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*Annual
Recognition Gala
&
Silver Beaver
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Presentation*

Thursday, May 28th
Rockville Center
16238 Pouncy Tract Road
Rockville, VA 23146



*Introducing the
Class of 2025
Silver Beavers*

- Ben Ward
- John Fugman
- Selena Giannasi
- Steven "Smitty" Smith

J. Tyler Kennedy	20 Years	Elizabeth Kelley	Arrohattoc
Joshua Kennedy	20 Years	Tom Scott	James River
Elvin Bielmyer	20 Years	Shawn Spencer	Dogwood
Michael Crone	20 Years	Timothy Towslee	James River
Tim O'Brien, Sr.	20 Years		
Charlotte Pemberton	25 Years		
Pieter Van Saun	25 Years		
Richard Gladfelter III	25 Years		
Elmer Wolf	30 Years		
David Anderson	35 Years		
Robert Johnson	40 Years		
Kathleen Tucker	40 Years		
Charley Banks	40 Years		
Douglas Clabough	40 Years		
Herbert Spencer Adams	60 Years		
Cecil W. Smith	60 Years		
Rick Bragga	65 Years		

William Boyce Award

Kevin Boynton	Huguenot Trail
Topher Buskirk	Arrohattoc
Michael Cabral	Arrohattoc
Matt Chafin	Huguenot Trail
Joshua Davis	Arrohattoc
Becky Hoang	Huguenot Trail
Bruce Hoang	Huguenot Trail
Christopher Hollomon	Huguenot Trail
Emily Iniguez	Huguenot Trail
Sarah Roper	James River
Jonathan Silverman	James River
Steven Smith	Arrohattoc
Lauren Sos	Huguenot Trail
Michael Sos	Huguenot Trail
Brian Stuver	Huguenot Trail
Jeffrey Urban	Huguenot Trail

Unit Leader Award of Merit

Eric App	Dogwood
Brian Cox	James River
Sara Durmon	Arrohattoc
Herbert Eggleston	Arrohattoc
Karl Keach	Arrohattoc

Special Award Presentations

Distinguished Commissioner Service Award

- Jim Ewan
- Kathy McKee
- Tom McKee

North Star Award
Jim Ryan

Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award

- Kisha Christian
- Christopher Maier
- Kimberly Meza
- Erica Seabury

National Duty to God Award
Chris Malone

Venturing Leadership Award

- Alexander Cabral
- Joshua Davis
- David Roberson
- Nathan Roberson

Torch of Gold Award

- Claudette Longest
- Cindy Morris
- Joy Townsend

Awardees of 2025

Alumni Award

Jeremy Weiner Dogwood

David Roberson James River
Sarah Roper James River
Pieter Van Saun James River

Commissioner Arrowhead Award

Tim O'Brien, Sr. James River
Steven Smith Arrohattoc

District Committee Scouter Training
John Mullin James River

Commissioner Award of Excellence

Leilani Butler Arrohattoc
Richard Fisher Arrohattoc
Jimmy La Brecque Arrohattoc
Sharlee La Brecque Arrohattoc
Tim O' Brien, Sr. James River
Charlotte Pemberton James River

District Committee Key
Lee Beasley Dogwood
Sharlee La Brecque Arrohattoc
Andrew Owens Arrohattoc
Frederick Molter Crater
John Mullin James River

Commissioner's Key

Steven Smith Arrohattoc

Scouter's Training Award - Scouts BSA
Eric App Troop 544
Joshua Davis Troop 2860
Judith Grigg Troop 1818
Sarah Roper Troop 709
Daina Slocum Troop 1818
Shawn Spencer Troop 503
Otha Vannoy III Troop 1818

Cubmaster's Key

Elizabeth Dombroski Dogwood
Michael Raymond James River
Richard Gladfelter III James River

Den Leader Training Award

Kyle Bishop Pack 706
Brett Danklesen Pack 736
Russell Demarest Pack 501
Nicholas Gilstrap Pack 2806
Richard Gladfelter III Pack 744
Jay C. Lee Pack 517
Troy Mulkey Pack 744
Issac Otero Pack 744
Claude Pultz Pack 736

Scouter's Training Award - Cub Scouts
Kyle Bishop Pack 706
Leilani Butler Pack 2806
Nicholas Gilstrap Pack 2806
Richard Gladfelter III Pack 744
Mary Kennedy Pack 2806
Allen Sleeman Pack 772
Joshua Visconti Pack 772

Distinguished Commissioner Service

Charles Bedall James River
Douglas Hill Dogwood
Wanda Staggs Crater
Tom Wood James River

Scoutmaster's Key
Shawn Spencer Troop 503
Otha Vannoy III Troop 1818

Outdoor Ethics Awareness & Action

Lee Beasley Troop / Pack 521

District Award of Merit

Jan Butterworth Crater
Jon Cliborne Dogwood
James Ewan Dogwood
Alston Heggie Arrohattoc
Scott Hurley Crater
Amanda Kirby Arrohattoc

Veteran Award 5+
Emelia Delaporte 5 Years
Bryan Kelley 5 Years
Mary Kennedy 5 Years
Nicholas Gilstrap 10 Years
David Roberson 15 Years
James Carr 15 Years
Nicholas Parker 15 Years

Recognition Gala Program of Events

Opening

Charlie Shade
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Daren Stills

Pledge & Oath

Color Guard – Troop 736G

Board Chairman Address

Jeff Miscikowski

Scout Executive Address

George McGovern

Glenn & Melinda Adams Award

Winner Recognition

Charlie Shade
Taylor Campbell – Troop 736G

Special Award Presentations

Sharlee La Brecque
Chuck Sullivan

Silver Beaver Award Presentation

Tom Wood

Scoutmaster's Minute

Rebekah Nyalko

Closing

Color Guard – Troop 736G



About the Silver Beaver Award

As a movement powered by volunteers, Scouting America recognizes the vital importance of honoring those who dedicate themselves to serving youth. The Silver Beaver Award stands as the highest honor a local Council can bestow upon a volunteer—and is one of the most prestigious awards in all of Scouting.

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award was created to recognize distinguished service to youth at the Council level. Unlike awards that are earned through specific requirements, the Silver Beaver is a recognition of exceptional service, granted by the nomination and recommendation of one's fellow Scouters.

Each year, a dedicated Council committee carefully reviews nominations submitted from across the Council. Final approval is granted by the National Council, based on the committee's recommendations.

Recipients of the Silver Beaver Award may be individuals who have provided decades of dedicated service—or those whose single, extraordinary contributions have made a lasting impact. Some honorees are recognized for their outstanding service to youth within Scouting, while others are honored for their commitment to youth through service in the broader community.

Florence June Manson Ford
Al Huggins
Thomas McKee
Michael R. Menefee, Sr.
Marshall N. Morton
Robert D. Ramsey
Charles W. Starke
Terence G. Thompson, Sr.
Everett O. Winn

1996

Dorothy M. Drake
Lowell K. Flickinger
Clinton W. Hues
Dr. Barry E. Roper
Joyce Salmon
R. Phillip Scarborough, Jr.
Mary Ann Taylor
William L. Wellons
Richard T. Wilson III

1995

Thomas H. Carr Sr.
Frances Costin DeJan
Martha Hampton
Randolph J. Harris, Jr.
Ronald H. Jennings
Matthew MacLaughlin
George V. Moncure, Jr.
Carl Lee Willett

1994

William C. Barga
T. Richard Benson, Sr.
Charles A. Brown
Charlotte T. Cooper
Frances Broaddus Crutchfield
Ed Ewbank
Nancy Fonseca
Richard A. Harman
Dr. Stephen Lickey
Harold Singleton

1993

Ralph O. Albright
Jim E. Beamguard
Benjamin E. Gregory, Jr.
Donald W. Hill
Janice M. Mack
Gerald B. MacKay
G. Andrew Nea, Jr.

Anthony Patrick Smith
Alfred Wilson

1992

Alan Barnes
Elizabeth A. Conner-Flippen
Alecia G. Jones
Gary Keesecker
Robert J. Moss
Roy W. Page
Joe C. Peace, Jr.
Robert W. Soderholm II

1991

Joan G. Berryman
Richard C. Cordle
James M. Crumpler
Frank J. Deckert
Robert E. Eck
John D. Farmer
G. Michael Oxford
John R. Vincent

1990

Leon E. App
Mary Anne Billcheck
John H. Bradshaw
Gloria W. Flowers
John Jones
Ryman C. Jones, Sr.
William R. Overstreet
Robert Siegfried
Sands Smith

1989

Stephen M. Billchec, Jr.
Paul E. Cheesman, Jr.
Allen Mead Ferguson
Alvin A. Flowers, Jr.
Benjamin Myrick III
G. Winston Overstreet
A. P. Sykes, Jr.
Bennie R. Ward
McDonald Wellford

1988

David R. Bartlow
Alton C. Childers
Donald E. Garrett
Philip E. Hagerich
Minnie C. Jackson

Andrew Mihalcoe
R. Robert Rasmussen II
Thomas E. Stimpson, Jr.
Charles W. Sullivan

1987

David Kirk Bigger
Paul R. Bigley
Betty Cochran
John L. Conron
Edith Mitchell
Ronald O. Russell
Shannon Francis Tate
John R. Williams, Sr.

1986

J. Curtis Branyon
Raymond J. Browder
Earl C. Cochran, Jr.
Ian M. Coddington
George T. Crutchfield
John H. Graves
Tristram T. Hyde IV
David S. Lowman
Robert H. Smith, Sr.
Robert E. Tucker
S. Joseph Ward

1985

John A. Davenport
Stuart H. Dunn
George H. Ginn
Bonnie Griffith
Frederick J. Kifner III
James Christopher Lansing
William H. Messerly
Randall A. Strawbridge
David W. Talley
Don G. Virgin

1984

Burness F. Ansell, Jr.
Dora Belcher
Rex David Born
Theodore E. Evans
Elizabeth T. Pinion
William Levi Smith
John K. Taylor
Peter C. Toms
William A. Young, Jr.

Marian M. Fletcher
Catherine E. Harding
John C. Magruder
Brandon C. Martin
James E. Richards
Paul E. Smith

Mark A. Larson
Patricia A. Meadows
Joseph G. "Tray" Murphy III
Craig L. Rascoe
Katherine C. Rock
Karren D. Streagle

Nancy G. Evans
Warren Lee Johnson
Christine C. Jones
Howard Bruce Pettie
Glen Slonneger
Billy F. Warf
Randall G. Welch
Horace P. Whitworth

2008

William A. Barton
Alford Henry Becker, Jr.
Keith N. Hurley
John W. King
John K. McCulla
William Knute Meeks, Sr.
Michael Wayne Pace
Gladys Lewis Robinson
Dr. Charles W. Smith III
George Washington
Thompson, Jr.

2004

David Clark Ansell
Jonah J. Bowles III
Fred W. Danz
Patricia L. Hilton
Steven Allen Humphries
James R. Johnson, Sr.
Kathryn M. McKee
Kitty Norris
Jonathan Stewart Shouse
John W. Stahl
Joseph J. Vinsh, Jr.

2000

Phillip Edward Battle
Erik Olaf Bodin III
Richard C. Brett
J. Harry Davis
Deborah A. Ferrando
John W. Knapp, Jr.
Christopher M. Malone
James A. Schillinger
Walter W. Scott
John E. Slaughter, Jr.
Michael Arthur Traylor

2007

J. Robin Chandler
Rowland Frederic Creamer
Timothy C. Goodman
Carolyn Maxey Judon
Bruce A. Kay
Paul W. Kreckman
Robert E. Preston
Jesse C. Richardson
Cecil M. Smith
Mark Harvey Waggoner

2003

Frank W. Baze
Richard P. "Rick" Bragga
Richard W. "Dickey" Coffey
Chris W. Corcoran
Robert B. Delano
Sevens N. Gentil
Dr. Richard A. Jackson
Thomas C. Reade
Carl F. Ridout
Janice E. Rusbasan
Alpheus G. Wells

1999

Kemp Davis
David D. Estes
Jerry R. Marion
Samuel F. Marshall, Jr.
Richard C. McCullough, Jr.
Bettye M. Merrick
Jacqueline Paul
Oliver J. Robinson, Sr.
Anita L. Roy
Bishop Walter F. Sullivan
William H. Talley IV

2006

Michael Insley Andrews, Sr.
Sheila Baker
Michael L. Bonelli
Marion Jackson Colgate, Jr.
Darryl S. Doggett, Sr.
Lloyd C. Dunnavant
Harold L. Harris, Sr.
John J. McAteer
Walter Scott Street IV
Timothy R. Swingle

2002

James W. Featherstone III
Douglas M. Hill
Thomas Johnson
Marcia J. Lewis
Richard P. Mellott
Anthony F. Sadowski
Cerenia L. Tadlock
Paul W. Teasley
Tim Timberlake
John S. Turner
Jeffrey D. Wilson

1998

Susan Bradford
William E. Davis
Joseph J. Feher IV
Dale A. Gipe
Richard A. Guilmart
Bruce Y. Leaman
Maria Thompson
MacLaughlin
Louis H. Manarin
James Edward Tadlock
Thomas C. Walker, Jr.

2005

Thomas Richard Benson, Jr.
William Gary Bryant
Patrick S. Dillon
Edward L. Hudson
Archie J. Kendrick, Jr.

2001

Willie J. Bradley, Jr.
Lawrence P. Cary
Thomas M. Clayton
Frances Moore Ellis

1997

Brian J. Collins
Bruce R. Copal, Sr.

Congratulations, Mr. Fugman 2025 Class of Silver Beavers

John Fugman joined Scouting in 1977 as a Cub Scout, graduated to Boy Scouts in 1981 and achieved the rank of Eagle in 1989. John served on the staff of Camp T. Brady Saunders as the Camp Health Officer. In 2022, John was honored as a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. In 2024, John earned his Fourth Wood Badge Bead by serving as a National Youth Leadership Training Course Director.



He currently serves as a member of the Council Risk Management Committee, Council National Camp Accreditation Program Chair, Assistant Council Commissioner for Training, Nawakwa Lodge Health Services Advisor, Assistant District Commissioner, James River District Member-at-Large, and as a Merit Badge Counselor.

In the past, John has served in various training positions including NYLT, Wood Badge, Council Service Territory 15 NYLT CDC, Commissioner College Dean, and other training courses. His involvement in unit positions includes Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Committee Member.

His career in various fire departments culminated as a Division Chief. He has many interests and hobbies and enjoys the outdoors. He also enjoys spending time with his wonderful wife of 18 years, Tina.

The Heart of Virginia Council is pleased to present John Fugman with the 2025 Silver Beaver Award.

Congratulations, Mrs. Giannasi 2025 Class of Silver Beavers

Selena Giannasi has been a registered adult Council volunteer for 27 years. At the unit level, Selena has been a Den Leader, Pack Committee Treasurer and Advancement Chair, Pack Popcorn Kernel, Blue and Gold banquet chair, Venture Crew Advancement Chair and Troop committee member for two Troops. At the District level, Selena has served as District Advancement Chair, District Award of Merit Committee Chair, District Recognition Dinner Chair, District Popcorn Kernel and on the District Pinewood Derby and Twilight Camp committees. She was instrumental in revitalizing the District Webelos Transition Fair. As the District Advancement Chair, Selena organizes Eagle process workshops multiple times a year to ensure Troop Leaders are well-prepared to guide candidates successfully.



Selena is actively involved at the unit and District level in reviewing and approving Eagle Scout Service Projects, approving Eagle project fundraising applications, and organizing and conducting Eagle Scout Boards of Review.

At the Council level, she served on the Council Training Committee and currently serves on Council's Advancement Committee. Selena also played a key role in securing over \$10,000 in silent auction donations for this year's Friends of Scouting Dinner.

Selena received the District Award of Merit in 2012. Beyond Scouting, she has been active in numerous community organizations, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, FeedMore, The Salvation Army Angel Tree and Red Kettle Bell programs, as well as supporting her son's various activities. She has been active at St. Bridget Catholic Church and School, The New Community School and Benedictine High School. Selena and her husband, Tom, have two sons, Greg and Jeff, an Eagle Scout.

The Heart of Virginia Council is pleased to present Selena Giannasi the 2025 Silver Beaver Award.

Past Silver Beaver Award Recipients

2024

Alan Meekins
Damian Klute
Jimmy La Brecque
John Edwards

Kevin Kessler
Bill Mulvihill
Charlotte Pemberton
Cheryl Thurston

Edward P. Kosewicz
Mark A. Lloyd
Robert L. McLemore
Roy Edward Murray
Alice H. Robinson
John Miller Smither
Granville G. Valentine III
Karen C. Wood

2023

Thomas N. Innes
Robert E. Johnson
Sharlee S. La Brecque
Thomas C. Wood

2017

Blake P. Auchmoody, Jr.
James Edward Coleman, Sr.
Joseph Augusta Murray, Jr.
Alice Sherman Nelson
Frances K. Scott
William E. Simms
James D. Snowa, Sr.
Lisa B. Wright

2012

Ron A. Alexander
Gary L. Gibbs
David L. Jones, Jr.
Ralph A. Orr
Ellen J. Schmidt
Bruce W. Tibbetts
Gary E. Thompson
James L. Watkins
David L. Williams, Jr.

2022

Mike Henley
Frank Howard
Candy Johnson
Chip Phillips
Tim Towslee
Tom Yoke

2016

Frederick Walter Klotz
Susan Patricia Loden
Donald William Piacentini
Timothy G. Pleasants
Charles Lewis Shade

2011

David F. Anderson
Sandra R. Daul
John Levi Dorman
James M. Hanifer
John O. Hunnicutt III
Heather B. Mulvihill
Joseph Luis Ramirez
Martin Roy Shirilla
Norman Don Ward

2021

Scott Carrigan
E. Michael Kondracki
Frank McNeilly
Michael Milone
Scott Sager

Thomas A. Shearer
Franklin M. Thurston, Sr.
Jay Philip Rupert Victor

2015

Ray Alexander
Mary M. Clegg
Herman C. Davis
Tony R. Easter
Thomas James Hackenberg
Henry P. Long, Jr.
David Stanley Miller
Wanda Staggs

2010

Robert Insley Efrid
William B. Eggleston
William Timothy Gaylord
Bennie W. Good
Stephen E. Hutchinson
Dorinda F. "Wendy" Starke
Gwen Ellen Taylor
Donald R. Vaught
Forrest A. White, Jr.

2020

Mark Cross
Bruce Lasswell
Jonathan Murdoch-Kitt
Mike Petty
Carl Whitaker

2014

J. Edward Beach, Jr.
Shawn Elaine Coffey
William Givler III
Christopher J. Habenicht
Susan Bow McCue
Robert Morris Parker
Christopher Ward Sherman

2019

Michael Ballato
Ann Bevan
Michael Lynch
Jason Reedy
Harold Stills, Jr.
Allen Suggs

2018

Mark Fetty
Tony Fletcher
Gordon Fruetel
Kenny Jones

2013

Constance E. Alston
Daniel E. Hubbard

2009

Alvin M. Best III
Richard Craig Britt
Lula M. Brown-White
Bucky Collins

*Congratulations, Taylor Campbell
Glenn A. & Melinda W. Adams Service
Project of the Year Award Recipient*



Henrico County Animal Shelter had a growing need for enrichment structures to improve the physical and mental well-being of the animals in their care, as well as outdoor housing solutions for feral cats in the community. Taylor Campbell saw this as an opportunity to

make a meaningful impact. She planned, led, and oversaw the construction of two elevated dog agility ramps, six large decorative animal fence displays, and four insulated feral cat homes to support the shelter's mission.

To fund the project, Taylor organized multiple fundraising efforts, including selling handmade crocheted pumpkins, launching a GoFundMe campaign, and securing donations from family and friends. She successfully raised more than \$1,100 and coordinated over 330 hours of planning and execution with youth and adult volunteers. Despite challenging weather conditions, including heavy rain and a tornado warning during installation, Taylor demonstrated resilience and leadership to ensure the project was completed safely and successfully.

In recognition of her outstanding work, Taylor has been selected for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award at the Council Level. Her project will now be submitted to the National Eagle Scout Association for consideration alongside other Council winners from Territory 15.

Congratulations, Taylor, on this exceptional achievement and for the lasting difference you have made in our community!

*Congratulations, Mr. Smith
2025 Class of Silver Beavers*

Steven "Smitty" Smith has been involved in Scouting since he was 8 years old, beginning as a Cub Scout in Midwest City, Oklahoma. He earned his Eagle Scout award in 1988 and staffed at Camp Garland outside of Tulsa, was staffer of the year twice, and the camp's youngest program director. He managed Indian Nation Council's Cub World, a year-round weekend cub camp for three years.



He has been an adult volunteer for 37 years. He has been a Scoutmaster in three different Councils and a Troop Committee chair in four Councils. He's been a District Program Chair, Unit Commissioner, Wood Badge staffer in three courses, and Order of the Arrow Committee Advisor. He currently serves as the Arrohattoc District Training Chair. He has served as a NYLT Assistant Scoutmaster four times, Course Director, Course Mentor twice, and the Heart of Virginia Council NYLT Coordinator. Smitty has served on the staff of the Territory 15 NYLT Course Director Conference twice and is the current NYLT CDC Course Director. On the National level Smitty led communications for three National Jamboree Council contingents, has served as Assistant Course Director for NAYLE (National Youth Leadership Experience) twice, and is currently a NAYLE Course Director at the Summit. Smitty has received the District Award of Merit and the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor.

Smitty and his wife, Angie, have five children and seven grandchildren and one on the way. Both of their sons are Eagle Scouts. Professionally, he is a database architect and has consulted on projects with the largest companies in the world including 20% of the Fortune 100 companies.

The Heart of Virginia Council is pleased to present Steven "Smitty" Smith with the 2025 Silver Beaver Award.

Congratulations, Mr. Ward 2025 Class of Silver Beavers

Benjamin Norman Ward (Ben) became a Tiger in the Cub Scout program with Pack 555 in 1987 and earned his Eagle Scout Rank in 1999 with Troop 555 in Mechanicsville, Virginia. He is an active Arrowman and received the Vigil Honor from Nawakwa Lodge #3 of the Order of the Arrow in 2008. Ben volunteers with Troop 555 for over the last 26 years, serving in various roles including Unit Training Chair, Troop Advancement Chair, Troop OA Advisor, Youth Protection Chair, Webpage Content Creator, and Assistant Scoutmaster.



With Dogwood District, Ben serves as Communication, Webpage & Social Media Coordinator, an Assistant District Commissioner for Communications, and as a District Vice-Chairman. Ben received the District Award of Merit in 2014.

At the Council level, Ben serves as a Short-Term Camp Assessor, a Commissioner College instructor, and a merit badge counselor. At NOAC 2024, he served as a technology resource & reservation lead. He is a social media moderator for the National Commissioner Service Team and the Summit's Staff Association.

Outside of Scouting, Ben has volunteered for the last 10 years for the Hanover County Sheriff's Office as a Criminal Justice role-player and was named their Volunteer of the Year in 2020. He completed Hanover's Citizens Police Academy program in 2016 and completed Henrico's in 2025.

His peers said, "Ben is a walking encyclopedia of Scouting information. He is the most knowledgeable person I know on Scouting policies and is quick to share that knowledge. His character, his unwavering commitment, and his many years of dedicated service have left an indelible mark on Scouting in our community."

The Heart of Virginia Council is pleased to present Benjamin Norman Ward with the 2025 Silver Beaver Award.

Silver Beaver Award Nominations

Scouting America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. Recipients of this award are fully registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

You can submit your nominations NOW! Forms should be submitted to the Council Leadership Center to the attention of the office manager no later than the end of November, via mail or drop-off to the Council Leadership Center.

Visit <https://hovc.org/council-recognition/silver-beaver-award/> for more details and to access the nomination form.

