

M. ROBERT MARKS

**QUARTERMASTER
BRIDGE OF HONOR**



Sunday, April 11, 2010

3:00 PM

Flag Plaza Scout Service Center

Ship 1942

SEA SCOUTING, BSA
Arlington, VA

*Sponsored by
St. George's Episcopal Church*

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**WM. T. HORNADAY
PRESENTATION**



Sunday, April 11, 2010

2:00 PM

Flag Plaza Scout Service Center

Crew 306

VENTURING, BSA
Kennedy Township, PA

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St. Malachy Roman Catholic Church*



Purpose of Sea Scouts

Sea Scouting is a specialized segment of the Venturing program organized to promote better citizenship and to improve members' boating skills and knowledge through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, and service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Sea Scout units, called "ships," focus on sailing and cruising either sailboats or power vessels. During the boating seasons, Sea Scouts learn to maintain and operate their vessel, with a focus on learning the safe and proper methods of handling boats. Sea Scouts also learn the meaning of buoys and lights, how to take advantage of wind and tide, and how to drop anchor or approach a dock.

The Sea Promise

As a Sea Scout I promise to do my best:
To guard against water accidents;
To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every boat I board;
To be prepared to render aid to those in need;
To seek to preserve the motto of the sea,
Women and children first.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

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

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do A Good Turn Daily



Purpose of Venturing

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (or 13 and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Venturing Oath

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God
and help strengthen America, to help others,
and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure
in our world.

Venturing Code

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people. I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life. I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it. I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life. I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.



M. ROBERT MARKS

To my family and friends:

Fours years ago, I thought I had reached the top of the mountain by earning the Eagle Scout rank and the Venturing Silver Award. Thanks to the backing of my family and friends along with the guidance of my mentors I have been able to complete two additional goals that I knew would be difficult and which, at times, felt impossible.

Scouting has given me experiences and opportunities I could never have imagined when I joined over twelve years ago. It is my wish this celebration be more about the Boy Scouts of America and less about me.

Baden Powell said "...we never fail when we try to do our duty; we always fail when we neglect to do it." We have a duty to the youth of our nation to help them learn and grow and become responsible adults. There is no better organization in the world prepared to train our future leaders than the BSA.

I ask each of you to share your time and talents with the Boy Scouts of America. Join us as we celebrate our centennial and prepare for the next 100 years. Create a "Generations Connection" by planting a tree! Sponsor a boy or girl through Friends of Scouting! Visit the Adventure Base 100 on June 4-6 at the Point! Become a merit badge counselor! Encourage your young relatives and friends to join! Volunteer as an adult leader!

Thank you –again– for being here today, thank you for helping with my projects and thank you for your support and encouragement.

Robert

PROGRAMME

Welcome

Timothy R. Jackson, Committee Chair

Opening

Joy Scabilloni, Crew Advisor

Invocation

B. Patrick Scott, Former Scoutmaster Troop 358

Master of Ceremonies

Patrick D. Adams, Environmental Educator
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Hornaday Qualifications

Kenneth E. Halliday, Chairman
Greater Pittsburgh Council Camping Committee

Hornaday Projects

Patrick D. Adams – Project 5
Timothy R. Jackson – Project 1
Shane R. Miller – Project 2 & 3
Richard J. Lloyd – Project 4 & 6

Congratulatory Letters

Gail E. Jackson, Associate Advisor

William T. Hornaday Award Presentation

Remarks by the Silver Medal Recipient

M. Robert Marks

Ushers

Boy Scout Troop 358, Coraopolis

Photographer

Megan E. Weryha

Videographer

Curtis C. Olszewski

Decorations

Timothy R. & Gail E. Jackson

Facility Arrangements

Irvin P. Gable, Jr.

Dinner Music

Kenneth J. Kucel

Special thanks to

Greater Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouts of America
for the use of the historic "Flag Plaza" for this event.

MEMBERSHIP SCOUTING UNITS

Venturing Crew 306 – Kennedy Township, PA
Sea Scout Ship 1942 – Arlington, VA
Boy Scout Troop 358 – Coraopolis, PA
Enda Lechauhanne Lodge, Order of the Arrow

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Speaker – Boy Scouts of America Speakers Bank
Associate Advisor – Crew 306
Assistant Scoutmaster – Troop 358
ArrowCorps5 & High Adventure Section Chairman – NE-4B
ArrowCorps5 Chairman – Nachamawat Lodge

SCOUTING AWARDS

Boy Scout Leader's Training Award – 2009
OA High Adventure Triple Crown Award – 2009
World Conservation Award, Venturing – 2009
Triple Crown of High Adventure Award – 2009
James E. West Fellow Award – 2008
Venturing Bronze Awards – 2008
Arts & Hobbies, Religious Life, Sea Scouts
BSA Lifeguard (recertification) – 2008
William D. Boyce Award – 2007
Conservation Good Turn Award – 2007
Venturing Corps of Discovery – 2007
Venturing Leadership Award – 2006

Venturing Silver Award – 2006
Venturing Ranger Award – 2006
Eagle Scout – 2005
Arrow of Light – 1999

SCOUT TRAINING

Venturing Leader Specific – 2010
Kodiak & Kodiak X Course Directors Conference – 2007
OA Section Officers Seminar – 2007
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills – 2007
Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific – 2007
College of Commissioner Science, Bachelors Degree – 2007
participant & staff
Youth Protection – 2007
Unit Leader Health & Safety – 2007
BALOO – participant & staff – 2007
Trainer Development Conference – 2007
New Leader Essentials – 2007
Powder Horn Training – staff 2006

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

US Power Squadron Seamanship – 2010
IMBA Trail Building School – 2007
Conservation USA Project Leaders Training Course – 2007

CERTIFICATIONS

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – 2009
PADI Adventure Diver SCUBA Certificate – 2009
Wilderness First Aid – 2008
US Forest Service Chainsaw Certificate – 2008
Leave No Trace Trainer – 2007



WILLIAM T. HORNADAY AWARD

The William T. Hornaday Award is the highest award in Scouting for distinguished service to natural resource conservation. This highly prized award recognizes truly outstanding efforts that have contributed significantly to conservation and environmental protection.

Purpose

The fundamental purpose of the Hornaday Awards program is to encourage learning by the participants and to increase public awareness about natural resource conservation. Understanding and practicing sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection strengthens Scouting's emphasis on respecting the outdoors. The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

Requirements

These are requirements that all Venturing Hornaday Silver Medal candidates must complete:

- Complete the Conservation core requirement plus the Ecology and Plants & Animals elective requirements for the Venturing Ranger Award.
- Plan, lead, and carry out at least four significant projects in natural resource conservation or environmental improvements, one each from four of the eight different project categories:
 - Energy conservation, soil and water conservation, fish and wildlife management, forestry and range management, air and water pollution control, resource recovery (recycling), hazardous material disposal, and management and invasive species control.
- Complete an application and provide extensive supporting materials and documentation.
- Be approved by the National Conservation Committee after a local Council review and approval.

FROM MOM I HOPE YOU DANCE

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat
But always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed

I hope you still feel small
When you stand by the ocean
Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance

And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance
I hope you dance

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance
Never settle for the path of least resistance
Living might mean taking chances
But they're worth taking
Lovin' might be a mistake
But it's worth making

Don't let some hell bent heart
Leave you bitter
When you come close to selling out
Reconsider
Give the heavens above
More than just a passing glance

And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance
(Time is a real and constant motion always)
I hope you dance
(Rolling us along)
I hope you dance
(Tell me who)
I hope you dance
(Wants to look back on their youth and wonder)
(Where those years have gone)

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PROGRAMME

Welcome

Megan A. Hebda, Quartermaster

Opening

Zachery J. Hebda, Able Scout

Master of Ceremonies

W. Thomas Ballew, Skipper

Quartermaster Escort

C.J. Miller, Former Sea Scout Ship 306

Purpose of the Quartermaster

Edward W. Burchell, Jr., Skipper Ship 11

Course of the Quartermaster

Michael R. Marks, Former Skipper Ship 306

Quartermaster Charge

W. Thomas Ballew, Skipper

Quartermaster Award Presentation

Special Presentation

Michael J. Surbaugh, Scout Executive
Greater Pittsburgh Council

Reflections of the Quartermaster

M. Robert Marks

Benediction

Navy Hymn

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!*

Luncheon

All Occasion Catering

Cake

Creations by Carlini

Special thanks to

S.S.S. Arcturus—Ship 46 of Westover, West Virginia
for the use of their landship paraphernalia.



QUARTERMASTER AWARD

The Quartermaster Award is the highest rank in Sea Scouts and is as important as the Eagle Scout award. The award identifies the young adult who has the desire and strength to achieve excellence. It represents fulfillment, and is the result of the determination to reach goals in spite of difficulties along the way.

Significance

The award is a reminder that as a ship needs a rudder, a compass, and a moving force to reach its destination, so an individual must be physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight to achieve worthwhile goals in life.

Requirements

These are requirements that all Quartermaster candidates must complete:

- Be active in the Ship for at least eighteen months.
- Lead a discussion on the subject participating citizenship; write a paper about what the ship can do to contribute to the world fellowship of Scouting; present a brief talk or program on Sea Scouting to a service club; religious organization, PTA, or other adult organization.
- Demonstrate expert level skills and teach those skills to others in the following subjects:
Boats, Marlinspike Seamanship, Ground Tackle, Piloting, Signaling, Cruising, Safety, Rules of the Road.
- Meet the requirements for BSA or Red Cross Lifeguard; take command of a vessel with a crew of not less than four Sea Scouts for at least 48 hours.
- Complete the requirements for at least four of the electives:
Sailing, Engines, Radio, Boat Maintenance, Electricity, Navigation, Drill, Piloting, Yacht Racing, Rigging.
- While an Able Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or the community.
- Successfully complete a Council-level Quartermaster board of review.

SEA SCOUT RANK ADVANCEMENT

Apprentice – 12/30/2007
 Ordinary – 12/30/2007
 Able – 8/31/2008
 Quartermaster – 1/9/2010

Small Boat Handler – 2007
 Long Cruise – 2008
 Qualified Seaman – 2008

SEA SCOUT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Boatswain's Mate for Administration – Ship 777
 Boatswain – Ship 306

SEA SCOUT TRAINING

Sea Scout Adult Leader Specialized – 2010
 Sea Scout Camp Able – 2008
 Presidents' Day Sea Scout Training Weekend – 2008
 Navigation Underway - Sea Scout Piloting Course – 2008
 Catocin Sea Scout Training Weekend – 2007, 2008 & 2010

MAJOR EVENTS

Long Cruise, Chesapeake Bay (Ship 1942) – 2009
 OA Ocean Adventure, Florida Sea Base (OAOA-0602) – 2009
 Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland – staff 2008
 Appalachian Trail Backpacking (OAWV friends) – 2008
 ArrowCorps5 Shasta-Trinity, California – staff 2008
 ArrowCorps5 Bridger-Teton, Wyoming – staff 2008
 ArrowCorps5 Washington-Jefferson, Virginia – staff 2008
 New River Gorge Adventure Superactivity (Crew 306) – 2008
 Philmbreak, Philmont – 2008
 Southwest Superactivity (Greater Pittsburgh Council) – 2006
 OA Wilderness Voyage, Northern Tier (OAWV-712a) – 2006
 National Conservation & Leadership Summit (NCLS) – 2007
 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) – staff 2006

SUMMER PLANS WITH SHIP 1942

Camp Able – staff
 Camp Lifeguard – staff
 Long Cruise – staff
 BSA Grand Centennial Parade

Sea Scout Advanced Leader Training (SEAL)

FUTURE SCOUTING PLANS

National Camping School Certifications – 2010
 Aquatics, C.O.P.E., Climbing
 Leave No Trace Master Educator Course – 2010
 Fall Conference, Philmont – 2010
 Trek Leader Planning and Advanced Outdoor Skills
 Wood Badge Training – 2010
 Suncheon International Scout Centre, South Korea – staff 2010
 22nd World Jamboree, Sweden – staff 2011
 Powder Horn Training – 2011
 PADI Divemaster Academy, Florida Sea Base – 2012
 14th World Scout Moot, Canada – 2013

FROM DAD

"UNWRITTEN"

I am unwritten
Can't read my mind
I'm undefined
I'm just beginning
The pen's in my hand
Ending unplanned

Staring at the blank page before you
Open up the dirty window
Let the sun illuminate the words
That you could not find

Reaching for something in the distance
So close you can almost taste it
Release your inhibitions
Feel the rain on your skin

No one else can feel it for you
Only you can let it in
No one else, no one else
Can speak the words on your lips

Drench yourself in words unspoken
Live your life with arms wide open
Today is where your book begins
The rest is still unwritten

I break tradition
Sometimes my tries
Are outside the lines
We've been conditioned
To not make mistakes,
But I can't live that way

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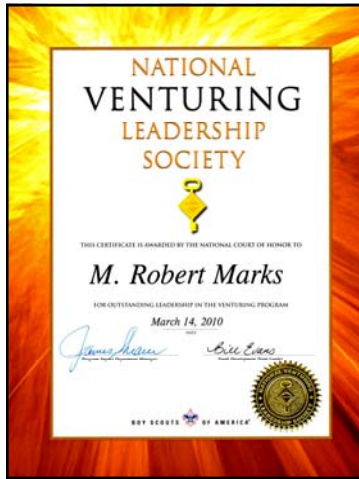
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NATIONAL VENTURING LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The Value of Leadership

The heart and soul of what we do in the Boy Scouts of America is produce leaders for tomorrow. One of our strengths is shaping leaders who have a strong foundation of values and who know how to serve others, and we have had 100 years of practice. The purpose of the National Youth Leadership Society is to recognize youth members of the BSA who have learned and practiced outstanding leadership skills—the elite of our program.

As a national honor society, the National Youth Leadership Society calls upon local councils to nominate individuals who meet certain criteria. Upon acceptance, the National Court of Honor will offer the individual the honor of membership into the Society.

The National Court of Honor maintains a national honor roll of inducted Society members as a class each calendar year. Individuals will be able to say they are a member of a particular class, for instance, the class of 2010 for members inducted in 2010. The class is based on when the individual was approved, not when the induction took place.

Qualifications

Only those youths who have successfully completed qualifying leadership development courses and performed eligible leadership roles may be nominated for induction to the National Youth Leadership Society. Qualifications for nomination include:

- Complete at least one local unit leadership development course.
- Complete at least three Council and National level leadership development courses.
- Demonstrate significant leadership in the Unit, District, Council, Area or Region.
- Show evidence of other leadership including positions held outside of Scouting (like student body officer, etc.)