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Feature profile: James Carnahan

Troop 101 Eagle Scout #49 - November 10, 1992

He is Troop 101's 49th Eagle Scout. Today, he is a devoted family man who works for the federal government. In this issue we profile James Carnahan, who became an Eagle November 10th, 1992. James' Eagle project, a stone altar in an outdoor chapel at Christ Episcopal Church, still stands today.

AQ: James, it has been more than 20 years since you earned your Eagle rank and departed the Troop. Catch us up.

JC: After graduating from Liberty High School, I went on to Bowling Green State University and I obtained my bachelors of science in Business Administration with a specialization in Management Information Systems. From there, I started out working for the May Company's data center for a few years. I then went onto First American Title Insurance Company for seven years. And for the last four years, I have been with DFAS, (The Defense Finance and Accounting Service) which is the accounting service for the Department of Defense. Recently I was promoted to the DFAS Disbursement Operations Department.

AQ: You work for your Uncle Sam?

JC: Yes, I am a contact or customer service representative for the federal government. In this position, I get to speak with the military members who are enlisted and officers, active duty or retired, along with federal employees who have inquiries about their pay and I help them resolve any problems or issues that they encounter.

AQ: Sounds like really rewarding work.

JC: It is. I really love what I do. I enjoy it and really like being able to help people all around the world. It's an outstanding and wonderful feeling to be able to help the military members, whereas not only what you do affects them, but also their families, the military wives and kids. It's a great honor to be able to serve those who serve.

AQ: Speaking of family, tell us about yours.

JC: After graduating college, I met my spouse Heather. We currently reside in Elyria, Ohio, just west of Cleveland. Heather has been an elementary school teacher for 16 years and loves teaching and helping children. We have been married 13 years and have two beautiful, wonderful children. Daughter Elizabeth just turned ten in May and son, Thaddeus, will be four in September. Elizabeth is active with the YWCA dance program and school activities and her friends. Thaddeus is active at getting into everything he can around the house. The children are great and we thank God every day for them as well as the rest of our family and friends. We also have 3 cats, Fred, Barney and Bam-Bam. In my spare time, I love exercising, jogging, cooking, listening to wide ranges of music and watching sports, namely the Cleveland Browns and Indians. Through exercise I have lost about 50 lbs.

AQ: You got involved in Scouting from the very beginning, right?

JC: Yes. I definitely was a Cub Scout. I got involved when they came to my school in second grade and I signed up right away. I continued with Cub Scouts and received my Arrow of Light and then crossed over into the Troop.

AQ: What are your recollections of the Troop?

JC: Camping was a lot of fun back then. We were always doing something. And I know that the parents and Troop with their support is what makes this Troop so successful. There was summer camp each year at Camp Chickagmi for a whole week. I also recall some of the bigger trips. We went to Gettysburg and, of course, there was the 184 mile bike trip to Washington, D.C. from Cumberland, Maryland. I loved Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada. It was a lot of fun to see the moose and baby black bears visiting the campsite and hearing the timberwolves. These are a lot of things that most kids don't normally get to experience.

AQ: You were a Patrol leader?

JC: I was Eagle Patrol Leader and eventually become an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. I enjoyed leading my Patrol and helping teach Scouting skills.

Each year our Patrol would design and build a sled for the Winter Camp outing in January. We would compete against other Patrols in the Troop and also against other Troops as well. Competing was fun because it helped the Patrol learn how to work together as a team. I also remember doing the COPE Course, in which we worked as a team on climbing walls and ropes.

AQ: Those teamwork skills translate to what you are doing for the government today?

JC: Yes. I am definitely a team player at work. On various projects, I am frequently asked by my superiors at work to train new employees. Scouting really helped develop this trait and made me who I am today.

AQ: Some memorable Troop moments?

JC: The one I remember best is First Class Camp. I did my camp with Mike Beers (Eagle Scout #50) and we were trying hard to impress Mr. Potjunas with our camping

May 1991

and cooking skills. Upon inspection, Mr. P. was quite impressed with our campsite and commended us. It's a good thing he didn't stay for dinner because he might not have been so impressed. We accidentally let our spaghetti cook way too long. What should have been pasta ended up as a giant matzo-ball! But, cooking lesson learned, we made First Class Rank.

Camping was always fun, but some things you will never forget. When tent-camping in the January cold and snow, you never-ever wanted to get out of your sleeping bag, especially if you didn't put your clothes in your bag the night before to keep them warm. You'd have clothes to put on and it would really wake up quickly you if your clothes were cold.

AQ: Who were some of your influences, role models, perhaps people who helped you on the trial to Eagle?

JC: There so many people who were so supportive and helping me to obtain Eagle. The older Scouts who were leading the Patrols were a big influence as well as my Scoutmaster and my parents. I think mostly it was the prior Patrol Leaders of my Patrol who set an example and helped me to grow as a Scout. Once I did get involved, my Mom and Dad were very supportive of it. When I was in the Troop and Cub Scouting my Dad went camping a lot with me on the campouts. A lot of my friends were in scouts but sometimes they didn't always stick with it as we got older.

The Carnahan Family

AQ: It's interesting you say that. Even today the guys who, for one reason or another came close, but didn't quite make Eagle always seem to regret it. Did you ever have any doubts along the way?

JC: Well, sometimes you get to a point where you feel like nothing is getting accomplished no matter how hard you try to get it done. Especially, when doing the Eagle project. But with the help and support of your family, fellow Scouts, and Scoutmaster, you're able to work things out. I was able to complete my project as planned. I designed and constructed an outdoor stone chapel altar at the Christ Episcopal Church in Warren, which still stands today. My parents still attend the church and get to see it often.

Court of Honor - 1991

AQ: What significance does Scouting hold for you today?

JC: I'm very proud to have been able to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. Making Eagle was just as great an honor today as it was back then. It has definitely helped me to develop into the person I am today and there are a lot of skills that I still use today that I learned in Scouting. These are skills such brainstorming, troubleshooting and problem solving. Scouting's leadership skills help you determine your options of how to resolve the problem, and then going forward and figuring out the best way of actually resolving that problem. You can accomplish anything you want if you put your mind to it!

From the President

"An OMG Moment"

Tim Ross
President

Ever have one of those "OMG!" moments? I did, just the other day.

It suddenly dawned on me that this marks my 10th year as a member of this Alumni Association.
When my son Chris became an Eagle in 2004, I really didn't want to leave the Troop behind. Truth be told, I was having too much fun. So, while Chris moved on, I made a conscious decision to stay.

I'm glad I did and I am challenging those Scouting families who have – or are on the verge of – "aging out" of the Troop, to follow my lead and become active in the Alumni Association.

This call comes at a time when one of our veteran officers is getting ready for retirement and moving out of state, which is going to create some big shoes to fill within our leadership ranks.

So, this is where you come in. We are looking for fresh faces to help us lead the Alumni Association and do all the good things for which we are known.

For instance, we will soon be in the market for someone to take over the job of framing the Eagle certificates we award our Scouts. This job doesn't require a whole lot of time, but is one of those small tasks the Alumni Association performs, which helps make a difference at each and every Eagle Court of Honor. Can you help us? Please let me know.

With more and more Scouts earning their Eagles, their families are now alumni-eligible. There have been several of them in the past year alone.

It is my hope they won't fall off the grid and that we will continue to soon see them at the events we sponsor, such as the Alumni Holiday/ Reunion Party, the Spaghetti Dinner and Family Camp. Here are three excellent opportunities to stay in touch with the Troop through our Alumni Association.

The thing that continues to amaze me about this Troop is that, whenever familiar faces get together there are gales of laughter, good stories and great memories to share. We invite you to come and share the fun with us. As a working member of the Alumni Association. I assure you that you will not regret it.

-Tim

Attorney Gregory A. Gold

Generations:

As Good as "Gold" - A Family Scouting Tradition

In April, Troop 101 Alumnus Ned Gold was awarded the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by the Greater Western Reserve Council. The award is a prestigious recognition granted only to Eagle Scouts who have devoted their lifetime to making a positive and lasting effect on their communities.

Honored and humbled, Ned didn't expect to receive the award. "There are so many that are more deserving," he said. All humility aside, his latest accolade is yet another addition to the Gold family's Scouting legacy, which now spans four generations.

"Come this September, the Gold family will celebrate its 95th year in Scouting," said Ned. "My father, who was an Eagle Scout and later became my Scoutmaster, started it all when he joined Troop 10 in Kansas City, Missouri as young boy in September 1919 and he spent over 60 years in Scouting."

Ned joined Scouts when he was eight years old and had attained Eagle Scout by the time he was 13.

His son Greg became Troop 101's 31st Eagle Scout on October 13. 1987.

And the tradition continues. Greg's son Warren is now a Scout with a Troop in Denver where Greg has a highly successful law practice. When son Warren becomes an Eagle, he will be the fourth generation Gold to make Eagle. It will mean that every male born into the Gold family since Scouting began has become an Eagle Scout. There are very few, if any other, families in the United States that can make such a claim.

"My dad is the ultimate Eagle Scout," explained Greg. "He pushed me, at times, through Scouting, as I now find myself doing for my own son, Warren. But that is good. We often remind each other to 'keep our eye on the prize.' My Scoutmaster, Jim Potjunas, firmly guided us through it and I am grateful for it all."

There is another family Scouting tradition: Philmont. The BSA's New Mexico Scout Ranch has Gold written all over it.

When Ned was 18 years old, he became a Ranger and worked at Philmont from 1959 to 1965. After two years as a Ranger, he became a Program Counselor and then a Camp Director. He then founded the Philmont Staff Association, which today boasts 400 members and celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2013.

Ned's two brothers, Tom and Paul, worked at Philmont at the same time Ned worked there back in the late 50s and early 60s. Even Ned's daughter Marianne worked Philmont for two years in the 90s.

A few months ago, Ned said he received a call from a writer hired by the BSA National to write Philmont's 75th anniversary book, which is to be a coffee-table book with lots of photos.

"The writer told me that the national Council wants a chapter of the book to be called "10 Men Who Mattered in Philmont History," and he told me that I had been selected as one of the 10," said Ned. "That was very hard to believe because there have probably been hundreds of thousands of volunteer leaders who have gone through Philmont over 75 years." Ned said he was shocked when he looked at the list of names because he was the only volunteer on the list. The rest were professional Scouters.

Greg moved to the Denver, Colorado area in the 90s and has practiced law in Denver and throughout the state of Colorado, as well as in other states for 19 years. He graduated from law school on May 19, 1995 – the same day that his mother, Carolyn, died – a bitter sweet day, as one can well imagine.

According to Ned, when Greg was three years old he announced to the family that he was going to become a lawyer. "Frankly, we could not tell whether he was saying 'lawyer' or 'warrior'," said Ned. "And then, when he was only 10 years old, he said he was going to be a lawyer in Denver, Colorado." True to his word, two weeks after graduating Law School, Greg was a lawyer-in-waiting, taking the bar exam in Denver.

His rise to prominence in Colorado legal circles was mercurial. He was selected as the "Outstanding Young Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association. One of his many celebrated successes includes a landmark court decision against a national retail giant in a personal injury suit, which resulted in a $15 Million jury award! (Greg was seeking $10 million for the victim, but after hearing Greg's riveting closing argument, the jury awarded the victim $15 million). It is regarded as the largest verdict of its kind in the annals of American law. He continues to serve on the board of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.

Greg takes great pride in his family's Scouting history and his being a Troop 101 Eagle Scout. He is not bashful about crediting Scouting for much of his success. "Here is what does not work: proclaim you are a Boy Scout, here is what does work: be a Boy Scout. Then, it is back to basics. Whether in the courtroom, the boardroom, the recreation room or the family room, the anchors that Scouting has set keep me centered," Greg explained.

"The twelve points of the Scout Law are always there," said Greg, "But the experiences and the opportunities, and frankly, the fun times we had in Troop 101, are the center of my soul."

The Gold Family

Former U.S. Defense Secretary, CIA Chief Robert M. Gates becomes New BSA President

Says it is "Time for blunt talk" in Scouting

Robert M. Gates, the former defense secretary, will prioritize transparency, marketing, retention and recruitment, and continued program innovation during his two-year term as the 35th president of the Boy Scouts of America.

In his first speech to Scouters and Scouts since the 2010 jamboree, the Distinguished Eagle Scout and past president of the National Eagle Scout Association also expressed his support for last year's membership vote.

Furthermore, he said he'll oppose any effort to reopen debate on the issue during his term.

During his 27-minute speech at the BSA's National Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tenn., Gates outlined his vision for the movement. A movement, he said, that has improved dramatically in the eight years since Gates was last involved as a volunteer.

"My bluntness may disturb some of you, but it's part of the package," he said. "And maybe it's time for blunt talk."

Case in point: He said that during his time as president of NESA and member of the board until 2006, "I was harshly critical of the way this organization was run. … Everything seemed scripted, and the volunteer leaders seemed to me to be largely figureheads."

But since he returned to Scouting in February of this year, Gates said he has noticed a dramatic change in how the organization is run.

"I believe the volunteer leadership has assumed its proper role as the guiding hand of this movement. There is still room for improvement, but as someone who has not been involved for the past eight years, the difference between then and now is like night and day."

Improve transparency and cooperation in Scouting

"The BSA is not the CIA. We should have no secrets from each other or from our volunteer leaders across the nation."

"I know that the dedicated professionals on the National Council staff agree with the emphasis on local council support. I look forward to working with Wayne Brock and his team to review National Council procedures, policies and regulations to continue the effort to make our national headquarters a more effective and responsive service center for councils."

"For the first time, the national president will have a full time, independent representative at Scout headquarters to help me be more effective for Scouting."

Improve marketing

"A second priority is to improve our marketing, which in turn is closely tied to recruitment and to our reputation. … I think our marketing needs to be focused on local media — whether traditional local television and newspapers or social media."

"Every day, in every district and every council, there are countless good-news stories about Scouting."

Improve recruitment

"We must first stop the decline and then begin to address how we grow again. I don't have any easy answers to this challenge."

"I do believe it starts with emphasis on recruiting Cub Scouts. Teaching leadership and skills are important reasons for joining Scouts for all of us, but I suspect that for most parents of boys of Cub Scout age, what they want most of all is a chance to spend time with their kids."

The membership issue:

The membership issue has left the Scouting family "divided, distracted and defensive."

"In all candor, I would have supported going further, as I did in opening the way for gays to serve in CIA and in the military. That said, I accept the vote of a year ago, and I strongly support it. And, in its implementation, Scouting must provide a welcoming and safe environment for gay youth, a place where they can benefit from Scouting and not face bullying or disrespect."

"I believe strongly that to reopen the membership issue or try to take last year's decision to the next step would irreparably fracture and perhaps even provoke a formal, permanent split in this movement — with the high likelihood neither side would subsequently survive on its own. That is just a fact of life. And who would pay the price for destroying the Boy Scouts of America? Millions of Scouts today and Scouts yet unborn."

"Thus, during my time as president, I will oppose any effort to reopen this issue."

His view on Scouting

"We must move forward by focusing on what unites us: our belief that the Boy Scouts of America is the finest organization in the world for building character while teaching boys and young men to meet and overcome challenges, to cheerfully serve others, and to live lives based on the principles of the Scout Oath and Law."

That's right! This is the 20th edition of the Alumni Quarterly.

Ed and I have enjoyed putting these twenty issues together over the last 5 years, and we hope you've enjoyed reading them.

If you have a moment, drop us an email letting us know what you like, or don't like, or maybe something you would like us to consider putting in an upcoming issue. We always value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

- Matt McCracken

Trivia

1. Who brought Scouting to America?

2. On a compass, how many degrees is Southwest?

3. What does the color white on the American flag represent?

4. What is the second point of the Outdoor Code?

5. Who is the only Adult from Troop 101 to serve on Manatoc Staff?

Fun Facts

There have been 3 Eagle Scouts in 2014 so far, and several are almost there.

Sea Scouts helped evacuate Dunkirk during World War II.

Answers

1. William D. Boyce
2. 225
3. Purity and innocence
4. Be careful with fire
5. Lynne Norton

The Scoutmaster's Corner

"Summer is Here"

Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

We are just back from a very nice family campout at Pymatuning. The weather was absolutely perfect and, as any camper knows, that goes a long way toward everyone's impression of the Troop. I spent some time that weekend with Paul Kuszmaul talking about next year's 40th reunion plans. I am sure he will share some of that in his article. Paul is such a good choice for this committee. He works so hard to make program memorable.

We didn't have the usual big dinner surge at camp this year. Instead, many families came out and camped for the whole weekend. That was really nice. Our official number was 85 for the weekend, but with visitors dropping in throughout the day I am sure we were closer to 100.

Our attention now turns to Summer Camp. I am two Scouts away from having every single member of the Troop attend for the first time ever. Both of these Scouts are still distinct possibilities. And we even have a Scout on camp staff for the first time since moving to Manatoc! We will have about 15 first year guys at camp this year. Thank goodness for Eagle college alumni coming to camp this year. I don't think we could keep up otherwise!

Ken LaPolla is finalizing plans for the High Adventure canoe trip to Algonquin the first week in August while I am working on the logistics for base camp the following week. There are a lot of excited Scouts and a good number of excited Leaders.

Back in the real world, we are looking at the Troop's aging 1999 Chevy Suburban and some needed repairs. We just weighed the full trailer to see how much we were towing, so when we eventually needed a new vehicle we would know what to look for. Would you believe 10,000 lbs.?

Our partners, the Elks, are trying to get their new building underway. They are constrained by funds and it is unclear whether we will have a suitable meeting place. These big ticket items have people working on solutions and we are sometimes pleasantly surprised when someone steps up and helps out.

I don't know how it will all work out, but for now, the weather is warm, we have some great adventures planned for the summer, and over 50 Scouts who just can't wait!

-Jim

Fun in the water - Family Camp 2014

Volleyball - Family Camp 2014

Breakfast - Family Camp

Portable Quartermaster - Family Camp 2014

Paul Kuszmaul

40th Troop 101 Reunion Committee Update

Reunion Dates Announced!

Having just returned from our Family camp-out at Pymatuning State Park, the great weather and activities have us all excited about next year's Troop 101 40th Anniversary Celebration. Please mark your calendars as our tentative date is June 12-14, 2015 at Pymatuning State Park.

If you have been away from the Troop for a while, please do not feel reluctant to re-engage on this special weekend as we will have activities to make you feel like you've been with us all along. It will be a great opportunity to catch up on where some old friends are and also see the new faces of our current Troop.

Our reunion committee is taking shape, but there is always room for more so if you would like to help us with the planning or administration of next year's event please let me know.
Also, if you don't have the time, but have any ideas of activities that could make our reunion more memorable, please do not hesitate to pass them along to our committee. We already have several ideas, but we would certainly welcome yours.

Hope to see you all next June!

Paul Kuszmaul
40th Anniversary Reunion Committee Chairman

Scrapbooks at the 30th Reunion - 2005

30th Reunion Dutch Oven Cooking Competition - 2005

Chickagami Plaques at the 30th Reunion - 2005

Troop Gear at the 35th Reunion - 2010

Troop 35th Reunion - 2010

From the Mailbag

Hello,

Thinking of my old troop in Warren, OH, I decided to look them up out of curiosity. I found your website; looking around I was pleased to see the troop is still active and strong. I found the photo section and started looking to the years when I was a member. I saw so many photos of myself and the other scouts; it brought back so many wonderful memories.

I was happy to see your Eagle section and some of the scouts of my age had made it. While I didn't get a chance to become a member of Troop 101's collection of Eagles, your troop gave me the building blocks of what scouting is all about.

I achieved my Eagle in 1999 with Troop 244 in Canton, OH. I just wanted to say hello and thank you for the great memories and helping me shape my scouting career.

- Kevin Seich

Cooking it up with Troop 101

Featured Recipe: Greek Spaghetti

A tradition stands in the Owl Patrol. When a member is getting ready to age out, they have the option of planning and preparing the menu for their last camping trip. In June, two patrol members were aging out, but the menu was planned by Ben Witt, Eagle 134. Ben has a great appreciation for food… make that Good Food.

For dinner the menu was Greek Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, and Salad. While "Ben Witt doesn't need instructions because he's a master chef", the rest might like to know the recipe, and here it is:

Greek Spaghetti

Spaghetti
Large Garlic Clove
Feta, Coarsely Crumbled
Parmesan Cheese
1 Cup White Wine
1 Med. Sweet Yellow
Fresh Greek Oregano Leaves
Mozzarella Cheese
High Quality Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Chicken Breasts
Olives

Boil water. Meanwhile, cube chicken and cook till there is no pink in olive oil garlic and salt. Remove chicken, then sauté onions and olives in the juices and oil from cooking the chicken, as well as the 1 cup of white wine. Add spaghetti to boiling water and cook till done. When the spaghetti is finished dump it into a large bowl. Then combine the onions and olives and sauce that was created with the chicken and spaghetti. Add mozzarella, Parmesan, and feta cheese as you like. Quantities in this recipe can be easily adjusted because you can just add as much as you feel like eating.

TROOP COMMERCIAL HITS THE DRIVE-IN

Earlier this year Troop 101 started an intense recruiting campaign. Posters with sticky notes were put up around the area, and a television commercial was sent to the local television stations. You would think that would be big enough, but not for Troop 101!

That's right, we've hit the big screen. The Elm Road Triple Drive in has started running the Troop commercial before every film! They started running the commercial back in April of this season when they put in the new Advertising system at the theater. Our commercial will run on the big screen the remainder of this season.

Elm Road has been in business since 1950, over 60 years. If you're in the area we highly recommend supporting this local, family owned, business. There are three screens, so chances are there will be a movie you and your family will enjoy. You can find out what movies are showing at their website:

www.ElmRoadTripleDriveIn.com

If you've been to the Drive-In, and have seen our commercial, let us know what you think. We look forward to hearing from you!

http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net

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

Algonquin - 2007

July - 1992

July - 1999

July - 1989

Algonquin 2003

Canoe Trip - 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **July**

  July 6 - 12 - Summer Camp

- **August**

  August 1 - 9 - Canadian High Adventure Canoe Trip

  August 9 - 16 - Canada Base Camp

- **September**

  September 5 - 7 - McKinley Campout

  September 29 - Troop Court of Honor

- **October**

  October 27 - Troop Halloween Party

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

CAMP MANATOC - 2014 STAFF

Camp Manatoc. It has been our home for 15 years, but this year is a little different. For the first time, Troop 101 has a scout on Camp Staff. That Scout is Dan Young. Dan is the Troops 121st Eagle Scout, and will be instructing Small-Boat Sailing this summer.

In addition to earning his Eagle, Dan has earned a second bronze palm and has earned 36 merit badges. Oddly enough, Small-Boat Sailing is not one of them. Despite that, he has done a lot of sailing with his father and is up to the challenge.

Dan is planning to attend the Naval Acadamy in Annapolis, MD.