

# **Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America**

## **2013 Annual Recognition Reception**



**Chapelwood United Methodist Church**

**October 15, 2013**

# 2013

## Annual Recognition Reception

Master of Ceremony ..... Bill Balleza

Opening ..... Troop 641

Tribute to Service ..... Dr. James H. "Red" Duke Jr., M.D.

Roll Call to Service ..... Rodney W. Eads  
Chairman of the Board  
Sam Houston Area Council

Lifesaving and Meritorious ..... Honorable Judge Edith H. Jones  
Awards Recognition

Silver Beaver Awards ..... Edward A. Grun  
Presentation Vice Chair of Program

Jerry Fochtman  
Council Advancement and  
Recognition Chair

Challenge to Service ..... Brian Foster  
Council Commissioner

Reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.



# Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

The National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America established the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1969. Since its inception, this prestigious award has been presented approximately 1,500 times nationally.

The Sam Houston Area Council's Distinguished Eagle Scout Award recipients are equally representative of the character and successful lifetime achievement and service necessary to be recognized for this honor.

The elite list of Distinguished Eagle Scouts named below from the Sam Houston Area Council exemplifies the Eagle Scout Challenge as an example of their lifetime achievement.

Honorable Lloyd N. Bentsen, Jr.  
Nelson R. Block  
Gerald P. Carr  
M.L." Sonny" Carter  
George M. Fleming  
Michael E. Fossum  
Orville D. Gaither, Sr.  
Dr. Robert M. Gates  
Carlos R. Hamilton, Jr., M.D.  
Major General Hugh W. Hardy, USMC  
Robert R. Herring  
William G. Higgs  
Honorable David Hittner  
Harold S. Hook  
Lawrence W. Kellner

Thomas A. Krouskop  
Jack L. Lander, Jr.  
James A. Lovell, Jr.  
William P. Lucas  
Douglas G. Mac Lean  
Carrington Mason  
Thomas M. Orth  
Robert W. Scott  
Bobby S. Shackouls  
Howard T. Tellepsen, Jr.  
C. Travis Traylor, Jr.  
John B. Walker  
David M. Weekley  
Honorable Louie Welch  
John V. Wheat

# Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards

Upon nomination by the Sam Houston Area Council, the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America has authorized the presentation of Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards. Tonight we will recognize the following recipients:

## Honor Medal

The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self.

Samuel Armstrong, Troop 533  
Christine Jackson, Pack 825  
William Meyer, Troop 825



## Medal of Merit

The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed some outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.

Byron Sanford, Pack 1491





## **Silver Beaver Award 2013**

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor and upon the nomination of the Sam Houston Area Council presents the Silver Beaver Award to persons for their distinguished service to youth. The Sam Houston Area Council makes a limited number of nominations each year, according to the total number of units registered in the Council.

This award is bestowed for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered adult volunteers who have been nominated by their Scouting peers.

Upon nomination by the Sam Houston Area Council, the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America has authorized the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award to the following Scouters:



## *Doug Acker*

Doug Acker has been an active Scouter in the Tomahawk and Thunder Wolf Districts for 10 years. He currently serves as an Assistant District Commissioner, District Webmaster, District Chaplain, Troop Committee Member, Charter Organization Representative and Charter Executive. His previous service includes Den Leader, Committee Chair, Cubmaster, District Pinewood Derby Chair, Webelos Day Camp Chair and University of Scouting staffer.

Doug has received the District Award of Merit, adult religious award, Tomahawk District award and Thunder Wolf District award. He has earned the Boy Scouter Award, Commissioner's Key, Den Leader Award, Distinguished Commissioner Award, Scout Leader's Training Award and the James E. West Fellowship Award. Doug completed the Masters level of Commissioner Training and Wood Badge.

He volunteers as an officer and member of the Board of Trustees for his synagogue. He worked with a group of volunteers to begin "Math Nites" at Austin Parkway Elementary, a program designed to help kids find both the fun and learning in mathematics.

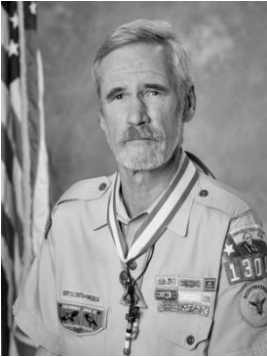


## *Walter Brown*

Walter Brown has served as a leader in Scouting for 15 years in Tall Timbers and George Strake Districts. He is a District Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Crew Associate Adviser, Council Training Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor. He has served as Pack Committee Member, Scoutmaster, District Health and Safety Chair, Cub Leader Pow Wow and University of Scouting trainer and served on staff for Scout Fair, Winter Camp and the Council First Aid Meet.

Walter is the recipient of the District Award of Merit, District Family of the Year, District Scout Leader of the Year, and earned the District Committee Key and Boy Scouter Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has attended Wood Badge and Powder Horn.

He serves in numerous capacities for his church including usher and head counter. He is a rowing coach and an instructor for the American Red Cross.



## *Clarence Buck*

Eagle Scout Clarence Buck of the Raven District has been a Scouting volunteer for 45 years. He serves as a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, Unit Commissioner and District Training Team Member. He has previously served as an Associate Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser and Council Camp Master and staffed numerous summer and winter camps.

Clarence has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Good Shepherd religious award, District Spark Plug Award, District J.P. White Award, and District Most Valuable Unit Leader, and earned the Den Leader Award, Scouter's Key, Scout Leader's Training Award and Scoutmaster's Key. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

He is a lifelong member of his church where he serves as chair of the Church Building and Grounds Committee and sound engineer during worship services.



## *Ken Corwin*

Eagle Scout Ken Corwin has served Scouting for 15 years in Bayshore District. He is currently a Unit Commissioner and Assistant Scoutmaster. Past leadership positions include Tiger Cub Leader, Den Leader, Cubmaster, Day Camp Staffer, Webelos Woods Chair, District Friends of Scouting Team Member, District Webelos to Scout Transition Chair

and has staffed Winter Camp and numerous district events.

Ken has been honored with the District Award of Merit and earned the Commissioner's Arrowhead, Commissioners Key, Outstanding District Committee Member, District Committee Key, Scouter's Key, Distinguished Commissioner, Cubmaster Award and Cub Scouter Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

He is an active member of his church and helps feed the homeless. He has also served as a leader for the Girl Scouts. Ken has coached Little League baseball and Bay Area youth sports.



## *Geoffrey Crawford*

Geoffrey Crawford of the W.L. Davis District has been a Scouting volunteer for 17 years. Geoffrey is a Scoutmaster. He has previously served as Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, Camporee Chair, District First Aid Meet Chair, Merit Badge Counselor, and on Wood Badge and National Youth

Leader Training staff.

He is the recipient of the Unit Leader Award of Merit and District Scoutmaster of the Year, and has earned the Scouter's Key, Scout Leaders' Training Award, and Scoutmaster's Key.

Geoffrey volunteers as a home builder for Habit for Humanity and as a trainer for the Texas Parks and Wildlife. He has coached and managed many youth sports teams.



## *Dat Dao*

Dat Dao has been a Scout leader in Bayshore District for 10 years. He currently serves as OA Chapter Adviser, Assistant Scoutmaster, Member of the Council Planned Giving Committee, Chair of the Council Asian Scouting Committee and Merit Badge Counselor. Past leadership positions include Pack Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Webelos

Woods Chair, Camporee Chair, Order of the Arrow Chapter Ordeal Adviser and District Advancement Committee Member. He has staffed two National Youth Leadership Training courses, several archery events for the Central Division and numerous Order of the Arrow and district events.

Dat has received the District Award of Merit, District Committee Member of the Year, and District Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster, and earned the Boy Scout Leader's Training Award. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

He is an active member of his church serving as a hospitality minister and as an adviser and chaperone for many youth group events. He has mentored summer student research programs for high school and college students, organized a medical mission and served as chair of the advisory board for the Lone Star College Biotechnology Institute.





## *Tamela DeMaranville*

Tamela DeMaranville has served Scouting as an adult leader for 11 years in Phoenix District. She is currently a District Program Chair, Pack Committee Chair, Troop Membership Coordinator and Crew Committee Chair. She has served as a Den Leader, District Activities Chair, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner and Roundtable Staff. She has chaired and staffed multiple district events, and staffed Day Camp, University of Scouting and Cub Leader Pow Wow.

Tamela has been recognized with the District Award of Merit and District Family of the Year. She has earned the Commissioner's Key and District Committee Key. She has attended Powder Horn and Wood Badge.

She is a strong influence in her church and school community and is the coordinator for a new American Heritage Girls Troop.



## *Richard Eichler*

Rich Eichler has been an active Scouter in Phoenix District for 10 years. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster and serves on the Executive Committee of the Sam Houston Area Council as Vice Chair - Marketing. He has previously served as a Cubmaster, Chairman of the Council's 2010 Minute Maid Park Gala, Chairman of the Council's 2012 Distinguished Family Award Dinner and Co-Chair of the Council's 2013 Distinguished Family Award Dinner.

He was honored with the District's Donald R. Collins Community Leadership Award.

Rich is deeply involved in fundraising for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, the Folds of Honor Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Lone Survivor Foundation and Small Steps Nurturing Center.



## *Gene Feigelson*

Gene Feigelson has served Scouting for nearly 40 years. He serves as an adult volunteer leader in Golden Arrow District and Three Rivers Council. He is a Troop Advancement Chair, District Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor. Past leadership positions include Cubmaster, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Advancement Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster and University of Scouting Trainer.

Gene has been recognized with the District Award of Merit from several districts and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting Shofar Award. He has earned the Scouter's Training Award, Webelos Den Leader Award and Cubmaster Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

He works with Habitat for Humanity and volunteers for CanCare and MD Anderson Cancer Center. He was recognized with the Volunteer of the Year award by Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital.



## *Robert Fierro, Jr.*

Eagle Scout Robert Fierro, Jr. has been a Scouter for 30 years in Arrowhead, Skyline, Raven and Flaming Arrow Districts. He is currently serving as a Unit Commissioner and Pack Trainer. His previous service has included working with eight packs, six troops, a crew and ship in virtually every adult leadership role focusing on units in disadvantaged areas. He has also

served as an Assistant District Commissioner, Merit Badge Counselor, District Training Team Member, Roundtable Staff, Friends of Scouting presenter, and has staffed multiple district and Order of the Arrow events.

Robert has received the adult religious service award and Vale la Pena Service Award, and he has earned the International Scouter Award, Scouter's Key Award, Den Leader Award and the Commissioner's Arrowhead. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. He has completed his Masters of Commissioner Science.

He is active in his church and the Knights of Columbus. He has volunteered at MD Anderson Cancer Center, been an adviser for the Christian Alliance for Humanitarian Aid and served on the Board of Directors for the Eastside Mobile Resources Collaborative.



## *Susan Fredericksen*

Susan Fredericksen has been an active adult leader in Tomahawk and Thunder Wolf Districts for 17 years. She serves as a Troop Committee Member, Venturing Crew Committee Member, District Committee Member, Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser, Merit Badge Counselor and Colonneh Lodge Native American Adviser.

She has previously served as a Den Leader, Pack Committee Chair, Unit Commissioner and member of the District Advancement Team. She has staffed multiple district events as well as Day Camp, Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow, University of Scouting and Order of the Arrow events.

Susan has been honored with the District Award of Merit, Tomahawk District Award, Thunder Wolf District Award, Family of the Year Award, Colonneh Lodge Numbered Certificate and the Order of the Arrow Founder's Award. She has earned the Den Leader, Cub Scouter, and Boy Scout Training awards. Susan is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

She has volunteered with the Parent Teachers Association, Band Boosters Association and Girl Scouts.



## *Donald Gregory*

Donald Gregory of the Skyline District has served Scouting for over 22 years. He is currently a District Commissioner and Troop Committee member. He has served as Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Pack Committee Member, Cubmaster, Order of the Arrow Chapter Associate Adviser, District Training Team Member, District Webelos "Do Your Best" Chair and

served on staff for multiple district and Order of the Arrow events.

Donald is the recipient of the District Award of Merit and District Spark Plug Award, and has earned various Den Leader Awards and the 20-year Veteran Scout Recognition. He is a Vigil Honor member in the Order of the Arrow.

He is very active with his church where he is an usher and fundraiser.



## *Rene Halbardier*

Rene Halbardier has been an active adult leader in Orion District. He is currently an Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, Associate Crew Advisor and member of the Council's Shooting Sports Committee. Past leadership positions include Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Chartered Organization Representative, Crew Advisor, Roundtable Commissioner, Unit Commissioner, District Activities Chair, District Camping Committee Member, Day Camp Chair, District Program Chair, District Popcorn Kernel, Friends of Scouting presenter, District Training Team Member and District Dinner Chair. He has served on staff for multiple district events, Order of the Arrow ordeals, Cub Leader Pow Wow, University of Scouting and Winter Camp.

Rene has received the District Award of Merit and District Spark Plug Award and earned the Distinguished Commissioner and Commissioner's Key. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has attended National Camping School.

He is a substitute Sunday School teacher and archery instructor for youth programs. He has been a foster parent to three special needs children, served as president of the Civic Association and served various roles in his church including Sunday School teacher, coordinator and building committee member.



## *Charles Handy, Jr.*

Eagle Scout Charles Handy of the Mustang District has been a Scouting volunteer for 36 years. He currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor. He has previously served as a Pack Committee Member, Scoutmaster, Philmont Crew Advisor, High Adventure Trek Leader, Troop Committee Member and Summer Camp Leader.

Charles has been honored with the District Award of Merit and District Spirit Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

He serves on the administrative board of his church and is an usher. He tutors math at the Texas Department of Corrections. He has coached numerous youth sports teams, served on the board of directors for the Battleship Texas and worked on many Volunteers for America rehabilitation projects.



## *Dan Harvey*

Dan Harvey has been a registered adult in Scouting for 18 years in the Tomahawk, Thunder Wolf and North Star Districts. He is currently serving as a District Committee Member, Merit Badge Counselor, and Unit Commissioner. He has served as Troop Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, District Advancement Chair, District Camping Committee Chair, District Training Team member, District Commissioner, University of Scouting instructor, Cub Leader Pow Wow trainer, Scout Fair volunteer and Phillmont Crew Adviser.

Dan is a recipient of the District Award of Merit, Tomahawk District Award and North Star Shining Star Award, and earned the Scoutmaster's Key, Scout Leader's Training Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner's Arrowhead and Commissioner's Key. He is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

He has actively volunteered in Fort Bend ISD for various youth programs and in his church as a deacon, Bible school teacher, nursing home ministry leader and church nursery administrator.



## *Montye Holmes*

Montye Holmes has served Scouting for 16 years as an adult volunteer leader in Phoenix District. She is currently a Committee Member for a Crew, Ship and Troop. She has served as Crew and Ship Committee Chair, Unit Commissioner, University of Scouting trainer, District Training Chair, District Popcorn Chair, District Scouting for Food Chair, and staffed multiple Winter Camps, Kodiak, Kodiak X programs, C.O.P.E. facilitator training and Powder Horn.

Montye has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Venturing Leadership Award, Adult Religious Service Award, District Trainer of the Year Award, District Sparkplug Award and the District Jack of All Trades Award. She has earned the Boy Scout Leader Training Award, Venturing Leader Training Award, District Committee Key and Commissioner's Key. Montye is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

Montye has served in various roles in her church including Sunday School teacher, nursery attendant and a member of the choir.



## *Elizabeth Kasper*

Elizabeth Kasper has been an active Scouter in the Golden Arrow, Rising Star and Soaring Eagle Districts for 17 years. She serves as a Troop and Crew Committee Member. Past leadership positions include Tiger Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Pack Trainer, Pack Committee Member, Day Camp Staff, Philmont Crew Advisor, Sea Base Adventure leader, summer camp leader, merit badge counselor, District Training Team Member, Boy Scout Roundtable Staff, religious awards instructor, University of Scouting trainer and Advisor of the Kandersteg Switzerland Adventure.

Beth is the recipient of the District Award of Merit, Rising Star District Award, Rising Star Family of the Year, National Catholic Committee Scouting Bronze Pelican Award, Diocesan Catholic Committee Scroll of Honor and has earned the Scout Leader's Training award. She is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

Beth is very active in her church, teaches religious education, helps students after school prepare for the SAT tests, and is a member of the military families support group, United Service Organizations (USO) and Houston Marine moms.



## *Clifton Keeler*

Eagle Scout Clifton Keeler has served as a leader in Scouting for 25 years in the Iron Horse and Polaris Districts and several other Councils. He is currently the District Vice Chair. He has served as a District Chair, Assistant District Commissioner, Chartered Organization Representative, Philmont Crew Adviser, Varsity Team Coach, Venturing Crew Advisor, Merit Badge Clinic chair, University of Scouting Recruiter, FOS Chair for LDS Units, Varsity Soccer and Dodge Ball Tournament Chair and Varsity Rock Climbing Event Chair.

Clifton has been honored with the District Award of Merit and Adult Religious Service Award and is Wood Badge trained.

He volunteers in his church and has served numerous roles including Bishop, Stake Young Men's President, Priests Quorum Advisor, and High Priest Group Leader.



## *Dee Koch*

Dee Koch has served the Brazos and Tomahawk Districts for over 20 years. She serves on the Finance Committee and Friends of Scouting for the Fort Bend County. She has also volunteered with Urban Scouting.

Dee is actively involved in the community and its affairs. She founded and administers the Youth in Philanthropy Program which provides opportunities for junior and senior high school students to learn the role of volunteering and philanthropy. At the end of each program year, students report to the community on their efforts and vie for scholarships donated through community efforts. She also began and still administers the Leadership for Nonprofit Excellence program to give nonprofit boards and staff the tools to effectively use community resources in Fort Bend County.



## *Alex La Mar*

Alex La Mar has been a volunteer in Soaring Eagle Rising Star, Mustang and the Hispanic Scouting Division for 17 years. He currently serves as Cubmaster, Merit Badge Counselor and Council Committee Member. He has previously served as Scoutmater, Webelos Leader, Crew Committee Chair, Chartered Organization Representative, Troop

Committee Member, Varsity Coach, Cub Leader Pow Wow Trainer, Council Commissioner of the Hispanic Scouting Division, University of Scouting instructor and Wood Badge Scoutmaster.

Alex has been recognized with the Hispanic Scouting Division Siempre Listo Award.

He has served many roles in his Church including Stake Presidency First Counselor, Bishop, High Council and Branch President.



## *Leslie Melton*

Leslie Melton of the Bayshore District has been a Scouting volunteer for nine years. She currently serves as the Council Day Camp Committee Chair, District Activities Chair, Troop Advancement Chair, Merit Badge Counselor and Course Director for the National Camping School Cub Day Camp Administration course. Past leadership positions include Pack Committee Chair, Webelos Leader, Roundtable Staff, Wood Badge staff, District Day Camp Chair, Camporee Chair, Webelos Woods Chair, District Fishing Tournament Chair, District Pushmobile Chair, District Training Team Member and staff for multiple district and Order of the Arrow events.

Leslie has been honored with the District Award of Merit, District Committee Member of the Year and as District Outstanding Pack Committee Chair of the Year. She is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

She sings in the church choir and has volunteered at vacation Bible school and facilitated the Scout Religious medals program.



## *Ramage Milby*

Ramage Milby has served Scouting for 13 years in Polaris and Orion Districts. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Crew Associate Advisor, Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser, District Training Team Member and Merit Badge Counselor. He has previously served as a Pack Committee Member, Friends of Scouting presenter, Urban Scouting volunteer and University of Scouting Trainer. He has served on staff for Day Camp, Fun With Son and multiple Order of the Arrow and district events.

Ramage is the recipient of the District Family of the Year and is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. Ramage has attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference, Philmont, Wood Badge and Powder Horn.

He volunteers for many church and school programs such as the local Future Farmers of America and Reserve Officers' Training Corp.





## *Ann Randolph*

Ann Randolph has been active in Scouting for over 17 years in Polaris, Orion, and Tall Timbers Districts and in the Longhorn Council. She is currently a Troop Committee Member, District Training Team Member, Friends of Scouting Family Chair, Merit Badge Counselor and Unit Commissioner. Past leadership roles include Chartered Organization Representative, Pack Committee Chair, Pack Committee Member, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, District Vice Chair of Administration, instructor for the National Day Camp School, Assistant District Commissioner, Day Camp Chair, Webelos Woods Chair and Council Day Camp Committee Chair.

Ann has been awarded the District Award of Merit, District Spark Plug Award, District Family of the Year, and earned the District Committee Key, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award and Commissioner Gold Star. Ann is Wood Badge trained.

She is very active in her church serving as elder, participating in the hand bell choir, fall craft show leader and serving on numerous committees. She makes quilts for the ALS Foundation and has coached soccer and chaperoned numerous school band and youth activities.



## *Gary Robinson*

Gary Robinson has been an adult leader in the Arrowhead, Tomahawk and North Star Districts for 36 years. He serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Colonneh Lodge office staff volunteer. He has served as an Assistant Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Philmont Crew Adviser, Boy Scout Roundtable Staff, Unit Commissioner, Council International Committee Member and JLTC Course Director.

Gary has received the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Arrowhead Mullet Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and James E. West Fellowship from Colonneh Lodge, and he has earned the Boy Scouter Award, and Scouter's Key. Gary is a Vigil Honor member in the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

He is an elder and deacon at his church and serves as a preschool and kindergarten volunteer.



## *Michael Scherer*

Michael Scherer has served Scouting for 12 years in Mustang and Texas Skies Districts. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner, District Committee Member, Merit Badge Counselor and Council Activities Committee Member. He has served as Pack, Troop and Crew Committee Member, Tiger Leader, Cubmaster, Roundtable Commissioner, District Vice Chair of Program, Cub Leader Pow Wow and University of Scouting Trainer, Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training staff, Trainer's EDGE instructor, Outdoor Training Chair, District Eagle Board of Review representative and Council Conservation Committee Member.

Michael has received the District Award of Merit and District Family of the Year Award, and earned the Den Leader Award, Boy Scouter Award, Scout Leader's Training Award, Arrowhead Award and Commissioner's Key. He is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow.

He is heavily involved with the PTA, Junior Achievement, KEYS Mentor and Texas Parks & Wildlife and serves on the Family of Faith youth ministry team.

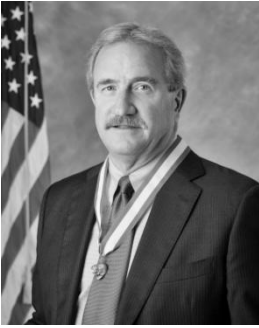


## *Greg Soules*

Eagle Scout Greg Soules has been a Scouter in Phoenix District for 10 years. He currently serves as the Associate Adviser of Administration for Colonneh Lodge and a District Committee Member. He has previously served as Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser, Webelos Leader, District Membership Chair, District Newsletter Editor, District Training Team Member and Unit Commissioner. He has staffed Wood Badge and numerous district and Order of the Arrow events.

Greg is the recipient of the District Award of Merit, District Trainer of the Year award, Colonneh Lodge Numbered Certificate, Order of the Arrow Founder's Award and earned the Commissioner's Key and Arrowhead Honor Award. Greg is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

He is very active in his church and has served as Sunday school teacher and on a variety of committees. He is also a mentor for elementary and college science students.



## *Burke Sunday*

Eagle Scout Burke Sunday of the Brazos District has served Scouting for 10 years. He is currently the District Chairman and a member of the 2013 Board of Directors for the Sam Houston Area Council.

He has been honored with the District's Gator Award and is an Ordeal member in the Order of the Arrow.

Burke is the director of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District #198. He has coached several YMCA youth athletic teams, volunteered in support of the Houston Marathon, and served on many school committees including the fundraising committee. He was also President of the Parent Teacher Organization.



## *Karen Taylor*

Karen Taylor has been involved in Scouting in the Mustang, Texas Skies, Tatanka and Copperhead Districts for 12 years. She serves as Crew Advisor and Ship Committee Chair. Past leadership positions include Tiger Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Pack Committee Member, Troop Committee Member, Crew Committee Member, Pack Committee

Chair, Crew Committee Chair, Associate Crew Advisor, Crew Advisor, Day Camp staff, Council Venturing Committee Member, University of Scouting Trainer, Powder Horn staff, Venturing Summit Co-Chair, and Wood Badge staff.

Karen has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Adult Religious Service Award, Tiger Den Leader Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scout Leader's Training Award, Venturing Leadership Award and Copperhead District CARES Award.

She volunteers in her church and has served in various roles such as Primary Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Young Women's Advisor, Relief Society, Pianist and Organist. She frequently serves as an advocate for children who are in the Child Protective Service system. She has served as president of the Parent Teacher Association.



## *Kenneth Thuesen*

Ken Thuesen of the David Crocket District has been a Scouting volunteer for 17 years. He is a Scoutmaster and District Training Team Member. Past leadership positions include Scout Parent, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, High Adventure Scout Leader, District Webelos to Scout Transition Chair, District Training Team Member and Webelos Woods Chair. He has also staffed Day Camp, Fun with Son and multiple district events.

Ken has received the District Award of Merit, District Extra Miler award, District Scoutmaster of the Year, Scouter's Key, Scout Leader Training Award, Scoutmaster's Key and District Family of the Year Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow Ordeal and is Wood Badge trained.

He has served many roles in his church including council member, youth mentor, youth chaperone, Christian education and vacation Bible school. He was active in Little League and the school band program and numerous community events such as highway cleanup and food drives.



## *Frank Tsuru*

Eagle Scout Frank Tsuru has been involved in Scouting since he joined Cub Scouts. He is the immediate past Chairman of the Sam Houston Area Council Board of Directors and currently serves as an officer of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and is the founding chairman of the Council's Eagle Scout Association.

Mr. Tsuru is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

He serves on the board of trustees for the Star of Hope Mission, a charitable faith-based organization that assists homeless families and individuals in Houston; as Chairman of the Board for Yellowstone Academy, a faith-based private school located in the Third Ward serving Houston's most disadvantaged children; and is a member of the committee for West Houston Young Life.



## *Rich Weiser*

Rich Weiser has served as an adult leader for 12 years in Soaring Eagle and Rising Star Districts. He is currently an Assistant District Commissioner and District Webmaster. He has served as a Tiger Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee Member, Pack Committee Chair, Day Camp Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, District Training Team Member, District Quartermaster, Roundtable Staff, Unit Commissioner and District Program Chair. He has also staffed multiple district events, Cub Leader Pow Wow, University of Scouting and Wood Badge.

Rich has been honored with the District Award of Merit, and earned the Commissioner's Arrowhead, Commissioner's Key, and Distinguished Commissioner. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

He is a volunteer usher for the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts and the Alley Theatre. He provides books and school supplies to an elementary school in Sagay City, Phillipines.



# 2012 Highlights

## Sam Houston Area Council

### MEMBERSHIP

51, 211	Registered Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring
8,798	Youth participants in the curriculum/school based (includes special needs) Learning for Life programs
19,499	Registered volunteer adult leaders
1,761	Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Units
72	Exploring Posts
87%	Districts recognized for a <i>Journey to Excellence</i> Quality program
36%	"At-Risk" youth served by Scouting through Scoutreach

### CAMPING

88,454	Total number of days camped at the Council's five camps
37,493	Total nights camped by Scouts at the Council's five camps
7,410	Acres available for youth camping maintained and operated by the Council

### PROGRAM

21,895	Cub Scout ranks earned
8,483	Boy Scout ranks earned
1,175	Scouts earned the Eagle Rank
31,576	Total advancements earned
37,797	Merit badges earned
215,235	Pounds of Food donated during Scouting for Food
800,000	Estimated community service hours

### FINANCE

\$12,647,519	Operating expense
3.5%	Excess revenue over operating expense
78,252,496	Total assets
\$1,680,338	New gifts for permanently restricted endowment
\$246	Estimated dollar amount spent to support each youth involved in a program

### RECOGNITION

Sam Houston Area Council achieved the Gold Level status in the National Journey to Excellence program, the highest level a Council can receive.

**BSA Mission Statement:** The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

**Sam Houston Area Council’s Mission Statement:** “Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service and Achievement.”

**Scout Law:** A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.



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