

## **American Legion & Scouting**

### **2016 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship**

Thirty-three applications were submitted from the following departments: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, France, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Jacob Kelley from Cottage Grove, Wisconsin was selected the 2016 American Legion Eagle Scout of the year and will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the American Legion. Runners-up recipients of the \$2,500 are Jeremiah Lovestrand from Floral City, Florida, Liam O'Conner from Wyoming, Delaware and Jacob Quigley from Bourbonnais, Illinois.

### **Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. Trophy**

The Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. Trophy is to be awarded annually to that department which has rendered the most outstanding service during the period August 1 to August 1 to the Boy Scout program. The award is to be based on the number of troops organized, strength of existing troops and general welfare of the Scouts movement under Legion sponsorship within the department based on written reports with substantiating evidence submitted to National Headquarters prior to The National Convention.

Each department that desires to be considered for the award will need to submit a report to the myself **no later than August 8, 2017** with a narrative description relating the department's efforts and accomplishments for the period August 1, 2016 through August 1, 2017. The design and length of the narrative is of your choice, but we desire that the judges to have something other than statistical information to consider when they determine the winner.

The selection committee has placed a very strong emphasis upon the narrative report in the determination of the department winner, the Department winner for 2016 - New York.

### **The American Eagle Scout and Sea Scout Quartermaster Certificates of Recognition**

To date 16,260 Eagle Scout and 10,351 Sea Scout Quartermaster Certificates have been downloaded from legion.org.

### **The American Legion & Scouting Square Knot Award**

The American Legion & Scouting Square Knot award recognizes American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program, their dedication, and work to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who completes the requirements for the award.

At the end of 2015, 588 awards have been issued to Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary members and Sons of The American Legion members since the award's inception in 2003. The following table shows the number of awards by year:

### **The 2017 American Legion Scouting Chairman's Conference Session**

On the weekend October the 27, 2017 the American Legions Americanism Division will conduct its fifth annual Scouting Chairman's Conference Session.

The 2017 conference session will be held in Dallas, Texas at the BSA national office, this conference will not be a CALL-IN conference and is for all American Legion Scouting Department Chairmen and or their designees, agenda and additional details to follow.