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A Quarterly Update from the Eagle Scout Alumni Association of the Patriots' Path Council

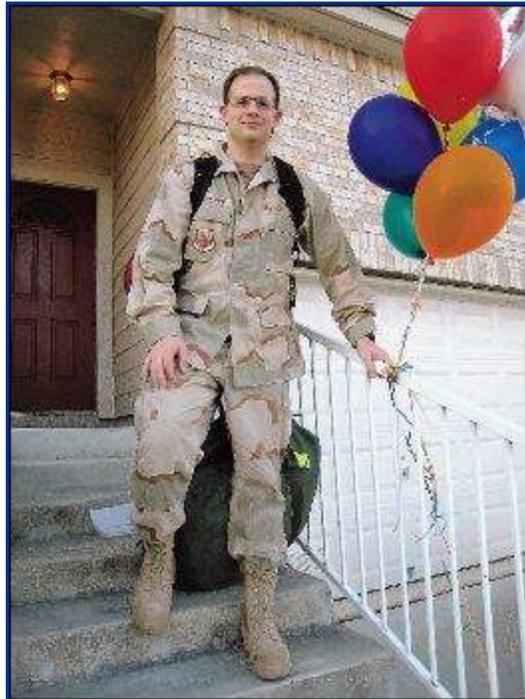
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An Eagle Serving Our Country



Captain Ratcliffe

This is Dr. Temple Ratcliffe, a 30-year-old physician, currently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He runs a clinic at Wilford Hall Medical Center, treating retirees and their dependants, and active duty members with more complex medical problems.

His local friends in Randolph, NJ and Patriots' Path Council, know him as "Andrew" (his middle name). They also know him as an Eagle Scout from Troop 45 Mine Hill, NJ and a "quick-thinking hero". Captain Ratcliffe was recently featured in a local newspaper (The Daily Record*) for saving the life of a fellow soldier while serving in Iraq.

Ratcliffe had been deployed to Balad Air Base in Iraq last October and was one of four full-time intensive care physicians at the Air Force Theater Hospital, working 80-hour weeks, treating trauma and war-violence injuries.

Three days before he was scheduled to leave Iraq, a missile exploded near Ratcliffe and a fellow physician, Dr. Adrian Barcus as they were walking outside at the base. Barcus had been struck by shrapnel and was bleeding. Ratcliffe moved quickly to seek help at a nearby guard shack, where he could apply pressure to Barcus' wound and get him stabilized until hospital staff could arrive. Barcus was issued the Purple Heart, and according to Ratcliffe, was "in good spirits". Ratcliffe was credited in an Air Force news release with "quick thinking and action" for getting Barcus medical attention as fast as possible.

"I am immensely proud of the health care that we delivered there," he said. "It's very rewarding... Regardless of what's being portrayed in the media, you can feel very confident in your role there. You're providing healing to anyone who goes through your doors. I found a lot of comfort in that."

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Ratcliffe, who is being re-deployed in 18 months, said this dramatic experience is a stark reminder to all of us that in a place where he usually felt safe (the base), really is a war zone and things can happen.

Ratcliff is married to Lindsay, his college sweetheart. They met as undergraduates at Grove City College in Pennsylvania. Ratcliffe went on to attend Pittsburgh Medical School on an Air Force scholarship.

His parents and friends at Patriots' Path Council and back home, are extremely proud of Ratcliffe. His dad, also named Temple, is currently Roundtable Commissioner for the Black River District. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 50 then Scoutmaster with Troop 45, where Andrew earned his Eagle rank. No doubt that the skills Andrew learned early in his Scouting life, have prepared him for his current challenges.

Thanks, Andrew for your bravery and service to our country.

* **Source:** www.dailyrecord.com "Quick Thinking Makes Hero Out Of Randolph Grad" by Jake Remaly

Eagle Scout Wins The National Logo Contest



Congratulations to Philip Goolkasian, an Eagle Scout from Troop 223, Fresno, California - Sequoia Council: Phillip is the overall winner of the BSA 100th Anniversary Logo National Contest that was launched last November.

Philip's entry was chosen because his design took the traditional elements of Scouting and integrated them to create something new and modern. The eagle cutting through the letters B and S, fashions a look that is both dynamic and elegant. Mersereau, the BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration Director, says it was exactly what the Boy Scouts were looking for. "The eagle as a symbol, has been used so well by so many groups," he says. "You see an eagle somewhere, and you think of confidence, power and legacy." Phillip's design was the best of more than 4,000 entries, and starts appearing on Boy Scout paraphernalia in May.

When Phillip saw the ad in Boys Life magazine last year promoting the Scout logo contest, he immediately thought it "was designed for me."

Goolkasian was awarded a \$250 gift certificate and two all-expenses-paid trips to San Francisco and San Diego. He also got to work with Kit Hinrichs, a nationally-recognized graphic artist and Eagle Scout, to format the design for broad use throughout the celebration. Hinrichs says, "This mature kid comes into the office with a sophisticated piece of artwork and no formal training, just created kind of out of basic instincts."

Goolkasian can add his logo contest win to a number of accomplishments, including earning 34 merit badges and bronze and gold palms to name a few. He's looking forward to spending his \$250 gift certificate...very likely, on scout items with his logo on it.

For details on Scouting's 100th Anniversary, visit <http://www.scouting.org/100years/>.

Sources: www.miamiherald.com "Scout Wins Centennial Logo Contest" by Don Mayhew
www.scouting.org/100years "National Logo Contest – We Have A Winner"

Eagle Scout Achievement – Scout of the Year



Congratulations go to Joe Maugeri, who was selected to be the first New Jersey "Scout of the Year" for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of NJ.

Joe joined scouting as a Tiger Scout in Pack 90, Franklin, NJ. He earned his Arrow of Light and Parvuli Dei awards as a Cub Scout. Joe bridged into Troop 90 in Franklin, where he went on to earn his Eagle Award in 2004.

In 2003, Joe's troop elected him to the Order of the Arrow. After serving as Secretary and Lodge Vice-Chief, he was elected Lodge Chief of Woapalanne Lodge 43. He would go on to be elected Vice-Chief and Section Chief NE-2B. In May 2006, Joe received the Vigil Honor, the highest honor an Arrowman can receive. Currently, he is assigned to the Arrow Corps 5 staff, in charge of Operations at George Washington & Jefferson National Forests in Virginia.

Joe made quite an impression on the Masons Grand Lodge Committee on Scouting. When asked why Joe was selected, George Barnard, Northern Regional Coordinator responded, "To meet and talk to Joe once, is to appreciate how Scouting and the ideals of Scouting can shape a young man today. His accomplishments in his Troop and the Order of the Arrow show his commitment, even as a young man, to give of himself back to the program. We felt as a committee that Joe exemplified the common ideals shared by both the Scouts and the Masons. Masons believe in '*Making good men better*' and Joe has certainly endeavored to do that with the youth of today." "Scouting in New Jersey can certainly be proud of the young men they are turning out into the world." Joe was presented his award with his family in attendance at the annual Grand Lodge Banquet in Atlantic City on April 17.

Joe is a senior at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta and will be attending Wake Forest University in North Carolina in September. He plans to pursue a degree in economics and later, enroll in law school.

Eagle Scout Alumni Association News

We had a lot to catch up on with our Eagle News. Here are a few recent items and some from 2007.

Dr. D. Michael Hart - Received the Cliff Dochterman Community Service Award in November, 2007. This award is presented to an active Rotarian who has rendered exemplary service to Scouting.

John Knubel - is an Adjunct faculty member at the Naval Academy and is a senior part-time member of the leadership team under the Navy's highly qualified expert program in the Office of the Director of the Navy's Financial Operations, a part of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management.

Richard Krieg – Is an attorney with Bubb, Grogan & Cocca . His current focuses include criminal law and general litigation. He is admitted to practice law in NY, NJ, and the District of NJ.

Jackson Stewart Salovaara - 2007 recipient of the Teschemacher Scholarship to Harvard University and Patriots' Path Council Young American Award.

Dan Taylor and Craig Oscarson - 2008 Patriots' Path Council National Distinguished Eagles.

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A Message from the ESAA President

"*Flights*", the newsletter for the ESAA of Patriots' Path Council, is dedicated to Eagle Scouts young and old, who have devoted themselves to the service of others, their communities, and our country. What drives these individuals and countless others, many who are Eagle Scouts to do what they do?

Personally, I believe that Scouting acts as a catalyst that starts our OWN personal "chain reaction" to "do our best" that we see evidenced in these pages. We find our "*esprit de corps*" (group spirit and sense of pride), which is an intangible but common spirit that exists amongst us, that inspires enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the values and principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

It is an honor to be an Eagle Scout. Being an Eagle Scout epitomizes the *esprit de corps* of the BSA that is recognized in a variety of places and settings, such as the military, institutions of higher learning, industry, and employment. For example, the United States Military Academy at West Point considers the rank of Eagle Scout as its number one predictor of success.

Thank you for being dedicated to the values and principles of the Boy Scouts of America and for being a good citizen who honors the rights and responsibilities of being an Eagle Scout.

"I am the eagle. Since the beginning of time, man has used me and my brothers as a symbol of royalty, power, victory and valor. My strength and courage has inspired men through the ages...In 1911, following tradition as old as man himself, the Boy Scouts of America chose the eagle to symbolize the very highest in achievement. Through all of history, I have been the symbol of man's best, now the eagle is the symbol of Scouting's best. I am the Eagle!"

Source: <http://scoutingaround.com>



Eric S. Kastango — ESAA President
Eagle Class 1977— Florham Park

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