

History

From the "archives" of Bill Phillips



Photo from the First Calling Out Ceremony in 1952 from the newly formed Black Eagle Lodge, EUCOM COUNCIL, soon to become the Transatlantic Council.

At right is Hudson "Bill" Phillips, as Alawat Sakima. Bill served as the lodge's first Chief. At left is John "Tony" Phillips, as Meteu.



"The Scout camp at Fussen was very special. It had previously been a secret location for V-2 rocket research. American Boy Scouts actually liberated the space with their ceremonies and bugle calls."



We're always looking for stories and photos from our overseas Lodges and councils. If you have an interesting "tale to tell" please email Tom Slavicek your Word file and photos.



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Wambleesha Chapter formed



We welcome the OAA's 10th Chapter, Wambleesha based in England, Transatlantic Council. The name means "White Eagle" in the Leni Lenape language.

The Chapter was organized by Tim Killam and has 15 members and counting. Plans are to render direct service to the Black Eagle Lodge's and the Transatlantic Council's Scouting program in England. More details on our newest Chapter in the next issue of the DWT.

Congratulations...and welcome!

Web Site is active!

Check out our newly designed web site at

www.arrowman-oaa.com

We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please email them to tslavicek@aol.com.



The Overseas
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Promise

On my honor as an Arrowman I pledge to do my best to be diligent in carrying out my responsibilities to God, my family and my country; to cheerfully give leadership where there is none; to remain vigilantly alert to the needs of others and be unselfish in service; and to strive to keep the Scout Oath and Law as guiding principles in my life.



CHANGING ADDRESS?

Please alert the OAA regarding any change of address you have made, or will have. Update your information every time you re-register with the OAA.



LIFE MEMBERS especially need to be watchful since they no longer need to fill out a new Registration Form every two years.



Thanks!

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Members: Check your address label to see when you expire! New and re-registering members will be good until January 31, 2010!

Where to with OAA patches?

Flaps, recognition awards, square knots and sashes issued by the OAA can be worn during official OAA functions, such as Chapter meetings, reunions, and other OAA type events. The pocket-type patches can be worn as normal "temporary" patches at any time and displayed on the right pocket of the Scout uniform. Please refrain from wearing OAA emblems during non-OAA events whenever possible.

Our Travelers



Silver Antelope Award

Presented at NE Region Luncheon during the 2007 National Meeting in Atlanta:

William W. Kavanaugh, Jr.

Bill Kavanaugh personifies service. He began a lifelong affiliation with Scouting in Roanoke, Virginia during 1943. He earned his Eagle rank in Roanoke and held leadership positions in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Exploring in several councils include Blue Ridge, Atlanta, and Transatlantic.

His national service includes the staff of two National Jamborees and an international jamboree service team. His regional service includes many Wood Badge staffs culminating as Wood Badge Course Director, and service on the Region Committee, Camp Visitations.

He is currently Council Commissioner for Transatlantic Council. His many awards and honors include Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, Distinguished Commissioner, and Vigil Honor. Bill is a retired Army Colonel who served two tours in Vietnam.

Rev. Daniel W. Wolboldt

Dan Wolboldt is another tenured Scouter with extensive National, Regional and local Council service. As a youth he earned Eagle rank and was presented a Vigil Honor.

His national service includes four National Jamboree Staffs. His Regional service includes four National Camp School staffs, several Wood Badge Staffs culminating as a Course Director, and Region Committee, Camp Visitations. He also served as a Jamboree Scoutmaster, Lodge Advisor, Council Training Chairman, Council Commissioner, and in many other positions.

He is currently Council Commissioner for the Chief Cornplanter Council and Lodge Advisor of Gyantwachia Lodge. His many awards include the Silver Beaver, OA Founder's Award, the St. George Award and the God and Service Award. He is a retired Army Chaplain.

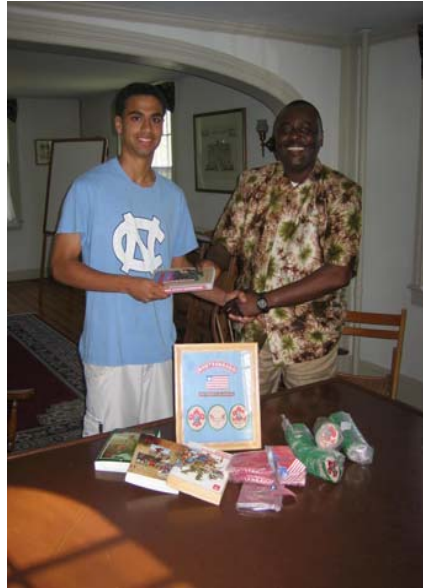


Service

Bomamen Project - Cheerful Service to Liberian Scouts Association (LSA)

In the last issue I wrote about a wonderful Eagle Scout project that was conducted by Evan Keith, a Scout in the Narragansett Council, Rhode Island. Evan had just finished collecting 100 "experienced" Scout uniforms plus 100 new BSA handbooks to be shipped to Liberia. After a devastating civil war in that country the Scouting program there will be playing a key role in re-establishing a civil society, especially among the former 'boy soldiers' of the past decade.

Evan's project not only included the collection of uniforms and the raising of funds for the handbooks, but also the designing of new insignia for the LSA (I was honored to have been asked to come up with the designs). On top of this several local Scouters, (myself among them) were so inspired by this project that we gave our own support to an additional effort: Raising \$2,000, through the sale of Bomamen Project patches, so that Scouts in Liberia could purchase bicycles to help them find jobs and attend Scout meetings.



Evan Keith and John Wright (International Commissioner), showing the new designs for LSA rank patches.

I encouraged our OAA membership to join me in this "extra-OAA" project by purchasing the specially designed Bomamen Project patches. Many of you did and I thank you! In total \$235 was raised by the OAA towards the bikes. A check will be issued to the LSA International Commissioner in the coming months and added to the total raised. Eventually we will be pleased to see about 20 Scouts that will be presented with new bikes sometime this fall. **Again, thank you all for your generous support...well done!**

Wood Badge Scholarships for TAC

Thanks to the sale of trading post items the OAA was pleased to provide two full Wood Badge Scholarships to the Transatlantic Council in April. A check for \$490 was sent to the council to be used to send two Scouters to the upcoming course.

From the President



Dear Fellow Traveler,

This marks the third issue in our newer format and I hope that you're enjoying it as much as we enjoy putting it together. This particular issue was difficult because of the overwhelming amount of news that we received about our members's happenings and other projects. Future issues will "catch us up" on everyone, I'm sure.

I want to highlight a few, however, in this issue. First, thank you to all of you who supported the Bomamen Project (page 9) in the Narragansett Council. Our members donated \$235 toward the bikes for Liberia. Next, welcome to our newest chapter, Wambleesha (translates as "White Eagle") Chapter 10, England. Tim Killam is organizer and has been elected president - more in the next issue.

And, finally, we are extremely proud of several of our travelers who were honored with the BSA's highest awards at the May Annual Meeting: Bill Kavanaugh, Jr., Dan Wolboldt, and Hal Yokum. You do us proud, but best of all the positive impact you have had on the lives of youth is immeasurable.

It is indeed an honor and pleasure to travel the deep waters together!

Tom Slavicek tslavicek@aol.com
President

Recognition

Congratulations to the following OAA members who have qualified for the OAA Combat Service Award as of 6-1-07:

Gerald	Berry
Clarence	Bright
David	Brunelle
Chris	Clark
Angel	DelGado
Matthew	DuBell
Bradford	Estabrook
Lowell	Flickinger
Kevin	Fortin
Jackson	Gaylord, Jr.
William	Hewitt, Jr.
Dr. Seth	Hudak
Timothy	Jenkins
John	Johnson
Paul	Karstendiek
William	Kavanaugh, Jr.
David	Keller
Tim	Killam
Jack	Knight
Paul	Nakao
Jeff	Nelson
Louis	Olaso
Jeff	Peets
Mike	Perkins
James	Ralph
Edward	Reed
Robert	Schlegel, Jr.
Jason	Snellings
Jim	Spoo
Richard	Weidman
Gary	Whitman



The "Combat Service" patch and square knot were introduced at the OAA Reunion in 2006. Thanks to Gary Whitman's initiative and design talents the OAA is proud to make this special recognition available to our members who have, or are still serving in combat zones. Members receive the first patch and square knot at no cost. Additional sets may be purchased for \$8 per set. There is no limit. If we have missed your name, please let us know.

The patch is pentagon shaped with gold mylar border and features the logos of the five major branches of the armed forces. OAA members are "on their honor" when submitting their requests for this set.



Our Travelers



Hal Yocum recently received the Silver Buffalo award during the recent National BSA meeting in Atlanta.

Dr. Hal Yocum has served Scouting at every level from troop to National during the past half-century. An Eagle Scout with 12 Palms, he served as Scoutmaster, council trainer, and as Wood Badge Course Director. He held a variety of positions in nine different councils, including training chairman, health and safety chairman, Order of the Arrow lodge advisor (three lodges), and executive board member (three councils).

On the area and regional levels, Dr. Yocum has been active in the Order of the Arrow, Wood Badge training, and camp visitations. He served as vice president of Program for Area 5 of Western Region.

His national-level involvement includes service on the staffs of nine national Scout jamborees—three times as chief medical officer—and four World Scout jamborees. He has been a member of the National Health and Safety Committee for 25 years.

A James West Fellow and Heritage Society member, Dr. Yocum has received the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards, Distinguished



Service Awards from the Order of the Arrow and NESA, the Heroism Award, and the adult religious emblem from the Unitarian Universalist Association. He is an active member of the Universalist Scouters Organization.

Dr. Yocum recently retired after 38 years as an orthopedic and hand surgeon. He teaches part-time at the University of Oklahoma School of Health Sciences. He and his wife, Maryjo, have four children and two grandchildren. Their eldest son, Michael, is an Eagle Scout.



Thank you to all those who have purchased this set! The Numbered set has sold out (25 issued), but we still have several 'regular sets' available (100 issued). These are \$50 each and come with a frame-worthy poster where they can be affixed and displayed.

(From page 7)

my district and our district achieved Pacesetter status in Region 2 for three years in a row. We were the envy of the other districts and councils in the area.

While attending a National Professional training conference at the University of Illinois in the summer of 1963, I was interviewed by the Nat'l Director of Personnel for a unique position with the BSA and in particular the FEC. It happened that the then High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands, LT. Gen Paul W. Caraway, had personally contacted the Chief Scout Executive and requested him to provide a professional to organize the BSA program in the Ryukyus for the local youth which were Japanese. The Ryukyus were still under US Administration until 1972.

So, following interviews at the National Office, I was hired as the Director of the Ryukyu Project BSA and, for logistical support, was also the Asst. Scout Executive of the FEC. Besides my primary duties of organizing and developing a strong Scouting program throughout the Ryukyu Islands I participated in Council activities and served as a Wood Badge course director for several council courses. The Ryukyu Project exceeded all expectations. Membership grew from nearly 400 to well over 4500. We recruited a professional staff from the local University and had them trained at the National Training School. We also manufactured the Official BSA uniforms by contracting with a local Catholic sewing center, had all of the BSA handbooks translated and printed in Japanese, getting the plates from the BSA and having a local translation service do all of the translating. The printing was done in the Philippines by the US State Dept. An Annual SME

campaign was held and exceeded its goals each year supported by the local communities and activities. An Executive Board was developed and trained which enabled the Ryukyu Project to become a full-fledged local Council of the Boy Scouts of Japan at the time of Reversion in 1972.

The Okinawan youth and leaders were registered with the BSA from the start of the project in 1963 until 1972. One last item of some interest: during my work in the Islands I had been provided with a Quonset hut as an office for my office and professional staff. Since the program was going to become Japanese sponsored we needed an office. So, I designed an office and presented the design to the executive board which approved it and began a capital campaign to raise the money to build their Scout Service center. They had to vacate the Quonset hut which was US military property on base. We raised the necessary funds to build the office and during the World Jamboree in 1971 in Japan I served on the staff and was interviewed to take the position as the Operations Executive in the International Div.

So ends my second phase with the FEC. Stay tuned, boys and girls, for the next chapter of my life in the FEC. Get out your decoder rings for this special next announcement.

Dick



Dan Coberly, OAA Vice President, recently asked Dick Weidman to write an article for the DWT. Dick is a rare Scouting professional that has been granted Distinguished Eagle Scout Status. Only one Scout Executive had been granted it before him. He also helped establish Japanese Scouting after the war, translating the Scout Handbook and working for the High Commissioner. He is considered the Father of Japanese Scouting and has been honored by the BSN with silver awards. Here, then, is his story in Dick's own words:



...serving as an Asst SM in a troop in Tokyo and also served on the Council Camping Committee. In those days we had officer dependents troops and enlisted troops about a year or so later this all changed. I was assigned to an Engineer Base

Topo Bn as an aerial Photo interpreter was detailed to Korea at 8th Army and later the 7th Div. as the war was still in full swing. Returned to Japan and was assigned to an Engineer Survey Liaison Detachment and did several months on TDY living and traveling throughout Japan with a Topo survey crew. I was fortunate to make Staff Sgt. in my first 2 years in the Army and I

still had a Year to go on active duty. The TDY knocked me out of being very active in Scouting but I still helped when I could on Camporees etc. So ends this phase of my FEC involvement.

My next encounter with the FEC came after I had become a Professional Scouter. My first position after graduating from the National Training School at Schiff Scout Reservation in 1960 was in a Council in upstate NY as a District Executive. The Lewiston Trails Council is located in western NY east of Buffalo and west of Rochester along the southern boarder of lake Ontario. I had the county of Orleans as my district and it was primarily a rural area. I was fortunate to have some very dedicated and hard working volunteer Scouters in

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My involvement with the Far East Council began just at the time it became official in 1952-53 I was



Congratulations to the following OAA members who have earned their OAA Service Award as of May 30, 2007:



Emma Asetta	Steven Kuehn
Johnny Bahamonde	Scott Lackey
Wayne Baughman	Barry Lardie
J.K. Blake	William Lardie
Clarence Bright	Alexis Leon Baez
Dan Coberly	Sancho Manzano, Jr
Joe Davis	Bruce Miller
Jose De La Rosa	Paul Nakao
Angel DelGado	Louis Olaso
Vidal Diaz	Al Opstal
Dr. Robert Downey, Jr	Mike Perkins
Peter Dysart	H. James Pifer, II
Simeon Dysart	Jeffrey Rivera
Bradford Estabrook	Rafael Rodriguez Feliciano
Lowell Flickinger	Frank Rogers
Kevin Fortin	Luis F. Rosario-Ortiz
Julie Fukuda	Jay Rutan
Frank Gamble	Robert Schlegel, Jr.
Janet Gaylord	Oliver Skoglund
Jeffrey Goldsmith	Thomas Slavicek
Patrick Hanlon	Michael Soetaert
George Haussmann	Glenn Steffen
Jack Hendrix	Martin Stott
Hiram Hernandez-Fournier	Michael Szymanski
Tom Hetrick	L. Sam Tollett
Dr. Seth Hudak	Charles Walsh
C. Kent Jackson	Gary Whitman
Timothy Jenkins	Dan Wolboldt
Paul Karstendiek	Daniel Wright
Charles Kirkland	Colin Yarker



The Turtle Award will soon have its own patch suitable for wear on the OAA sash.



Chapter 007 Issues newest set of flaps.

Bruce Miller, founder and president of Chapter "007" reports that the chapter is doing well! They are associated with Cahuilla Lodge 127; Inland Empire Council, California.

Their newest issues are now available: Red border is numbered 1 to 50 with 25 of them on a presentation card; Blue border has 100 issued; Silver Mylar border has 50 issued.



From the 1988 Bayern High Adventure camp archives:

Contrary to what most people believe, the Order of the Elf was established, not to ridicule the Order of the Arrow, but to promote cheerfulness and enthusiasm, regardless of how embarrassing it might be to the OE individuals involved (within bounds of good taste, naturally).



Three BHAC Staffers preparing for the OE ceremony in 1988.

The Order was founded by Jack Peacock, who can only be de-scribed as a "Colossus" on the stage of Scouting. The year was 1979; the venue was the now extinct Camp Dahn (Germany). A combination of bad weather and generally low spirits of the Staff prompted Jack to recognize those Staff members who were still smiling no matter what happened to them. The 25th of July was approaching, and the



Tom Slavicek, newest OE inductee in 1988.

If anyone has further historical (hysterical) notes on the OE in other councils please let the editor know...thanks!



James Manuel, "Chief Kink" of the OE and Life member of the OAA (1988)

idea of Christmas in July was adopted, as a small group of hard-working staffers, forever to be known as "Elfs" formed the Order of the Elf. Hence, the first summer camp Christmas was born in TAC.

The ultimate purpose of the Order (other than

making fools of existing members at campfire ceremonies) is to recognize those Scouts who take sarcasm well and who are prepared to go out of their way to make themselves embarrassed (yeah, sure). Actually, those elected into the Order of the Elf (election is done by current members of the Order who meet together during summer camp, prior to Christmas in July), are those Staff members who truly exemplify the ideals

of Scouting in the best of traditions: unselfish in their giving of themselves, without being asked to do so; keeping the cheerful spirit of Scouting alive, in spite of harsh and frustrating circumstances; being true friends to Scouts, and helping them get a meaningful and fun experience in camp; and mature



The Friday night campfire goes up in a blaze of fireworks after being lit by the OE. "What Bob Zadina didn't know didn't hurt us," was the motto.

enough to realize that the OE is, after all, just a silly and fun organization not to be taken seriously (NOT!).

During the summers of 1987 and 1988 the OE continued to play a significant role in camp through its 'public' and 'private' actions. the 'public' portion of service included the lighting of the Friday night campfire where several OE members would array themselves with the official 'regalia' of the Order, and go off to make fools of themselves during the lighting ceremony. The campers had a great time during these escapades especially as they watched the flaming arrow descend from one of the towers and lighting the fire...and watched the fireworks soon after.

The 'private' portion of the OE was to generate great staff morale. This it certainly did, especially when Christmas in July was celebrated. The staff was treated to an OE Christmas Choir, the Chief Kink (James manuel, who was the camp's Program Director) dressed up as Santa Claus, and the giving of gifts to all concerned.



One of the BHAC Rangers gets ready to light the OE Campfire on a Friday night.



James Manuel, OE "Chief Kink", gussied up as Santa Claus during the Christmas in July party at the staff lounge.

The OE eventually made its way across the pond when, in 1994, several former BHAC Staffers were hired to serve on the staff of the Chesterfield Scout Reservation in Massachusetts. The antics continued unabated (safely, of course and without fireworks this time) as new traditions for staff morale and camaraderie were introduced to CSR, especially Christmas in July and creative campfire lighting ceremonies.

