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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

with Keynote Speaker, Jim Cantore

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Heart of Virginia Council Friends of Scouting
Annual Campaign Dinner
Forecasting Tomorrow's Leaders

Welcome Nathan Roberson, **Eagle Scout (2023)**

Dominion Energy

Opening Ceremony Color Guard, **Troop 772, Berea Baptist Church**

Pledge of Allegiance – Gavin Stuver, Troop 804

Invocation – Taylor Campbell, Troop 736

Dinner

Pike Electric Sponsor Recognition

Mitchell Hardy, VP of Human Resources Nathan Roberson

Council Highlights Jeff Miscikowski, **HOVC Board Chair**

2026 Kiewit Distinguished Citizen Award

Commander Paul Galanti (Retired USN) Matt Miscikowski, **Eagle Scout (2021)**

Scout Stories John Reid, **Eagle Scout (1988)**

Taylor Campbell – Eagle Scout, Troop 736 *Sponsored by AECOM*

Alexander Cabral – Eagle Scout, Troop 2860 *Sponsored by Crowder USA*

Yolanda Gilliam – Parent, Troop 438 *Sponsored by Davenport*

Challenge to Invest Jeff Miscikowski

Patriot Industries Keynote Speaker Presented by Khalil McIver

Meteorologist – 12 On Your Side, Eagle Scout (2010)

Jim Cantore, Meteorologist and Storm Tracker, The Weather Channel

Matrix Bourbon Draw George McGovern, **Scout Executive**

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Jeff Miscikowski

HOVC Board Chair



Jeffrey Miscikowski serves as Vice President of Thermal Construction at Dominion Energy, where he leads the construction of natural gas combustion turbine and combined cycle generation projects across the company's footprint, including the Greenville-Brunswick LNG project. Since joining Dominion Energy in 2001 as a trading analyst, Jeff has held a series of leadership roles spanning analytic trading support, fuel operations, and construction project controls, steadily advancing through the organization. He has played a key role in shaping the company's generation construction efforts, most recently spearheading renewable generation construction initiatives before assuming his current role in April 2026.

Prior to his tenure at Dominion Energy, Jeff worked as a senior process engineer in the printed circuit board industry with Lucent Technologies and Viasystems Technologies, and as a defense industry analyst at MIT Lincoln Laboratory. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Jeff is deeply committed to Scouting, currently serving as Board Chair for the Heart of Virginia Council. Jeff's leadership in both industry and Scouting reflects a strong dedication to innovation, service, and building a better future.



Khalil McIver

Meteorologist – 12 On Your Side
Eagle Scout (2010)



Khalil McIver is a meteorologist and Eagle Scout whose passion for weather began at just 10 years old. A native of Rochester, New York, he earned his Eagle Scout rank in 2010 with Troop 37, becoming the first African American Eagle Scout in the troop's history.

For his Eagle Scout project, Khalil led the construction of an outdoor storage shed and completed indoor renovations for a Crisis Nursery in Rochester, demonstrating an early commitment to service. He went on to pursue his passion academically, earning a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology from SUNY Oswego in 2020. Khalil began his career in broadcast meteorology at WBOY-TV in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and now shares his love of weather and the outdoors in the Richmond area—continuing to inspire others and truly embody the spirit of *Forecasting Tomorrow's Leaders*.

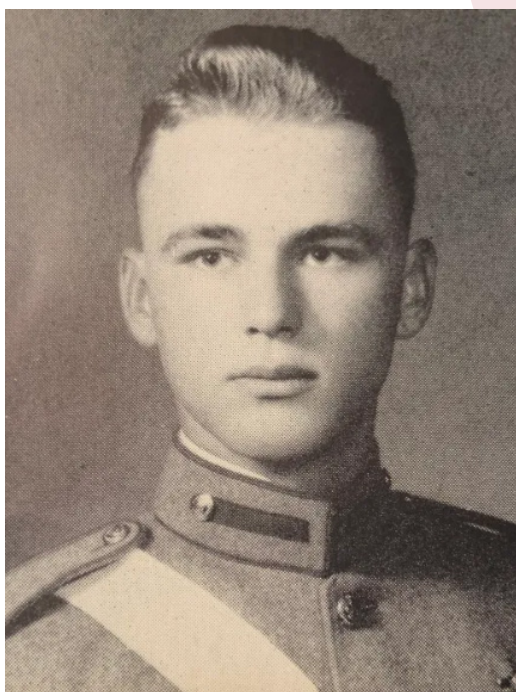




Commander Paul Galanti

Ret. United States Navy 2026 Distinguished Citizen Award

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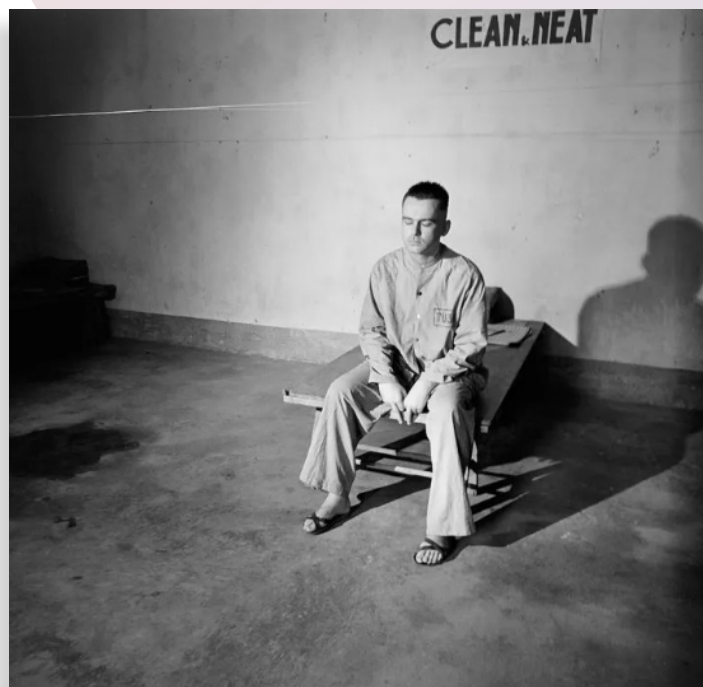


Paul Galanti was born in 1939 in Glen Gardner, New Jersey. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy on June 6, 1962, and became a Naval Aviator in 1963.

Following a tour as a flight instructor, Galanti was assigned to the A-4 Replacement Air Group at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California. He was shot down over North Vietnam while flying his 97th combat mission in an A-4 Skyhawk from the USS Hancock on June 17, 1966. He spent the next 2,432 days as a Prisoner of War in ten prisons scattered all over North Vietnam.

Commander Galanti was released on February 12, 1973, during Operation Homecoming. Following hospitalization, he regained flight status, earned an MBA from the University of Richmond, and served as the Commanding Officer of Navy recruiting in Virginia.

Commander Galanti served next as a Battalion Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1979 until his medical retirement from the Navy on June 30, 1982. After his retirement from the Navy, he served as the CEO of the Virginia Pharmacy and Medical Societies, and has been active in entrepreneurial ventures, and veteran's affairs policies on both the state and national level.



Paul is a former President of the Virginia Aviation Foundation, the Science Museum of Virginia Foundation, and of Nam-POWs. He served as the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 2010, the Education Center at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia, was dedicated the Paul & Phyllis Galanti Education Center in honor of Paul and his wife, Phyllis.



For his unwavering dedication and a lifetime of service to our country and our commonwealth, the Heart of Virginia Council is proud to name Paul Galanti as our 2026 Distinguished Citizen.

The Heart of Virginia Council's Distinguished Citizen Award honors individuals whose leadership, service, and character reflect the highest ideals of Scouting.

This recognition is presented to a community leader who has made a lasting impact through their professional achievements and commitment to others. While not always a Scout, the recipient exemplifies the values of the Oath and Law in their daily life.



2026
Distinguished Citizen Award
Commander Paul Galanti



Scout Stories



Taylor Campbell
Troop 736

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Taylor Campbell of Troop 736 was awarded the 2026 Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award, recognized at the Eagle Commencement Ceremony in February 2026. Seeing a need at the Henrico County Animal Shelter, Taylor led the design and construction of enrichment and housing solutions, including two elevated dog agility ramps, six decorative fence displays, and four insulated feral cat homes. To support the project, she organized multiple fundraisers, including selling handmade crocheted pumpkins, launching a GoFundMe campaign, and securing donations, ultimately raising more than \$1,100. She coordinated over 330 hours of volunteer planning and labor, bringing together youth and adult participants to complete the work. Despite challenging conditions, including heavy rain and a tornado warning, Taylor demonstrated outstanding leadership and resilience to successfully deliver a project that continues to benefit animals in her community.

Alexander Cabral
Troop 2860

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Alexander Cabral has been involved in Scouting his entire life, beginning as a Tiger Cub and completing his Eagle Scout Board of Review in June 2025, while serving as a member of Troop 2860 and co-founder and President of Venturing Crew 2822 (STEM Crew). He has earned 95 merit badges, with additional badges pending, and is on track to achieve 16 Eagle Palms, and he has been nominated for the Venturing Leadership Award. For his Eagle Scout project, Alexander led the adaptation of more than 100 toys for children with physical and developmental disabilities, developing innovative modification methods and organizing a large-scale workday at the VCU MakerSpace with more than 50 volunteers and thousands of dollars in donated materials. He has since helped expand the initiative by training others to lead additional workdays, creating a sustainable model that continues to benefit families and organizations such as the Children's Hospital of Richmond. As he prepares to study engineering, Alexander credits Scouting as a defining influence that shaped his leadership, service, and future aspirations.



Yolanda Gilliam - Parent
Troop 438

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Yolanda Gilliam is the principal of the Anna Julia Cooper School in Richmond, bringing more than 20 years of experience in education and a deep commitment to student success. A graduate of Virginia State University, she is passionate about creating opportunities for young people to grow in confidence, character, and leadership. As both an educator and a parent, Yolanda has seen firsthand the impact Scouting can have—encouraging her son, Ethan, to get involved and watching as he overcame personal challenges and began to thrive. Her belief in the power of positive experiences and supportive communities extends beyond her own family, helping shape the lives of students throughout her school. Yolanda is married with three children and a dog named Kevin.

A portrait of Jim Cantore, a meteorologist and storm tracker for The Weather Channel. He is wearing a dark blue baseball cap with 'The Weather Channel' and 'weather.com' logos, and a blue jacket with 'The Weather Channel' and 'weather.com' logos. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green grass and a bright sky.

Jim Cantore

*Meteorologist and Storm Tracker,
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Jim Cantore is one of the most recognized faces in weather. Known for his live reports from severe weather events, Cantore embodies the passion and knowledge of The Weather Channel (Weather) that makes him the weather authority viewers turn to when the forecast turns dire. He has covered every major weather event of the past 30 years, including Hurricanes Katrina and Irene and Superstorm Sandy, solidifying his role and the role of The Weather Channel as the leading source for severe weather coverage. Cantore is well known for his animated, tenacious style, both in the field and in the studio. As Weather's storm tracker, Cantore reports tirelessly before, during, and after weather events, providing live reports and insights for the network. When not in the field, he covers the latest forecast and weather news on "AMHQ," weekdays from 6 - 9 a.m. ET.



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Weather Merit Badge



Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and the forces that shape our weather. Through the completion of the Weather Merit Badge, Scouts explore how temperature, wind, and moisture interact to create everyday weather patterns. They also learn how forecasts are made, study severe weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and gain the knowledge needed to stay safe in changing conditions.

Sunny with Strong Participation



Scouts Earned the Weather Merit Badge in Council (2025)

Nationwide Outlook



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Most Earned Merit Badge Nationally (2025)

What Scouts Are Learning



- Atmospheric science & wind
- Water cycle & precipitation
- Cloud identification

Severe Weather Ready



Scouts who earn this merit badge learn how to identify dangerous weather conditions, understand watches versus warnings, and prepare for storm safety.

Longterm Outlook: The Future is Bright

- Builds STEM skills
- Encourages outdoor awareness
- Increases an understanding of weather and climate
- Introduces Scouts to meteorology careers
- Develops leadership

Weather Merit Badge Overview



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Council Highlights



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Voted the Best Summer Camp by the Richmond Times-Dispatch

7,019

Youth Were Served in Central Virginia

88%

Increase in Summer Camp Attendance Over 2024

217

Scouts Achieved the Rank of Eagle

30,560

Total Eagle Scout Service Project Hours

3,446

Total Youth & Adult Attendees at Cub Adventure Camp in 2025

612

ScoutReach Youth Served in Petersburg & Richmond

14

New Units Were Founded in 2025

166

New Scouts Benefitted from the First Year Camper Area in 2025

We are excited to have initiated upgrades to the Albright Conservation Area at Camp T. Brady Saunders, providing campers with a beautiful outdoor space to explore and learn from, along with 3 rustic wilderness campsites. Additionally, the Koch Nature Lodge received a significant number of improvements, including a new pavilion and rooftop, as well as much-needed updates to interior and exterior fixtures. The First Year Camper area, including the Adams Pavilion, opened for service in the summer of 2025 and has been an exciting addition to camp, which was voted the #1 Best Summer Camp in 2025 by the Richmond Times-Dispatch.





On Target

Center for Youth Marksmanship

For over 110 years, the Heart of Virginia Council has been a cornerstone of youth development in Central Virginia, instilling the timeless values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. While our principles remain as relevant today as they were in 1913, it is the thrill of outdoor adventure that often draws young people to Scouting. Among our most exciting programs are the Range and Target Activities, where Scouts of all ages challenge themselves in a safe, structured environment.

At Camp T. Brady Saunders, Scouts receive expert instruction in shotgun, rifle, and archery under the guidance of highly qualified instructors. These programs help youth learn to respect firearms, care for them, handle them, and build skills in safety, accuracy, confidence, and discipline—skills that stay with them for life.

However, our current facilities, built in 1982, are in critical need of replacement.





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