of Council or District Chaplains.
- Encourages Patrols to say grace during Patrol activities.
- Educates Scouts on the religious emblem award program and encourage participation.

If the Troop has a Chaplain, assist the Chaplain as needed.
If the Troop does not have a Chaplain, consult with his Pastor, Minister, Priest, or Rabbi on their participation in Troop activities, especially Courts of Honor, and on ways the Troop may assist in service projects for the sponsoring organization, if a church or place of worship.

WHO SHOULD HE BE?

Ideally, he should be a Scout active in his own Church’s youth program, and either earned or working on the appropriate religious emblem award for his faith. It is also recommended that he completes Chaplain’s Aide training. Camp Chaplains may offer such training during summer camp. District or Council Chaplains may offer such training at University of Scouting. Scouts attending National Youth Leadership Training have an opportunity to serve as Chaplain’s Aides and receiving training, as well as organize and conduct the course’s Scouts Own Worship service.
There is a Chaplain’s Aide manual available from National BSA through scoutstuff.org, as well as on NAP’s website.

WHAT SKILLS SHOULD HE HAVE?

- He should be a good speaker with good projection.
- He should like to read and read aloud.
- He should be Internet savvy and able to seek out resources on the net.
- He should be a good “people person.”

By Corb Sarchet
[September 24, 1997 - February 7, 2015]
Reprinted from his Jan. 2011 article in The Presbyterian Scouter. Corb was a great supporter of Chaplains and Chaplain’s Aides as well as rising Eagles

Please make certain there is a talent release form for each youth and volunteer in a picture or article. It is legally advisable to keep such releases in each pack’s, crew’s, troop’s and church’s file to cover any event or recognition. For youth under 18. Unless otherwise granted by their legal guardian(s), it is best to use first name and then initial for the surname. This provides yet another form of youth protection.

Scouters and Liz Shelby offer this link for use on Religious Freedom. This might be useful for the Chaplain’s Aide or Patrol Leader to share prior to July 4 celebrations:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_referrer&v=YjntXYDPw44

For those of you who want immediate access to the PresbyterianScouters.org, here is a QR to scan to your IPhone, IPad, laptop, or other digital device:
Yep, the Religious Relationships Task Force is back to being the Religious Relationships Committee (RRC). Why is that important? I was told that task forces are ad hoc (temporary), but committees will stay around! So everyone on the RRC was glad to hear this news!

In addition to learning that the RRC is now legit, the national meeting included reports from the various subcommittees. The Awards and Emblems Subcommittee, chaired by our very own Wray Johanning, announced the approval of Sikh religious awards. (Note: There is an updated *Duty to God* brochure (512-879) which may be downloaded from [http://bsaseabase.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf](http://bsaseabase.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf). If you get one from your scout shop, make sure you have the most current [2014 Second Printing].)

The Chaplaincy Subcommittee reported that it is recruiting Chaplains for the National Jamboree from the faith groups. In addition, an advanced training is being planned for Jamboree Chaplains at Philmont. The Training Subcommittee that I attended is reviewing a Chaplain Aide training program developed by the Denver Council and spearheaded by Ed Martin, Chair of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, for approval on a national level. The program, piloted for 3 years, will undergo rigorous review by the Chaplain and Literature Subcommittees before final adoption.

In addition, the Training Subcommittee will be hosting an interfaith booth at the national meeting in May as well as NOAC in August.

Other reports included plans for the Duty to God Breakfast in which NAPS has been asked to present an adult religious award, announcement that all councils will be asked to have a Duty to God event in 2015, the compilation of a comprehensive religious calendar for 2016, and the availability of the Hafer Fund to support Chaplains in Philmont.

In addition to attending the RRC, I dropped in on two other Subcommittees: Disability Awareness and Education, both areas of personal and professional interest. The Disability Awareness committee introduced *Abilities Awareness: Essentials in Serving Scouts with Disabilities* training to be offered at Florida Sea Base in January with hopes of having it adopted as part of all regular leadership training.

The committee also discussed the Torch of Gold award, a council award, honoring Scouters for their dedicated service to Scouts with disabilities. The Woods Services Award is a national recognition awarded annually to one Scouter for devoting exceptional service and leadership to Scouts with disabilities for at least three years. ([www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-258.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-258.pdf) to nominate).

The Education Committee focused on expanding Venturing to college and university campuses, with consideration for raising the age to 24. The committee also discussed development of closer relationships with public schools.
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

National Association of Presbyterian Scouters [NAPS]

By completing this application, I agree youth are a mission field and a barely tapped reservoir of hope, faith, and strength, living and serving among us. As a NAPS member, I pledge my support to our scouts and to my fellow Scouters. As a Scouter, I will initiate action and respond to opportunities for service through the church’s network of believers and through Scouting. I will uphold the Boy Scout oath and serve as example of Boy Scout Law.

Print Name: ________________________________ Cell phone: ___________ Home phone: ________________

Address: __________________________________

Email: ________________________________

City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: __________ Scout or Youth Affiliation: ____________________________

Church and Address: __________________________ Council Name: ________________________________

Check items that apply: New Member ____ Renewal membership ____ Check items that apply: Associate Membership ($15) ____ Annual membership ($25) _____ Five Year Membership ($100) ____ Ten Year Membership ($200) ____ Life Membership ($450) ____ Extra Patch: $5 ____ Lapel pins ($10) ____.

Make checks to the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters and mail with this form to Liz Shelby, 5604 Shoaledge Ct, Austin, TX 78756. Or sign up with the PayPal on the Facebook page at presbyterianscouters.org. (Note: if you have a problem with the PayPal, notify the napseditor@gmail.com immediately.)

Donations are welcomed for the increased support for Presbyterian Chaplains at summer & High Adventure camps. Honorariums are also welcomed. Please mark donations accordingly.

There is need for a cleansed Laptop with Win 7 and MS 10 or later software. If it has an Adobe editing program, that would be appreciated greatly. Please contact Amanda Ballenger, if you have a laptop you wish to donate: napseditor@gmail.com.
Recently we had a new member asking about religious emblems and what is needed. For P.R.A.Y., here is the webpage information and a basic introduction to where to find whatever you are looking for.

Awards > Religious Emblems Programs

**Religious Emblems Programs**

**Available to Members of the Boy Scouts of America**

A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

For more information about Religious Emblems Programs ...

- [Duty to God Program Information](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx?

- Review the [Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx?

- Learn [How to Get Started](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx?) on these programs

- See our [chart of Religious Emblems Programs](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx?)

- Watch the Religious Emblems Coordinator informational video

- [Additional resources available for the Religious Emblems Coordinator](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx?)

- Contact your [local council service center](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx?) or the appropriate religious organization (contact information is provided on the [chart](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx?)). Contact your or the appropriate religious organization (contact information is provided on the .)
We have lost a friend and a great Scouter. For some NAPS members, Col. Corbin Sarchet was more than a casual friend. He was a colleague, a resourceful and generous supporter and a quiet leader. He never pushed himself forward, but stood solid as a mentor, a gentleman in truest sense. He was a man whose word could be trusted in all our dealings. He was a man who lived by Scout Oath and Law. The core of the man did not change when prostate cancer and heart problems caused damage, nor as Alzheimer's invaded. He loved his family always, his last words encouraging his granddaughters at his bedside.

As editor of The Presbyterian Scouter, Corb exemplified journalistic standards. When illness took its strength, he remained on call (through Internet and multidinous phone conversations), to help the new editor grow in strength and service. Through his care and support, she was able to grasp some of the intricate difficulties of managing a national newsletter where one rarely meets most of the members, but where one needs to know each and the ways NAPS recognizes and supports each. As that editor and friend, I was welcomed into the Sarchet home and found special kinship with Dianne Sarchet, his wife. At the memorial service for Corb, I - with others- found inclusion among the members of the family he cherished. Therefore, this issue of the newsletter is dedicated to Corbin Sarchet, his wife Dianne, those of his family, and those of you who knew him personally (especially "Corb’s Eagles," ) in loving memory and gratitude.

Col. Corbin Sarchet III’s memorial service celebrated the life begun on September 24, 1931 and ending on February 7, 2015 with representation of those elements that he honored most throughout his life: his family, his Presbyterian faith, Scouting, NAPS, and his exemplary military service. Corb was a warm-hearted man and the tributes from each of the groups were warm and enfolding. Dr. Helen M DeBevoise and Dr. Dan M. DeBevoise officiated at the memorial set at the beautiful Woodlawn Funeral Home Chapel in Gotha, Florida. The chapel was standing room only amid a strong presence of military and BSA uniforms. Hanton Walters (Corb nicknamed him ‘Anton in very French manner) delivered the following eulogy. Eliot and Fran Kerlin and your editor represented NAPS.

A promise is kept with the obituary, as some years ago, when Corb read the column noting his retirement as news editor, he responded, “You can use that for my obituary.” Please do go online and find the article on our website: thepresbyterianscouters.org. Look under the “News” section for the link, “Newsletters,” and go to Winter 2011-Spring 2012, beginning on the first page and continuing on page 9.

At the memorial service, the outstanding eulogy given by Hanton Walters sheds even more insight into Corb’s contributions and is worth sharing. The eulogy continues on pages 13 and 13 of the “Winter 2014-Spring 2015” newsletter.

In Corb Sarchet, NAPS has lost a great friend and exemplary example of Scouting.

"Our love and sympathy to his family and to all cherished by him."
Good afternoon, my name is Hanton Walters. I was asked by the family to share a few words of the man we all came here to pay our respects to. I met Mr. Sarchet when I was just 10 years old. Ever since then he's had a constant presence in my life. I'm one of his Eagles. I'll get into that a little more later. I would like to share some of what I know of him and some of the experiences I suspect we may have all enjoyed with him.

Mr. Sarchet was a devoted family man. He and Mrs. Sarchet (Dianne) have been together for 41 years. She worked alongside him and supported him in all of his volunteer organizations as well as he supported all of hers. He admired her homemaking skills, her entertaining abilities, and continued to be grateful for her dedication to caring for him since 1991 when he first was diagnosed with heart disease.

The Sarchets have two children: Lisa and Byron...Lisa, lives in Atlanta, Georgia and came home often. Mr. Sarchet loved her surprise visits. She was with him during his most recent hospital stay. He was happy to have her spend what was his last Thanksgiving and Christmas with him. He adored and spoiled her at a very young age. Byron, started going camping with his dad at Camp Lanoche even before he was old enough for Cub Scouts and troop years. Mr. Sarchet was proud of Byron's involvement in basketball. BG's family home is only 5 minutes away so they spent time together every week. They had a very close relationship and enjoyed having outings together. Kinnnie is his daughter-in-law. He appreciated her sweetness and companionship and was happy to have her as a member of the family. She always made time to spend with him and he loved being in their home and being spoiled.

Mr. Sarchet's two most favorite girls in the whole world, however, are his adorable granddaughters Gracie and Rachel. Gracie is 16 and Rachel 11. From their birth until now, Mr. Sarchet loved and appreciated them. He enjoyed volunteering at their schools and was very proud to be named the Volunteer of the Year in 2011 at Westbrook Elementary school where the girls attended. On a daily basis, when Mr. Sarchet was confined to bed, the girls came to visit after school and would curl up with him in bed as he asked all about their day at school. In fact, Mr. Sarchet’s last understandable words were to the girls as they kissed him and said,” I love you Papa.” He said, “I love you, too!”

Beginning in 2000, after moving to Gotha, Mr. Sarchet spent his free time participating with Dianne in the social events at Lake Fischer Estates where they lived. He planned activities and games for the Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas Caroling, BBQ cooking contests, ice cream socials, and printed a newsletter featuring neighborhood kids. He enjoyed the wonderful friendship of close neighbors that continued to come and visit him through his journey of trying to survive his illness.

Mr. Sarchet was a Military Man. He fought in the Korean War. He served his country for 33 years in the armed forces. He retired in 1985 as a Colonel. Some of his many military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. He also earned qualifications in Airborne, Rangers, rifle marksmanship, and as a nuclear weapons employment officer.

Fiesta in the Park. Mr. Sarchet organized the Fiesta in the Park committee way back in 1972 and provided continual leadership throughout the years. The Fiesta in the park was begun as a special event to bring people to the city’s Lake Eola Park and was a huge success its first year and every year since. He was named chairman emeritus for the highly successful Fiesta in the Park arts and craft show. It is recognized as one of the top 100 arts and crafts shows in the United States, and top 4 in Florida.

Other notable recognition of Mr. Sarchet’s civic contributions are: In 1997, he was named REALTOR of the year by the Greater Orlando Association of REALTORS, and in 2000 received the association’s “Pillar of the Community” award. He served as a member of the City of Orlando Library Board and the Orange County Public Library Board of Trustees. During his tenure, the Library district was created, the downtown library expansion was accomplished, new branches built, and the library moved in the electronic age. In 2001, he was named a trustee emeritus in honor of his long service. He was even named “Downtowner of the Year” in 1982 for his many contributions to the downtown area.
As many of us are aware, Mr. Sarchet was heavily involved in scouting. For 50 years, he dedicated his life to scouting. Troop 48 at Park Lake Presbyterian church was where he served as Scoutmaster to so many of us. He served troop 48 as scoutmaster for more than 20 years at various terms since 1979. He’s a past president of the Central Florida Council.

About a year or so ago, Mr. Sarchet - I could never bring myself to calling him Corb after knowing him since a child - and I were discussing morality/religion. He never missed an opportunity to teach! He said, “Anton,” (that’s how he pronounced it) “God gives each man and woman ‘Free Will!’ to do what he or she chooses.”

As I stand here today, I am grateful that Mr. Sarchet chose to use his god given free will to be in my life for so many years, mentoring me as he did so many of you here today.

I benefited from my relationship with him in scouting, but so many of you here today interacted with him in other arenas, whether those areas were Fiesta in the Park, as a member of the respective boards he served on as a part of his civic duty to the City of Orlando; as a member of the military, and - if you really knew him way back when - as a member of his journalist team back in Oklahoma.

Mr. Sarchet was a father figure to so many of us. For some of his peers, a brother, a confidant. With the patience he afforded so many of us, he dedicated his life to guiding young boys on their journey to be men. How he spoke to us, how he listened to us. How he guided us. It created a bond and respect that we all still have for him.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated:

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity!"

I am glad Mr. Sarchet chose to use his Free Will to rise above and better our lives! [Thank you to “Anton” for sending a copy of his remarks.]

Representing Troop 48 was Ed Gantt, Elliot and Fran Kerlin and Amanda Ballenger represented NAPS at Corb’s service.

Steve Hayner
Former Pres. of Inter-Varsity
President of Columbia Seminary

Thanks to Christianity Today and The Presbyterian Outlook for much of the basis for this article.

In February, Presbyterians - -and young people especially - lost a great friend, counselor and mentor with the death of Steve Hayner (66) former President of Inter-Varsity and President of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

Steve Hayner had steered Inter-Varsity during a troublesome time from 1988 to his departure in 2001. A kind, perceptive and bright man, he is most noted for his compassion and outreach to all people.

As President of Columbia Theological Seminary, Hayner is credited with creating a vibrant, caring, comprehensive environment that combined creative insight, academic and personal excellence with Christian witness, dedicated outreach and faithful service. An online article by Timothy Morgan describes the Presbyterian seminary’s response to news of Hayner:

Known by many throughout the world with love, affection, and gratitude, Steve was a person of many honors and degrees who refused to categorize others or himself by achievements. His goal was to always live and for an audience of One, and his hope was to live life with wide open arms and relational integrity. His life was imbued with joy and freedom, which touched and changed many people along the way.

On Wednesday when the Columbia community gathered to worship and pray for Steve and his family, he continued to love the students, faculty, and staff as he texted to say, “On what will probably be my last day on this earth I want to send you all at the seminary my deepest love, gratitude and joy, joyfully, Steve.”

Thomas Daniel wrote:

“Maybe the thing that Steve has taught me most is that both ministry and life must be lived "in alignment" with our beliefs and our values... Steve's ministry was most certainly lived in alignment with these values. He once told me that his greatest hope in ministry was to be a joyful encourager of others.”

For many across the world, Steve Hayner fulfilled his ministry.
Editor of Newsletter Retires

Triplets? Hardly, but one might think that when one reads the track record of our former editor, Corbin (Corb) Marquand Sarchet III. It hardly seems possible that one man has led three such separate and distinguished lives. Corb grew up writing and editing in Oklahoma, moving on to work for both local, state, and national newspapers and magazines, most notably, as Assistant Director, Public Relations, for the National Guard Association of the United States in Washington, D.C., as well as becoming an executive in several state and national press organizations. Likewise, he was a recognized member of the National Association of Press Photographers.

Not only has Corb distinguished himself through the written word and photography, he weathered a lengthy military career, beginning with his joining Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division of the Oklahoma National Guard while yet a junior in high school.

Mobilized in 1950, he served in the 7th Infantry Division, in the Headquarters, 2nd Logistical Command in Pusan, South Korea, with eleven months served in combat zone. More duty followed stateside and he received a direct commission as Second Lieutenant in 1954 as he graduated from Southwestern State College.

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NAPS Invaluable in BSA Chaplaincy Support
By Gene Foley, NAPS President

In these first few months as the NAPS President, I am reminded of the magnitude of our movement and the importance of the role that NAPS plays in the Boy Scouts of America. I became involved in NAPS before the 1997 National Jamboree. At that event, I arrived at the Jamboree site to find that the space set aside for the Presbyterian Booth was empty, no evidence of the promised display in sight, and no one to give me guidance as to how to set up. With the help of the Jewish exhibitors and others who shared the same tent, I was able to patch together a fairly nice booth, folding a display banner from the church I pastored so that it read Presbyterian Church over our table. As the Jamboree troops began to arrive, some display materials arrived and another volunteer appeared, and we shared with thousands of youth and adults that the Presbyterian Church supported Scouting!

A great deal has changed in the last fourteen years. NAPS has become a significant resource of chaplains and sits on the National Religious Relationships Task Force. Despite my own meager resources, NAPS made it possible for me to travel to England for the Centennial World Jamboree as the chaplain representing the American Protestant Church. Here I was introduced to Bob Mazzuca, our current Chief Scout Executive, and many of the key players in the national BSA organization. As I preached to an audience that came from around the world to be at the Jamboree, it became most apparent to me that the Americans were the best represented of all the nations in that worship service!

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Sarchet was a graduate of basic and advanced infantry courses at Ft Benning, Ga., and the U.S. Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas, where he participated in specialized training in civil disturbance operations from the Military Police School, OKARING, and served as a tactical officer and head of the weapons and tactics departments for the District of Columbia National Guard OCS.

After thirty-three years of service in the military, he retired as a Colonel, having served his country in active and operational duties at home and abroad. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and several campaign ribbons, as well as Meritorious Service medals from the Oklahoma Army and District of Columbia National Guard.

He served with distinction, earning qualifications in Airborne, Ranger, small bore rifle marksmanship instructor, and as Nuclear Weapons Employment Officer.

Sarchet’s educational pursuits are equally bold. He graduated cum laude, Southwestern State College in 1954. In 1956-57, Corb was a McMahon fellow of the student senate and advisor to the student newspaper. He later completed additional post graduate courses from the University of Virginia and the University of Oklahoma.

Some might feel they had not time for anything else with such full life, but Corb never outgrew his roots in the Presbyterian Church. He taught Sunday School and youth fellowship at the First Presbyterian Church, Madill, and was ordained a deacon there. Later, he served as deacon of First Presbyterian, Ada, and as Sunday School teacher at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Later, he joined Park Lake Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Fla. in 1972. He served as Deacon, Elder, and Trustee at PLPC, and as Chairperson of the Deaconate, Moderator of the Session Coordinating Council, and Clerk of Session.

Sound like enough to fill three lifetimes? Corb Sarchet found time for more. Moving to Winter Park, Fla.in 1968, he served as Executive Director of the Downtown Orlando Partnership, until creation of the Downtown Development Board in 1972, serving in a dual capacity as Executive Director of both organizations until 1974, when he joined the George Edson Agency as real estate salesman. He engineered the redevelopment of the downtown area and served as the first Director of the Downtown Development Board. In 1989, he opened his own real estate brokerage and appraisal business, Corb Sarchet Realty, in downtown Orlando. His contributions through his firm and the G.T. Commercial, Inc., led to his earning the GRI designation from the National Association of Realtors. The list of his awards in real estate is as numerous as those in his press and military accolades.

All of these hard-earned merits flow naturally to blend expertise and experience with his love and support of the Boy Scouts of America. While the world salutes 100 years of Scouting in America, Corb can proudly say he has been actively involved with Scouting for over half of its lifespan as a Cub, Boy, and Explorer Scout as a youth; as past President of the Central Florida Council, BSA, and has served in every volunteer position at Council and District level, except for the Venturer and Varsity programs. He currently serves on the Council’s advisory board and on the Fort Gatlin district’s committee. He is holder of the Silver Beaver Award, the District Award of Merit, the National Scoutmaster’s Award, the Presbyterian God and Service Award, the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters’ Celtic Cross Award, and the national Whitney Young Award.

A Woodbadge, he has served on the Woodbadge staff, was Director of the Boy Scouts Junior Leader Program, for the CFC for five years and was an instructor at the National Junior Leader Training Course at the Philmont Training Center. He is a founding member of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters, serving as a vice president and director in the early years and, most recently, until July 2010, as National Communications Director and Editor of the Presbyterian Scouter newsletter. Corb Sarchet has served our nation in many capacities with honor, integrity, and high achievement. We are grateful for his service, especially to Scouting, NAPS, and the Presbyterian Scouter. Thank you, Corb! *******

I am doing well, but have a bad immune system and aftereffects from prostate cancer, which thanks be to our Lord, was completely cured… I had to retire from active Scouting,- no more sleeping on the old campground for me- but get along okay day to day as long as I remember that I am 79 and not 21…God bless and Good Scouting!…Corb).

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**Acting on Faith, Giving with Grace**

Everywhere one turns today, there seems to be a call for people to sacrifice what little they still have for some great cause or other. And most of these causes are sincere and truly in need of support.

It is as one of you who does not possess financial surplus that I come to you as your editor, to ask you to donate to a fund to help our chaplains and staff members to attend the Scout programs and extend Christ’s love among those who need spiritual witness, care, and direction.

Most of the chaplains serve at their own expense, traveling great distances and, sometimes, with least resources.

Many chaplaincies are not supported financially by those who use the services. Materials are often paid for NAPS needs out of the individual’s pocket.

If you would like to be a partner in reaching out to young men and women, and to those who serve the youth in Presbyterian care here and around the world through Scouting, please check and see if there is anything you can do to help those who extend the love of God to others.

Be missionaries at home and abroad with your ministerial servants. Checks can be made out to NAPS and sent to Dr Liz Shelby, NAPS member to the BSA Religious Relations Committee, at 5604 Shoalcliff Rd, Austin, TX 78756. Please mark the check for Chaplains Support or for NAPS.

If your donations is a memorial or life trust, please specify how you wish it listed.

(Contributions to NAPS to support the Chaplains is Tax Deductible...)

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