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Generations "Memorial Day at Oakwood"



Memorial Day - 2006

Veterans at Oakwood cemetery in Warren.

For nearly 40 years, this activity is one the most ambitious and significant annual service projects for the Troop and Pack.

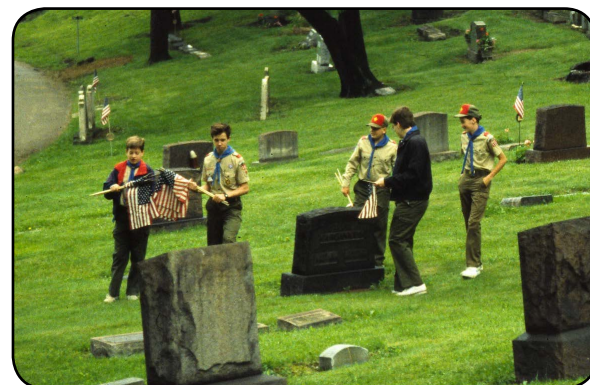
Jim Potjunas said the service project is the living legacy of late Troop 101 Scoutmaster Bill Brown and his military background. "Mr. Brown was a WWII Veteran and a member of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Members from each of those groups would join the Memorial Day Association and coordinate the placing of flags on many of the cemeteries in Trumbull County as well as the Memorial Day parade," noted Potjunas. "As a member of the 'Greatest Generation', when Mr. Brown returned from the war and got involved again with his old Scout Troop, Troop 11, the Memorial Day activity became a regular service project for them. In 1975, after he left Troop 11 and we formed Troop 101, he brought the project with him."

Potjunas recalls, in the service project's early days, maps of the veteran's graves were provided by the Memorial Day Association of Warren. "I remember using those old maps that were

laminated to pieces of heavy plywood with marks all over them from where new graves were added."

It was decided that it was time to remake the maps and, in 1979, Troop 101 Life Scout Jim Villareal (Eagle #2, March 3, 1980) was looking for an Eagle project. Villareal, with encouragement from Mr. Brown, elected to take on the re-mapping project. "I have vivid memories of walking the cemetery with Mr. Brown and how he impressed me with his passion for preserving the cemetery," said Villareal. "I thought it was really cool to be able to touch a Memorial that dated back to the Civil War and earlier."

Villareal also vividly recalls the trials and tribulations of actually sitting down and putting his research together, mapping out each and every veteran's marker in Oakwood. "I remember working with fresh ink at a drafting table and smearing a whole section of the map I had just finished and having to type everything out on an old fashioned typewriter, only to make a mistake at the very end of the page of Veterans' names and then having to retype the



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Feature profile: Scott Dobos

Troop 101 Eagle Scout #88 - October 24, 2002

choice, given I strongly disliked my year as quartermaster. There are similarities between the quartermaster role and accounting, believe it or not.)

AQ: Were there travel opportunities in college?

During my junior year at Miami, I was selected to spend a semester at the university's campus in Differdange, Luxembourg. During my time in Luxembourg, I had the terrific opportunity to live with a native Luxembourger, explore the European continent, and meet truly fascinating people. My political science professor Dr. Guy de Muyser, for example, was the former ambassador to the Soviet Union, Finland, Poland, Mongolia, Belgium, and NATO. Even before leaving for Luxembourg, I had the opportunity to have coffee with the campus's namesake, Ambassador John Dolibois, and hear about his time as an interrogator during the Nuremberg Trials after World War II and as America's ambassador to Luxembourg during the Reagan Administration.

AQ: Any thoughts about your future career aspirations?

If you had asked me this question a year ago, I probably would have responded without question that I wanted to be a partner at PwC. Unfortunately, the "problem" with the accounting field is that it's so broad. Most people naturally think I prepare tax returns (I don't), but within accounting there's audit, tax, consulting, academia, and several other avenues one could pursue. Given my clients are large companies and that I've taken on additional responsibilities over the past year, I now work closely with people in all of these avenues and find what they do interesting. To be sure, however, I'll continue working toward the partnership as long as I'm at PwC, but you never know what lies ahead.

AQ: Tell us about your family

Unfortunately, I'm currently single. Fortunately, however, living in the Cleveland areas means that I'm a short drive from Warren where my parents are still living. Those who know me know my strong dedication to my family, so I do visit with my parents regularly.

AQ: Perhaps, along the way, Scouting helped you develop a certain degree of discipline and other skills that helped you?

Scott: Undoubtedly. First, there's the "hard" skills like first aid, cooking (I still know it's fifteen coals on top and nine on the bottom to bake in a twelve-inch dutch oven!), fire building, and the like that always seem to come in handy. But I'd also say that Scouting taught me a number of "soft" skills like communication, time management, and leadership. In my professional role today, my team is very much structured like a Patrol and I'd say I serve as a Patrol Leader. Instead of putting together a campout program, I'm now making sure my clients' accounts receivable balance is correct.

Given the structure of the Scouting program, you can't help but walk away with a degree of discipline. At a macro level, you have to make sure you're meeting your advancement requirements so that you can make Eagle by age 18; at a micro level, there's the weekly and monthly activities such as planning campouts, participating in service project, etc. From my experience, the folks who could remain organized and manage their time the best are the ones made their Eagle comfortably before their 18th birthday. These disciplines also serve me well today in my professional life.

AQ: You were a Troop Senior Patrol Leader - what did that leadership role teach you and instill in you?

Scott: I'd say my time as Senior Patrol Leader help refine many of the skills that I had started learning as Patrol Leader



The Swiss Alps, Interlaken, Switzerland

AQ: It has been more than 10 years since Scott Dobos earned the Eagle Rank. Tell us what has transpired since?

Scott: I'm currently a senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), based in Cleveland and spend most of my time auditing two global manufacturing clients. Aside from a brief detour working for the state as a tax compliance auditor, I've been in public accounting since graduating from college in 2008. I work on a team of 15+ people, but I suppose the best way to describe what I do is to review and test my clients' financial records to make sure they're materially correct. That way when an investor, bank, or other interested party reviews the financial statements, they have some reasonable assurance that they can rely on the numbers. Because I work with international clients, I also get to experience the challenges and rewards of working with different cultures. Just about every week, I'm either on the phone or having a video conference with someone in Europe, South America, Africa, and Australia. (How about a show of hands: have I recruited anybody into public accounting, yet?)

AQ: Where did you go to college?

After graduating from Howland High School in 2004, I attended Miami University where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree, focusing on business and accounting. Two days after I graduated from Miami in 2008, I started my Master of Business Administration degree at John Carroll University. I finished my MBA in 2009. Shortly thereafter, I became a Certified Public Accountant.

(As I write this, I'm imagining Mr. Potjunas shaking this head in disbelief at my career

and the other positions I held before being elected. I loved my time as SPL. Within the Troop, the position carried a great deal of responsibility. While the role presented me with many frustrations (which, admittedly when looking back, were relatively minor), it really forced me to step outside of my comfort zone and be out in front of the Troop. Prior to becoming SPL, I'd describe myself as an introvert and though I'm not a total extrovert now, I'm more comfortable being out in front.

AQ: Looking back, there were surely a number of other "teachable" moments in your Scouting-career, are there any which really stand out?

Scott: There were two moments that I remember vividly. The first was during summer camp at Seven Ranges in 1999 when I was a Patrol Leader. One evening, sirens sounded, announcing a severe storm was approaching and Troops which were camping in tents were required to go to the dining hall until the storm was over. I went a little overboard in yelling at my Patrol members to hurry up and get in line so we could make it to dining hall. I didn't realize it at the time, but all I was doing was inducing panic when, in fact, we still had plenty of time to make it to the dining hall. I remember Mr. Potjunas, very sternly telling me to calm down, stop yelling, and be a good example to my Patrol members. Lesson learned: Tone at the top is very important.

The other teachable moment occurred at the September 2001 Wilderness Survival campout at the Lion's Club in Mecca. My term as Senior Patrol Leader was ending and I was running for re-election. I lost. I don't know what the vote count was, but in my mind it was a landslide against me. I let the loss get to me and ruin what should have been a great campout. I remember a few of the Adult Leaders coming up to me and reminding me that it wasn't the end of the world; I would still have numerous opportunities to be active in the Troop. Of course, it turned out to be true. I later served as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and they were great roles that still kept me active in the Troop. Lesson learned: Keep things in perspective.

AQ: While we're taking a walk down memory lane, there were surely some humorous incidents, which bring a smile to this day?

Scott: For every teachable moment, there was at least a humorous one to go with

it, and there are a few more notable ones that I remember.

The first incident that comes to mind occurred early in my time with the Troop. The Patrols were making movies and I believe the Liberty and Beaver Patrols were doing a joint video. I remember having but one line in the movie: "Guard the twine. Guard the twine. Guard the stupid, stupid twine." That line stuck with me throughout my entire time in the Troop – especially when I was doing something that involved twine. I think I even heard it at the most recent Alumni gathering this past December.

Another incident that comes to mind occurred in 2001, while I was Senior Patrol Leader during summer camp at Manatoc. I had gone to bed one evening but had difficulty falling asleep, but just as I closed my eyes and began to slip into slumber, I felt my cot being picked up and carried outside of my tent – with me still in it. Without even opening my eyes, I said something to the effect of, "Guys, I'm still awake." Without saying a word, the amateur moving crew returned me to my tent, wished me a good night, and went back to their tents. I joked about it the next day – at least with the guys who admitted to participating.

Another one happened recently at alumni gathering this past December. I was catching up with Matt McCracken who kept mentioning "Jim" as he was bringing me up to speed on what's been happening in the Troop. I had to ask Matt who this "Jim" fellow was; it turned out he was referring to Jim Potjunas! The answer was obvious, and I laughed at myself at the time, but more than ten years after leaving the Troop, "Jim" is still "Mr. Potjunas" to me and always will be.

AQ: Some of the guys and Leaders you will never forget?

Scott: The Troop has provided me with countless memories and I've enjoyed recalling many of them as we do this interview. In addition to the campouts and other experiences, there were many people that I encountered on my trail to Eagle. At the risk of being obvious, I can safely say that I'll never forget Mr. Potjunas. There are also Adult Leaders like you (Mr. Byers), Mr. Copp, and Mr. Dasbach who were involved in Scouting every step on my trail to Eagle starting during my days in Pack 122. There are also the scouts



Scott, overlooking St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

who were in my "class" such as Jeff Copp, Joe Sabat, Todd Talstein who were at just about every event, camp out, so on and so forth.

There are so many others. It's always fun to look at the photo album on the Troop's website as I am reminded of all of the great people I know from my time in Scouting.

AQ: The best camp-out ever was....?

Scott: During my time in the Troop, there were 82 campouts. I estimate that I attended 65-70 of those, so that's a lot of different experiences – both good and bad. I don't have one campout that was my favorite, but I'd have to say that I most enjoyed family camp at Pymatuning State Park, all of the summer camps (except for that retched cannon the camp staff would fire every evening during retreat at Camp Manatoc), the trips to Algonquin Provincial Park, the bike trip to Washington, D.C., and the whitewater rafting trips in Ohio, Pennsylvania.

AQ: The worst camp-out experience and how you overcame it? Lessons learned?

Scott: I was never really a fan of Winter Event at Camp Chickagami. I'm not sure of the exact reason why, to be honest, but I just can't recall being excited about going to Winter Event. I will say, however, that we were one of the few - perhaps only - troops that stayed in tents during Winter Event. I thought that made us better than the other Troops attending (as if I needed another reason) who were staying in cabins or Adirondacks, or just coming for the day. Despite not being my favorite campout, I always enjoy the reaction I get when I tell people about the one Winter Event when it was seven degrees below zero at night and I slept in a tent - quite warmly, I remember.



Family Camp - June 1998

I'd also say that when I first became a Patrol Leader of the Liberty Patrol, I learned a lot on campouts. Campouts are really the first time when you're challenged as a leader in Scouting as you're now responsible to make sure the Patrol's campsite gets set up, the meals cooked, the Patrol members are ready for the day's activities, etc. I'm not saying that being a leader made my campout experiences worse, but it certainly presented me with some lessons to learn.

AQ: It has been nearly 12 years since you earned the rank, so what does it mean today to be an Eagle Scout?

Scott: I hadn't really thought about that. I guess the first thought that comes to mind is the oft-heard saying, "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle." I always make a point to say "I am an Eagle Scout," and not "I was an Eagle Scout," whenever I refer to my time in Scouting. In my opinion, despite recent controversies the Scouting program has gone through, the Eagle rank is still held in high esteem.

I'm proud to be an Eagle and it's my responsibility to ensure the Eagle rank remains in high regard. Among other things, I view the Eagle rank as a sign of dedication, a willingness to learn, and mindset of self-reliance, all admirable traits. My former roommate at Miami is also an Eagle Scout and I know he, too, is proud of that.

AQ: Your Eagle Project(s) stands at Shepherd of the Valley to this day. The senior citizens seem to enjoy those park benches you built and placed throughout the grounds. That must be a proud feeling and sense of

accomplishment?

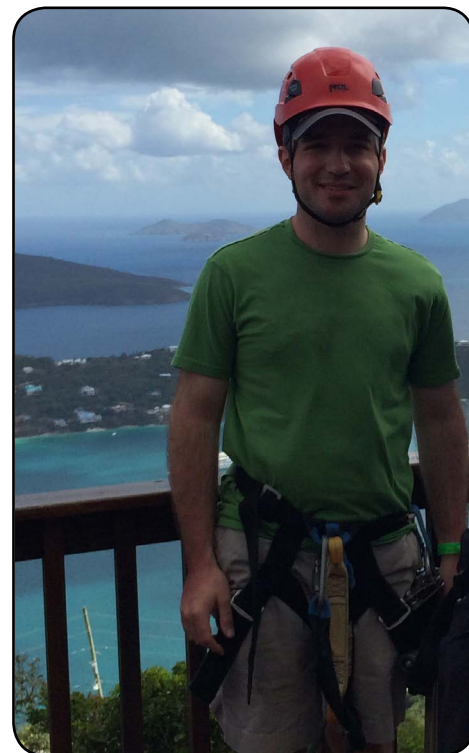
Scott: It's a coincidence that you bring this up. I was looking through high school yearbooks recently in anticipation of my upcoming 10-year reunion and came across a photo that was in one of them about my Eagle project. It gave me pause to think about the work involved.

I had a connection with Shepherd of the Valley before doing my Eagle project there: My grandmother spent her last years at their Niles facility and my father was the maintenance director at the Howland facility when it first opened. I would often go to work with my father during my summers off from school and spend the day with the residents and staff members there. I was even there to ring in the new millennium as my father had to work that night in case anything happened with Y2K (remember that?). Given this history, I was happy to give something tangible to the residents at Shepherd of the Valley.

AQ: Since a good number of current Troop 101 Scouts and aspiring Eagles read this newsletter, what advice can you give them?

Scott: Undoubtedly, being in the Scouting program is a commitment, especially when you're in a well-run Troop such as 101 that expects a lot from each Scout. I remember always trying to balance competing priorities at church, friends, school, scouts, when I was in the Troop. At times, it was certainly frustrating, but the time I invested with the Troop was worth it given the dividends I'm receiving today. With that, I'd say my advice to current Troop 101 members – whether it's inspirational or sage, and I'll leave to the reader, is to make the commitment to make Eagle. Do everything you can to make time for Scouting and take advantage of the opportunity to learn the skills that it teaches.

Go to the campouts, service projects and even the Monday meetings. You may not believe me now, but the experiences



Zip-lining in St. Thomas - The Virgin Islands

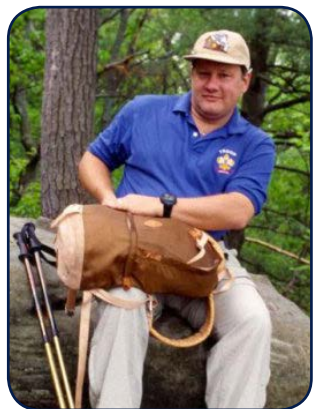
you take away for these activities will benefit you in the years to come. I'm confident in saying that my fellow Troop 101 alumni would agree.



Algonquin Dinner Line - August 2003



Ed Byers & Scott Dobos - Winter Event 2003



Tim Ross
President

I think you will join me in feeling truly heartened by the "Generations" article that appears on page 1 of this issue.

This outstanding story of our historic Memorial Day Veterans service project is just one example of the way our Troop and Cub Pack unselfishly gives back to the community.

Please make sure you read it because it clearly demonstrates our Scouting program's commitment to community involvement.

Allow me to expand on that. When it comes to the Troop serving the community, there is much more to the story. A lot more.

Just in the past two years, our Troop's Eagle projects have benefitted the Bella Women's Center of Warren, The American Red Cross, City of Cortland Parks, The Warren Athletic Club, John F. Kennedy High School, Howland High School, Hillside Cemetery in Bazetta, Lake Vista Retirement Center, and the Cortland SCOPE Center.

From the President

"A Scout is Helpful"

There is also the Flag Day Celebration at Court House Square in Warren in June and the Salvation Army Christmas "Giving Tree" Program during the Holiday season, which helps needy families of our community to enjoy a festive and happier holiday.

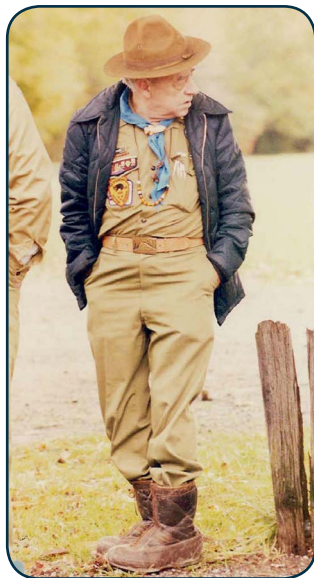
All totaled, the Troop has amassed more than 10,000 hours of community service.

But it is also interesting to note the Troop's outreach to other communities, namely the Scouting community.

Case in point, and perhaps something you did not hear about: When it was discovered that two of the youth killed in the Newtown, Connecticut shootings were Tiger Cub Scouts, Assistant Scoutmaster Van Padula obtained a shoulder patch from their Scout Council and auctioned it off among the Troop 101 Leaders and Committee. This resulted in a donation of \$300, which was sent to a special fund set up to directly support those Scouting families in their hour of need. A small, yet poignant example of our caring and support.

Our touchstone continues to be, and will always be the 12 points of the Scout Law. In small ways, and large ways, we will continue to touch our communities as best we can.

-Tim



Mr. Brown

("Generations," continued from Page 1.)

whole page all over again," said Villareal. "Obviously, this was before the age of computers!"

At last, the updated maps were completed. "We were able to take Jim Villareal's maps, copy them, cut them into sections and laminate them," said Potjunas, "And those are the maps we continue to use to this day."

As Villareal's maps evolved over the years to reflect new Veterans' graves at Oakwood, Potjunas noted some other changes that came along. "We used to have separate heavy metal markers denoting several of the larger wars. So, you had to stop

and use the appropriate marker on the appropriate grave. Scouts all brought gloves to handle those rusty, rough markers," said Potjunas, "We used to work 3-4 hours and then the Scouts would go home and the Veterans



Memorial Day - 2012

would continue in the other areas. It was quite a long process."

But years later, Veterans' organizations switched to aluminum posts with universal plastic markers and Potjunas said it helped get the job done in half the time.

"Four hours soon became two and today, with all the help, plus our Cub Pack showing up, we finish all it up quickly plus put out the geraniums on the veteran's plot," Potjunas noted. "We are still done with plenty of time to spare for the annual visit to the grave of the man who started us on this tradition - Mr. Brown."

There are few 35 year-old Eagle Projects, which endure to this day, but Jim Villareal's is one of them. "Yes, it was a lot of hard work, but I'm very proud to know my maps and list of Veterans' names are still being used by the Troop to locate gravesites on Memorial Day to this day."



Memorial Day - 2012



Memorial Day - 1991

Trivia

1. What does it mean when someone says a tree is deciduous?

2. What does the knot symbolize on the Boy Scout emblem?

3. What do the two stars on the Scout badge symbolize?

4. Who was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America?

5. What does C.O.P.E. stand for?

Fun Facts

Jack Norton has tagged over 40,000 faces in the Troop Photo Gallery. The 40,000th face tagged was John McClearn.

Of the over 61,000 photos in the gallery, only 16,000 photos have at least 1 face associated with them.

1. It loses its leaves every year
2. It's a reminder to do a good turn daily
3. Truth and Knowledge
4. James E. West
5. Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience

Answers

The Scoutmaster's Corner

"The Long, Long Winter"



Jim Potjunas Scoutmaster

We started 2014 with a 'traditional' Winter Event. Instead of the grass and mud of 2013, we had plenty of snow and lows in the teens.

Some of the Scouts would also call it "traditional" because one of the Patrols took first place and they returned the winners' stave to the Troop after a 3-year absence. Besides being cold, we were also lean. By last fall we had finished a cycle of 14 Scouts aging out over 14 months. And we chose to shut down the Beaver Patrol since we just didn't have enough members.

February was to be our struggle back. We invited the Pack 101 Webelos to Beaumont with us. There was cross-country skiing, Patrol competitions, a really neat neckerchief slide to make and keep, and of course, an awesome dinner. It was a sunny weekend with just enough snow for skiing. Was this a sign of better things to come?

March is always an iffy month with plenty of bad weather, but the promise of spring. We camped early, that first weekend to be precise, Nelson Ledges to Chickagami. Friday was in the 50's. Our Saturday was cold and snowy with temperatures back down in the teens Saturday

night. It's a good thing there were pancakes to look forward to on Sunday morning. As the month pressed on, all 8 of those Webelos from February joined the Troop. A couple more new boys showed up and our new SPL has made the decision to re-open the Beaver Patrol. He promoted 4 new members into the Owls because he saw that by the end of this year there would only have been two. Seems we have six more Scouts that will age out in 2014.

As I write this at the end of the month, there is a fresh inch of snow and the promise of 1-3 more. The Blue and Gold dinners and crossovers this week will make all those new members official. There is so much to do in the next few months. We will train the new PLC all day Saturday down in the Troop room. The brand-new Beaver Patrol box will join the other new boxes. We will start packing for the upcoming trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the 60-some people who are attending. We will meet with the new Troop Guides and their new coaches and work out a plan to continue recruiting and talk about retention. We will hype everyone up about the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner.

We will look longingly out to warmer days and Cook Forest, Summer Camp, and Algonquin. Things are on an upward track once again and maybe, just maybe, this snow will disappear.

-Jim



Winter Event - January 2012



Nelson Ledges to Chickagami - March 2012



Beaumont - February 2012



Pancake Breakfast - March 2012



Paul Kuszmaul

Meet Paul Kuszmaul

"Chairman of the Troop's 40th Anniversary Reunion Committee"

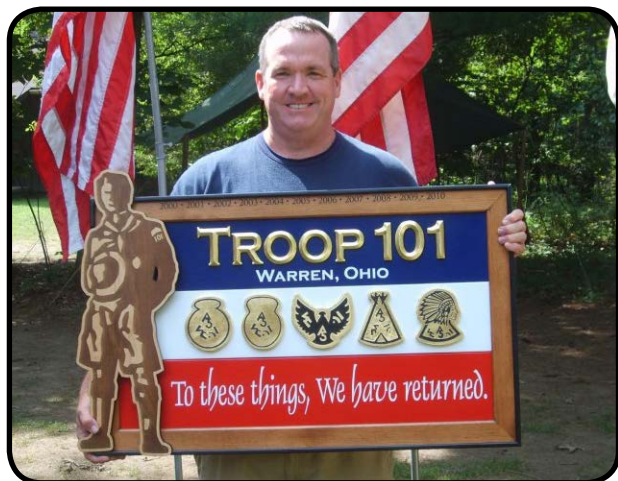
The summer of 2015 will mark Troop 101's 40th Anniversary. In order to celebrate this special occasion, Troop 101 has formed a committee to plan and organize various activities to highlight our Troop's accomplishments over the past four decades.

Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Kuszmaul is serving as the chairman of this committee. Paul has been very active with the Troop since 2006, but his Scouting roots run deep.

Paul was a Boy Scout in the '70's and '80's and received his Eagle in 1982 at Troop 9 in Warren. Paul's wife Kris, also active in the Girl Scouts as both a Scout and a Camp Counselor, also serves the Troop 101 Committee as Campsite Coordinator.

A third-generation carpenter from Champion, Paul uses his skills to build various crafts with our Scouts just as he did when he was a Scout.

When the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall was remodeled, Paul and Kris re-designed and built the Troop's Dining Hall Totem to update our presence at Manatoc. Interestingly, Paul made sure that a little bit of Troop 101 history can be found in the frame for the new dining hall totem. It is made from wood that Paul salvaged from the old Camp Chickagami Dining Hall, which was torn down several years ago. So, Chickagami lives on in the new Totem, which now hangs prominently in the center of the dining hall right next to the American Flag. In fact, the Totem is so professionally striking that it was featured on a recent Outdoor Channel TV show.



Paul's carpentry skills are world renowned. He is a proud licensed supplier of custom WoodBadge Regalia Boxes to Gilwell Park, in Chingford, London, where Scouting's roots began.

While Paul has been with the Troop since 2006, he also served our Cub Pack for more than 11 years in several Den Leadership positions as well as Assistant Cubmaster and Pack 101 Cubmaster from 2009-2011.

He also served in Scouting positions outside the Troop. In 2013, Paul and son Bryce were members of the "First Staff" at the new Bechtel Summit Scouting Reserve in Piney View, West Virginia where they worked both Food Service and Aerial Sports. Paul is also a Guide for the upcoming Greater Western Reserve Council Wood Badge Course.

Paul and Kris have three sons, Bryce, Cole and Gage. Bryce is Troop 101 Eagle # 125, Cole is a Life Scout and Gage is a Second Class Scout. Paul looks forward to serving as Chairman of our 40th Anniversary Committee and to seeing you at our Celebration.

You will be hearing much more from Paul in upcoming editions of the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly as to how you can help with the reunion celebration as we draw closer to our 40th anniversary.



The Kuszmaul family: Bryce, Cole, Paul, Gage, Kris

Pack 101 Celebrates 15th Anniversary



Pack 101, the Troop's outstanding Cub Scout program celebrates its 15th anniversary in April.

For Troop 101, a Cub Pack was a long-time coming.

"For years our Troop was one of the few premier Troops that did not have a feeder Pack," said Jim Potjunas. "The Troop had always enjoyed a fair degree

of success with Webelos crossing over into the Troop from Pack 122 at Howland United Methodist Church, Pack 16 at St. James Church, Pack 28 at Howland Community Church along with a few other Packs in the area, but we needed our own Pack."

At the time, Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmasters Ed Byers Sr. and Vic Dasbach were running Cub Pack 122. Ed was Cubmaster and Vic was the Pack's Committee Chairman. With a high-quality program, which resulted at one point in a whopping 135 Cub Scouts, Pack 122 was the largest

Pack in the Council and some thought it to be the one of the largest in the BSA's Central region.

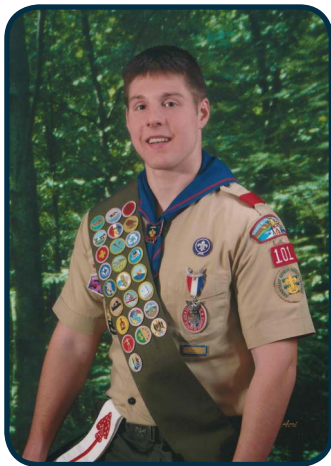
However, there were rumblings at the Council level that Howland needed a third Cub Scout pack, that Pack 122 was much too large, needed more competition, perhaps even needed to be broken in half. Among the major problems with this idea was that nobody at the Council or District level could offer a viable way to accomplish this feat without alienating the Cubs, the Leaders and the parents of Pack 122.

A solid idea soon became a full reality and after a series of discussions at the Arrowhead District and Council levels, which included Father Donald King of Blessed Sacrament, Pack 101 was launched.

Its official debut was in April, 1999 when the newly formed Pack held a Tiger Cub Roundup at Howland Township Park and recruited eight of the Pack's very first members.

The following September, a Round-Up night was held at Blessed Sacrament school with more than two dozen new Cubs signing up. The new Pack was off and running and is regarded as one of the premier Cub Packs in the Council.

PAIR OF DOWNINGS PRESENTED WITH EAGLE AWARD



These two young men actually earned Scouting's highest rank in 2012, when Scouting celebrated 100 years of Eagle Scouts.

After a bit of a wait, the two finally had a date for their Eagle Court, and much like their time in scouting, they decided to do that together.

Lucas is Eagle Scout #123. He is currently attending The Ohio State University for Engineering.

Thomas is Eagle Scout #127, currently wrapping up his final year at Howland High School. He plans on attending The University of Toledo in the fall.

Both young men have been active in the Troop, but so has their father Ken, acting as an Assistant Scoutmaster and patrol coach.

The Court of Honor was opened by Dr. Ken LaPolla. Poems were read by Assistant Scoutmaster Erik Hoover and Committee member Frank Constantine. Lucas was escorted by Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout #93 Matt McCracken, and Thomas was escorted by Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout #122 Zac Szewczyk. The awards were presented by Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas.

Looking around the room, there were at least 18 Eagle Scouts in attendance. Most were alumni of Troop 101, and a few were current members, nearing their 18th birthday.

Two slideshows, created by Matt McCracken, were shown chronicling the scouting career of Lucas and Thomas. Both can be found on the Troop website, and are worth a watch.

<http://movies.troop101.net/Default.aspx?alb=24>



The Downing Family Ken, Lucas, Thomas, Joyce, and Abigail

<http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net>

The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over **62,000** photos from 1975 to the present.



1996



April 2005



Family Camp - June 1990



June 1998



Flag Day - June 1990



Spaghetti Dinner 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• April

April 4 - 6 - Wright-Patterson Camping Trip

April 13 - Spaghetti Dinner

• May

May 2 - 4 - Cook Forest Camping Trip

May 9 - 11 - Whitewater Rafting

May 9 - 11 - Wilderness Survival

May 25 - Memorial Day, Grave Decorating

May 29 - Ben Witt Eagle Court of Honor

• June

June 6 - 8 - Family Camp

• July

July 6 - 12 - Summer Camp



**"IT'S THE SPIRIT WITHIN, NOT
THE VENEER WITHOUT, THAT
MAKES A MAN."**

- Lord Baden-Powell

FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE TROOP CALENDAR AT
<http://Troop101.net/calendar.asp>

It's almost here!!!

**It's the 36th annual Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner at
Blessed Sacrament Church
April 13, 2014 - Noon to 6 PM.**

Come enjoy a great meal. You can buy a ticket from a Scout, get one at the door, or even stop in for carry-out! Pre-order 12 or more dinners and get free delivery!

But if you show up, you can also bid on some really awesome gift baskets! There's even a kayak this year! Eagle's Wings holds their Basket Sale at the same time! Don't miss out!

The Troop's Spaghetti Dinner is the largest of our fundraisers and thanks to you and your support we continue to enjoy record sales, year after year.

The success of our Spaghetti Dinner, chaired by Loretta Puet, is really a total team effort with special 'thank you's' to the Eagles Wings, Eric Hoover and Matt Kassos. Ginny Patchen has also done a wonderful job in publicizing this year's Dinner. Posters were up all over town.



Part of our continued success is that the Spaghetti Fundraiser is always on Palm Sunday, so our Alumni folks and others can count on being a part of our dinner. We have seen continuous growth over the past four years and we anticipate that that will continue. We hope to see you again on Sunday April 13!

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