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Transatlantic Council to Present Two Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards & Our Annual Eagle Scout Reception!

The Transatlantic Council is pleased to announce that **General Carter Ham** and **Lieutenant General Mark Hertling** have been designated as Distinguished Eagle Scouts by the National Eagle Scout Association of the Boy Scouts of America. These two distinguished leaders will be recognized at our Annual Eagle Scout reception in Stuttgart on May 12, 2012. We are finalizing the details on the reception. This reception is to honor not only our Distinguished Eagle Scouts but to recognize the 2011-2012 Class of Eagle Scouts. The reception will be open to all Eagle Scouts, youth and adult, parents of Eagles, and spouses of Eagle Scouts. You do not have to be registered as a BSA member to attend.

We do not have a list of all Eagle Scouts currently residing in the council so we will need your help to get the word out. Once the details are set we will be doing a special mailing for distribution throughout our council. Help us to honor those who have earned Scouting's highest award. Keep the date!!



### **Starting at ZERO**

The Transatlantic Council begins every year with Zero dollars for every Scout and uses Friends of Scouting as one of our resources to support our Scouting program. The yearly recharter fee covers the cost of registering each Scout and Scouter through National BSA. \$280 is the approximate cost of supporting one Scout for one year. Each District is given a goal and asked to offer the opportunity for each family member to give what they are able to. The Transatlantic returns these funds by providing District Training, District and TAC events and once in a lifetime opportunities such as Normandy, Bastogne, Day Camps and TAC Summer camps which provide adventure and full support for a Unit to come and enjoy camp without the hassle of arranging everything themselves. We ask you to remember as you are giving the quality Scouting program that you are supporting with your gift. For less than \$25 a month, you can support one Scout for a year in Scouting. We ask you to please go online and donate whatever gift you are able to: <a href="https://www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Friends-of-Scouting">www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Friends-of-Scouting</a>

To balance the budget, to hire executives to support districts, to maintain our office staff at Camp Darby and at the Scout Shop we need your support to raise \$255,000, one gift at a time. Our goal is 1,000 gifts. Right now, 225 families have either made a gift or pledged a donation. That is ahead of last year at this time. We have raised \$120,000 in cash and pledges. Again, that support is much appreciated.

Transatlantic Council must be self sustaining just like every other council. The quality of what we do really does depend on all of us doing a small part to keep BSA in Europe. Many of you already do the essential and that is serve in a leadership role. Please set an example for your families and make a gift and encourage others to do the same. Your support to help Scouting make a difference as a leader and as a friend of scouting is valued and appreciated.

Help us reach our goal of 1000 contributors!! <a href="www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Friends-of-scouting">www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Friends-of-Scouting</a>



Thank you to Sandra Wilson for the great job in organizing our 62nd annual conference in Oberammergau. Our hosts at the NATO School were great. Thank you to our trainers, supporters, Troop 60 and all who came and participated. Well done!!

We had over 160 participants this year, and all of you who made the time and effort to attend, we really appreciate it. It was a great conference but we know it can be better. We would like your feedback. Please take our survey found at <a href="Scouters">Scouters</a> Annual <a href="Conference Survey">Conference Survey</a>



Established in 1931, the **Silver Beaver Award** is presented by the Boy Scouts of America, to council, district or unit volunteers for distinguished service to youth. It is the highest award that a local council may present to a volunteer. The number of awards that a council may present, each year, is determined by the number of units in the council. Nashua Valley Council is entitled to present two awards annually. The award consists of a silver beaver suspended from a blue and white ribbon, worn around the neck. A blue and white square knot may be worn on the uniform as well.

Congratulations to our 2012 Recipients

Mark Dubois

Matthew Johnson

Mike Kaiserauer

#### Ivonne Santana

Thank you to the volunteer selection committee headed by William Kavanaugh with Don Brown, Lauri Dittmer, Jo Anne Baker, Dave Hulteen, Shel Dick



Congratulations to Mike Kaiserauer and Matthew Johnson who were selected as Assistant Scoutmasters for the TAC Jamboree Contingent

# Breaking News......TAC has been awarded a 2nd troop if we can fill it by May 15th! Our waiting list is cleared....sign up for the Jamboree at <a href="http://bsajamboree.org">http://bsajamboree.org</a>

The Jamboree is a once in a lifetime experience. The fee is \$1500 plus travel costs to an East Coast gateway city. You do not have to be in TAC in 2013 to sign up. You can sign up today and move and still meet up with the TAC contingent. The costs include pre and post jamboree costs as well as the jamboree. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!!

#### **SECURE PAYMENT FORM**



Many of you are having a hard time finding the Secure Payment form on our website www.tac-bsa.org

It is not on the home page (the donation button is on top) but once you go to TAC News and every other page it is on the left hand menu bar along with other frequent buttons. you can also link to <a href="https://www.tac-bas.kintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/baskintors.org/goography.org/goograph

<u>bsa.kintera.org/securepay</u> and bookmark it if you make frequent payments.

Also all of our forms are also in the Forms Area and that



Lucia Cronin, the Central Region Membership chair, has a new recorded webinar on the topic of **Spring Tiger Cub Recruiting**. This is a best practice for councils and units to view and to incorporate into their membership plans right away. Recruiting Tiger Cubs in the spring has many benefits and is a way to get a jump start on fall Membership Campaigns. This presentation stresses the importance of getting the <u>right</u> adult leaders organized and involved in Tiger Cubs just as these new potential Cub Scouts are ready to join the program! Remember that boys who are currently in Kindergarten are eligible to join Tiger Cubs the day they graduate from Kindergarten. To view the webinar, please go to <u>www.scouting.org/membership</u> and click on the Webinars and Podcasts link at the bottom of the page. Once on the Webinars and Podcasts page, look for the hyperlink for Spring Tiger Cub Recruiting. Currently, it is the first one listed under Webinars. Click on Spring Tiger Cub Recruiting and you will be sent to the YouTube site where the webinar is hosted, or you can go directly to the site at www.youtube.com/embed/QrSIIdqbt8A?rel=0.



#### THE VALUE OF SUMMI

The BSA goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. For younger members, the Scout method is part of the program to inculcate typical Scouting values such as trustworthiness, good citizenship, and outdoors skills, through a variety of activities such as camping, aquatics, and hiking. The Transatlantic Council offers many summer camp experiences to support this BSA goal for all Scouts. We encourage you to review our 2012 summer camp page at <a href="http://www.tac-bsa.org/Camps">http://www.tac-bsa.org/Camps</a> and sign up for an adventure of a lifetime!

Sign up News

Week 1 Bayern Dining Hall is Full We have about 50 spaces left at Camp Alpine Other weeks at Bayern are open but are filling fast!! Cub Resident Camp is doing well with sign ups.

#### Summer Camp Guides

Those of you who have signed up are looking for your summer camp guides. The Directors are working on them. Camp Alpine is looking at expanding its program offerings and the guide should be ready shortly. Baden-Powell will be very similiar to last year and that guide is being worked. Camp Bayern/Bayern High Adventure Camp is challenging as we are expanding the High Adventure offerings as well as how we offer a program in two different locations. Cub Resident Camp is also revamping the program, recreating it from scratch as well. We are aware that you want the guides but we are also working so that once the guides are published that they are as correct as possible. We don't want to do version 1.0, 1.1. 2.0 etc as one is never sure what version is current.

We are still looking for staff at all of our camps. If you are 15 years old or older (even much older) we need your help. Please submit your application at <a href="https://www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/campstaff">www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/campstaff</a>

If you are 14 years old and a Life Scout you can be a Counselor in Training at Bayern, you can also fill out an application. For our one week camps (Alpine and Baden-Powell) there are no Counselor in Training positions.



## Our Newest Eagle Scouts

Brian McGuinness David Lance Jr. Daniel Gaston Nicholas Minnich Benjamin Bonney

Levi Freeman Noah Kiakona Jared Nelson Nickolas Devito Michael Dropps

Timothy Taylor Joshua Groom



### **Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!**

Every Leader deserves training so she or he can successfully deliver the scouting program!

- Cub Scout Leaders are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, and Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.
- Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they
  have completed Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster Specific
  Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- Pack or Troop Committee Members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, and Committee Specific Training.

Training of adults to successfully deliver the Boy Scout program has evolved into a well-presented, thorough, curriculum of courses to be completed in sequence. The first step for any new adult volunteer in a Pack, Crew or Troop, no matter what the position may be is the Fast Start training. The Fast Start Training is short and should be taken as soon as possible after you have accepted a leadership position. The Fast Start program has been designed to provide an immediate comfort level for new leaders and enables them to say, 'I can do this!', but it should be soon followed by more comprehensive training. Taking these courses is easy, many can be done online at <a href="https://www.scouting.org/Training">www.scouting.org/Training</a>. On site training is offered by our Districts several times throughout the year and is offered also at our TAC Scouters Annual Conference and at our TAC Mini-Conference every November.

#### **FAREWELL**

We would like to wish Ray Vail and his wife Bonnie all the best as they have returned to the United States after six years of service to the youth and volunteers in Transatlantic Council. Ray served as the Senior District Executive of Charlemagne, Barbarossa, Mediterranean, and Mayflower during his tenure as well as director at Camp Alpine and Operations Director at Camp Bayern.

We would also like to wish Holly Strout and her family all the best as they have returned to the United States with a new direction in their lives. Although Holly's tenure as a professional staff member was short, she worked hard to support Rheingold and all of our programs.

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