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Meeting the Challenge

From the President - Shelley Taylor

We are a very fortunate Troop, and that's thanks to the generous Alumni that come together in times of need. Over the last several years, we've raised the funds to build the incredible building that serves our Troop needs. We've upgraded tents, patrol box utensils, and more. Just recently, we replaced our aging Equipment trailer as it was deemed unsafe for the road.

Through your charitable giving over the years, we've also been putting some money back for our next great need. After some inspections and repairs, we've determined that need is in the Troop vehicle used to haul equipment to camp. That is why the Alumni Association is purchasing a "new to us" truck. The Troop leadership, and Alumni worked very hard to find the right truck, at the right price. That price was around $30,000.

Why do we need this second vehicle? That was my first question - if we own a truck that is money out of the program for scholarships and camping experiences. High adventure and outdoor experiences are what attracts and retains scout, especially the post Eagle or teenage scout.

The answer was simple - having this truck gives us the ability to safely haul our largest trailer so we can give important experiences to our kids. We need to get the kids to the program - more program, more kids. And we realize that the suburban doesn't have the towing capacity required to continue safely getting us there.

Last year, as we began searching for a new vehicle, we started putting some funds aside. With early donations of around $9,500, the Alumni Association is matching at $10,000. That's where you come in. We are asking our Alumni friends and family to help with the final third of the cost for the new vehicle.

If I know nothing else for certain - I know that

scouting changes lives. We are asking for your help in our latest endeavor to change a few more.

Thank you for your consideration.

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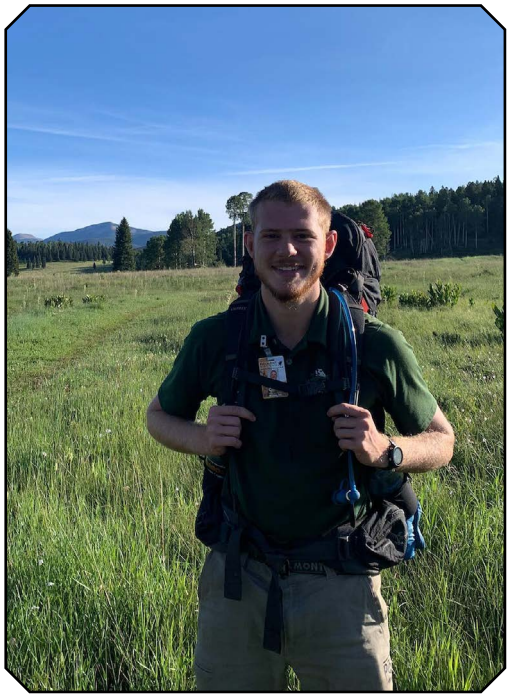


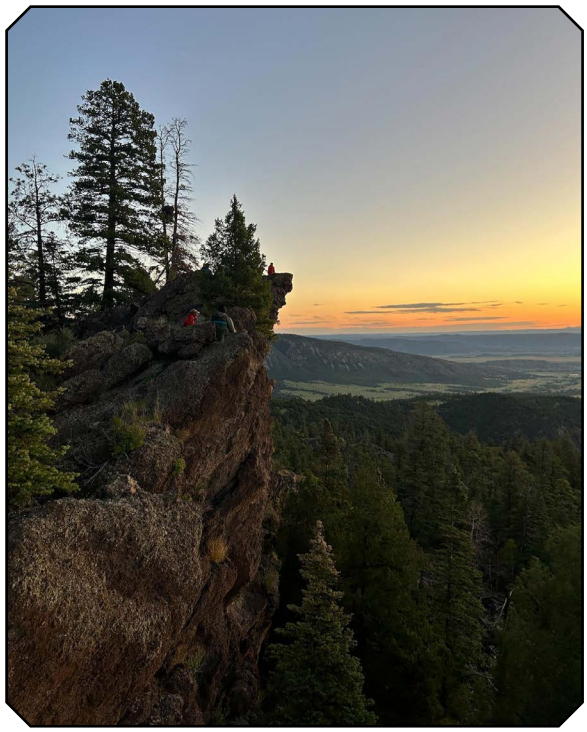
Eagles in the Great Outdoors

Cullen Faulk, Eagle #156 works at Philmont

Editor's note: *It's always nice to see our Alumni out in the world. Just recently a photo showed up on my Instagram feed. It shows a smiling Eagle Scout named Cullen Faulk, #156, out at Philmont. The post was from Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Management. They were featuring Cullen Faulk, Finance Major with a minor in Economics.*

What are you up to this summer?

This summer, I'm working as ranger for Boy Scouts of America (BSA) at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.



What do you do in this position?

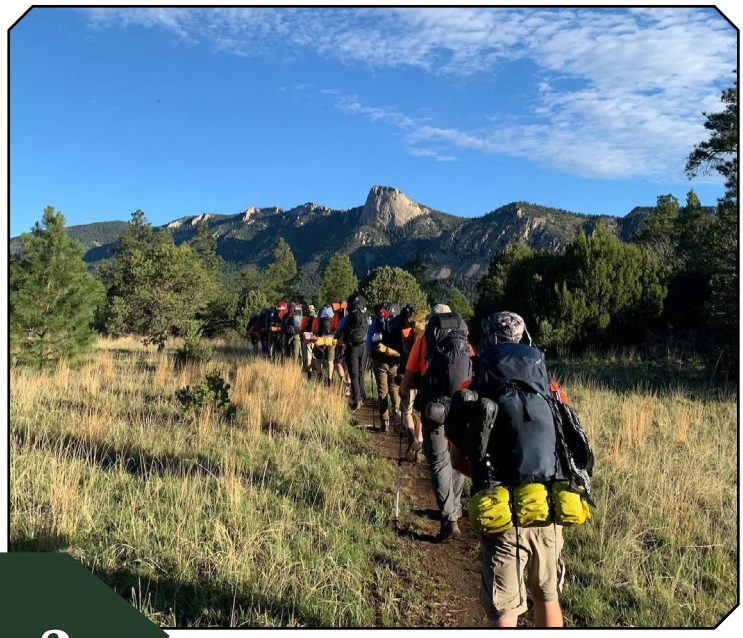
My job is to mentor scouts in backcountry skills, wilderness safety and leadership development.

The ranch covers over 190-square-miles of mountainous land and hosts upwards of 18,000 participants each summer.

Recently, I've had the opportunity to be the leader of a special trek at Philmont called "Rayado," which brings scouts ages 15-19 together on a rigorous 20-day adventure completely planned by myself and a fellow ranger.

How did you find out about this opportunity?

Having grown up in scouting and being an Eagle Scout, I've been familiar with Philmont since I joined my boy scout troop. It is considered to be the pinnacle place for outdoor adventure in the organization.



I first came on trek with my troop in 2019 and I had the privilege of being the crew leader on our 12-day adventure in the backcountry. Towards the end of the pandemic, I decided to challenge myself and become a ranger for Philmont last summer in 2022. This year, I came back to be a rayado ranger that gets to lead a special trek that I personally plan.

What have you enjoyed most about the experience so far?

The slogan for the Ranger Department is "Change Lives." With every new crew I mentor, I see the teachings I give directly help young people appreciate the natural world around them. I also get to see scouts emerge as leaders before my eyes, so the most rewarding part of my job is enabling young people to grow and learn.

Trucking Along

Hello Scouts,

We've had a great addition to our program. We recently added a new vehicle for pulling our nearly eleven thousand pound "Big Blue" fully loaded trailer. Thanks to the Alumni and Eagles wings with finding and buying the "new to us" 2012 Chevy Dually truck with 49,000 miles.

Getting the truck was necessity for the continuation of the program we like to have. We did maneuver some monies around and with great help from the alumni and friends we came up with most of the funds needed. However, we could use some help replenishing our funds to a comfortable level. Thank you for your consideration in this manner. The Troop 101 Scouts really do appreciate it and so do I.

Don't worry, the fun is still in the program. A lot of excitement this Summer. June, we used the new truck and the Suburban to get us to family camp at Pymatuning State Park in Pennsylvania. The PLC still piles into the BURB as they call it and we go over the upcoming menus, duty rosters and weekend activities. This weekend was definitely a canoe weekend. The boys had a great time swamping the canoes and also swamping the adults. They learned fast not to mess with the adults. Age and treachery will out do youth and vigor every time. We had a great time out there. A short paddle to the beach and the boys found themselves in an epic game of ultimate frisbee and some swimming in the lake. That night was our time-honored tradition of retiring the hundreds of past proud flags in a evening ceremony in front of the Scouts and their families. Great job boys.

It's always fun to watch a Fourth of July Parade but this year we actually were in the Howland Fourth of July Parade. We had pulled our four main trailers and DelliQuadri Landscaping was kind enough to supply the Scouts with a semi-truck and flat bed trailer that the scouts decorated and displayed a campsite on. It even came with a fake fire to top it off supplied by Vickie Paisley. We also had a nice guest ride in the truck. Mrs. P joined in by tossing candy and waving at the crowd.

No time for standing still. A few days later the scouts were off to Summer Camp at Manatoc Scout Reservation for another week of program, merit badges, mess hall food with my personal favorite, RAZORBACK STEAK. This year was special with it being Manatoc 100th year of Scouting. It was a great week of program and with the weather cooperating, it made it even better.

Coming up on August 5 marks the sixth anniversary of losing one of our best friends and family. Jim was lost on a similar trip to Canada Base Camp and the troop has not been there since. However, with great happiness we are going back with one week of High Adventure canoeing and one week of a canoeing base camp. I know in my heart Jim would be happy and proud we were going back. I think it's been nearly thirty years since I've been there and I unfortunately just found in some scouting memorabilia I have an old can of ARMOR potted meat we used as a trophy when Jim LaPolla and I won the Euchre tournament up there. It's still sealed and I'm not going to open it anytime soon. Yikes!

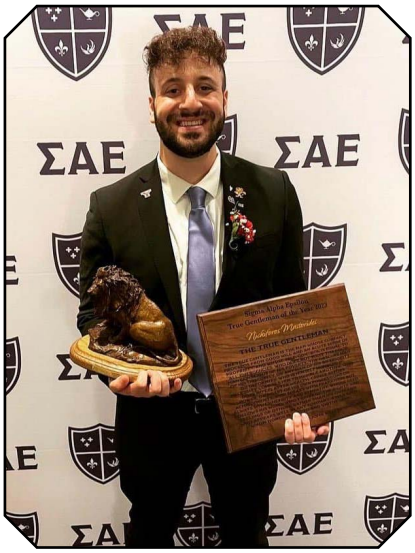
A big thank you to Mr. Matt MacCracken and Mr. Jeff Wagner for spearheading such an ambitious trip up to the Canadian outback. The number of hours just planning and executing is like a part time job. This program is great because of help like this. Thanks guys.

It's been a busy but fun summer so far. As always, if you are in town or coming into town. Stop on by on a Monday night at 7:00 pm. We'll be there. Come see what we're up to and KEEP TRUCKING.

Jason Paisley

A MAN OF HONOR AND SACRED VIRTUE

Nikoforos Mastorides, Eagle #149



Highlighting another Troop 101 Eagle Scout, the Alumni Quarterly is pleased to help recognize the accomplishments of Nickiforos Mastorides (Niko), Eagle Scout #149.

From June 15-17th, Niko attended the 167th Anniversary National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri for his fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE). During the convention, the Youngstown Chapter of SAE was awarded with the John O. Moseley Award for Fraternity Zeal, the highest award/recognition an SAE chapter can receive. The chapter was selected among over 200 chapters to receive the Zeal award. In addition, Niko was awarded with the True Gentleman of the Year award.

The True Gentleman of the year award is one of the highest recognitions a member in the fraternity can earn. Only 23 individuals out of over 350,000 members have ever received this award, showing just how rare and coveted it can be.

In Niko's acceptance speech Niko thanked many people. Advisors, fraternity brothers, fathers, and Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas. He was humbled to stand before so many and accept this award.

You can see that many believed in Niko from posts on his Facebook page. One such came from an Chapter Service Consultant of SAE named Nathan Crunkilton, with the following:

[The thing that I truly love about my job is being able to make an impression, form a relationship, and leave an impact on students, trying to help them become the best True Gentleman that I know they can be. However, with Ohio Alpha, it's different. These men push me to be my best as well, and challenge me to go above and beyond.

Among them, Niko has become more than just one of my students, but a testament of dedication, passion, and an unwavering commitment and relentless pursuit of excellence. I look at Niko, and see a leader that I wish I could have been as an undergraduate, and a person who I am truly proud to call a friend.
A few months ago, I told Niko that I would be nominating him for this award, and the first response was "I don't want it if we don't win Zeal", and that perfectly describes who he is as an individual, a man who puts his Chapter, and his brothers above all else. These men at Youngstown State are truly a special group, who deserve every ounce of recognition they've received this weekend, and cannot wait to see what they continue to do.]

SAE Youngstown posted:

[". . .A Man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe." This last segment, and the rest of the cherished words of our creed, The True Gentleman, perfectly describes our brother Nickiforos Mastorides. That is why, with great excitement, and honor, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Ohio Alpha congratulate Niko on receiving the True Gentleman of the Year Award!!!

Over 12,000 collegiate members of the Fraternity strive to be True Gentlemen today, and Niko embodies this ideal like no other! From his academic perfection, to his extensive campus leadership, Niko has strengthened our chapter and everyone around him since joining! Ohio Alpha is beyond honored and extremely proud, not only for one of our members to be recognized in the highest possible manner, but also to have Niko as a brother!!! Phi Alpha, and CONGRATULATIONS Niko!!]

Niko with Mark McDonough (Current Vice President of SAE)

Chapter Advisor, Chad Torres struggled to find words, but summarized the Chapter earning the Zeal award by saying:

[Have you ever met someone you believe in? Whole heartily, unapologetically believe in? Someone you believe could do anything they put their mind to? Someone who strives to make their world and

those around them better? Well, right now, I have an entire chapter of gentlemen exactly like that. My chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was recognized this past weekend with the John O. Moseley Award for Fraternity Zeal. This highest honor the Fraternity can award, and recognizes the Best Chapter in the realm.

Niko with Mike Corelli
(Former President of SAE)

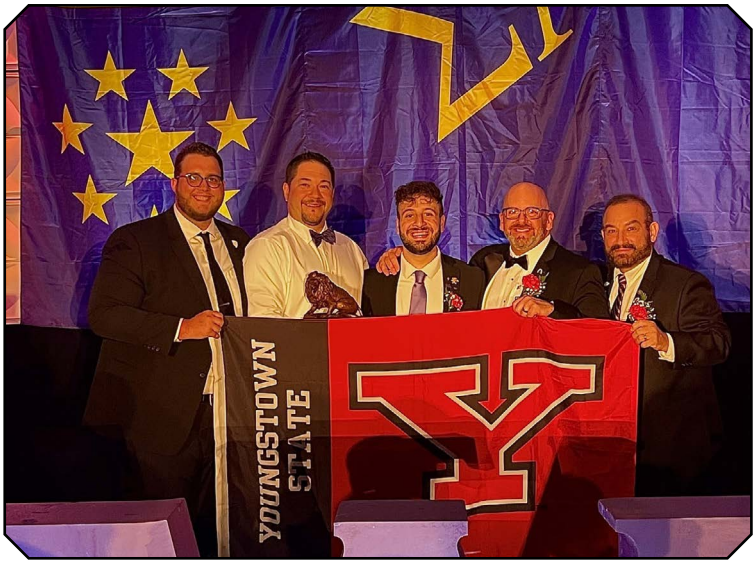
This is the first time for YSU SAE in its 63-year history to receive this honor. I have the remarkable honor of being their Chapter Advisor. Succeeding John Brkic before me. I have seen them accomplish so many amazing things. I've seen this chapter strive higher and higher. Seeing them recognized in the greatest possible manner is nothing short than awe-inspiring.

I realize I'm their Advisor, but they truly inspire and teach me every day. Their efforts, the work they have been put in, and their very nature have led them to deep profound success. I speak for all Ohio Alpha Alumni in saying we couldn't be more proud. I can't wait to see them grow, and the amazing accomplishments they'll have in the years to come.]

He continued in congratulating Niko for being awarded Gentleman of the Year with the following words:

[I want like to congratulate Niko Mastorides for being recognized with the True Gentleman of the Year. This is the highest honor an active (in college) member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon can receive. To put that into context, there are over 12,000 active members. Literally one out of 12,000. To see a brother of Ohio Alpha, a student of YSU, and someone I adore and have the privilege to call a brother receive this honor had me tears (still in tears writing this to be completely honest). I can't put it into words how much I admire Niko as an astonishing person and leader. A true inspiration. To Niko, and all my young gents, Phi Alpha, now and always.]

It is easy to see that SAE, Nikos friends, and all of us in the Troop 101 Alumni Association can be proud of Niko and his accomplishments. Congratulations, Niko.

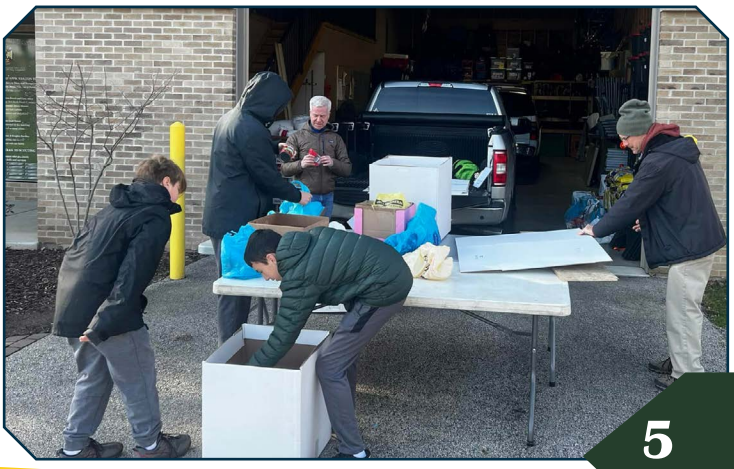


Nathan Crunkilton (National Chapter Consultant), Joseph Costello (YSU Alum and Province Pi President), Niko, Mark McDonough (YSU Alum and Fraternity Vice President), Al Pompeo (YSU Alum and Chapter Advisor)

Scouting For Food - April 1, 2023

On April 1, the Troop families and local families participated in the annual Scouting for Food drive. In Total, the Troop collected hundreds of items. In an episode of GTCTV, it was announced that Troop 101 just barely collected the most food items.

That means it was a close race, so we look forward to participating next year and defending our title. Stay tuned on the Troop website for details in 2024 for the next drive.



Who is Harley Hoff?

Troop 101's new Marketing and Recruiting Chair

This issue of the Alumni Quarterly, we're pleased to introduce and welcome a newer member of the Troop 101 family.

Some of our readers may be familiar with Harley already, but for those that aren't - Harley has been active in Scouting for more than a decade. Scouting has played a major part in his life, and in 2018 he earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Barberton Troop 105. Harley was active in his Troop, and has remained active through his involvement with the Order of the Arrow, and as a member of Camp Staff at Camp Manatoc.

That's where Harley learned about Troop 101. Good old Manatoc! Harley had the privilege of working with some awesome Troop 101 Eagle Scouts, and was familiar with the Troop from his years on Camp Staff as the Health Lodge Officer. With his old Troop folding due to low numbers, Harley isn't ready to leave his Scouting career behind him. In fact, he's just getting started.

Last year, Harley approached and joined Troop 101 with the intention of becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster. With a busy work schedule, and the BSA's requirement for all ASM's to complete a specific leader training, Harley decided to sign on as a committee member until he could complete the training. We're pleased to note this has been a fortuitous move.

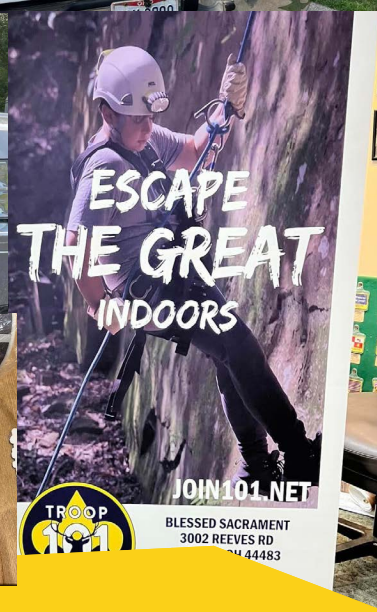
Harley has been helping with recruiting and marketing the Troop to help find new members, and make us more recognizable within the community. He has shared his scouting skills with the younger members, and has been a great help in promoting the Troop.

Recently, at the Howland Fourth of July parade, Harley prepared items the Troop could give out marketing Join101.net, our recruiting website. The marketing items included water bottles branded with "Escape the Great Indoors", keychains, stickers, pens, and business cards. Within 24 hours of the parade the site experienced an uptick of over 200 new visitors, and has reached almost 590 new users in the last couple weeks.

In addition, Harley has also been working with Committee Member, Jim Haywood to brand the Troop 101 vehicles. They are looking great!

The ideas keep flowing, and it would be an understatement to say Harley is excited to promote scouting, and promote Troop 101's growth. While we joke about getting 101 scouts by next years Summer Camp program, (Manatoc's 101'st), it is clear that Harley is making an impact within the Troop. He is eager to show he's part of the 101 family, and to help guide us forward when membership has been decreasing over the last few years due to COVID and other bad press.

So, when you see 101 marching along, setup in Schools with new colorful flyers and promotional material, you can bet that Harley has played a part in getting it made. Welcome to the Troop, Harley!



From the Order

Conclave, Operation Arrow, FORUM, and more!

This spring, the Troop elected 7 youth into the Order, and 3 adults. Most have participated in their Ordeal weekend, or will be at the Summer Fellowship, August 4-6. The Troop is aiming to increase our presence within the Order, and some of our Alumni are leading the charge.

Christopher McMahan, Eagle #153, whom we've featured in the newsletter before, is currently the OA Advisor within the Troop. He is eagerly pushing for more involvement within the Chapter and Lodge. We have even scheduled activities for 2024 to work around OA activities to help promote them.

Christopher with Silver Arrowhead

Christopher also serves as Lodge Secretary and Section Secretary. Earlier in the year, the Section recognized Christopher for his service at the Section level by presenting him with the Silver Arrowhead. This award is designed to recognize those Arrowmen who have rendered exemplary service over a number of years to the Order of the Arrow on the Section level.

While the Troop was camping at Cooks Forest in May, and Eagle Scout #146, Austin Watson, was getting married, the biggest event for our Section took place at Camp Beaumont. All 8 Lodges engaged in interactive programs, fun shows, patch trading and more. All themed under the heading "A Dazzling Mystery". The theme was chosen at FORUM 2022 and developed by Section leadership. The patch design was created by Christopher, and he was responsible for much of the events planning and success. It's such a cool design, we had to share it!

The next FORUM is in November. It's expected that CONCLAVE 2024 will be held at Camp Manatoc, and we're excited to see it hosted so close to home. FORUM was led last year by Committee member Harley Hoff V from the Troop, and will be co-led by Christopher and a non-101 member named Ethan this year.

Stay tuned as we rebuild our relations and interaction inside the Lodge.

Dues can be paid online at Marnoc.org for those wishing to renew their membership in the Lodge.

New Marnoc Callout Ceremony Camp Manatoc - 2023

Complete Patch Set from Conclave 2023

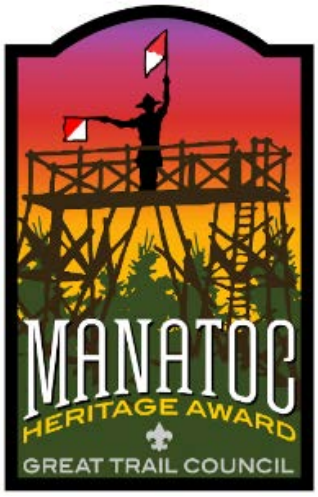
A Year of Adventure - 2023

A Century of Program, Back to Canada

The year of Adventure continues! Since April we've been out to Cook Forest for Canoeing and Hiking, back to Pymatuning for Family Camp, and off to Manatoc for another year of Summer Camp.

This year Manatoc was celebrating 100 years! The first Summer Camp program being held in 1923. Several century-based activities were introduced, and the camp wide games returned with some century themed questions and activities.

Celebrating the heritage of the camp. Manatoc also chose to promote the history by running a few special patches this summer. The first was an addition to the cairn hunt. 24 special cairns were placed throughout the camp in areas of historic significance. A keyword was on each plaque, as well as a QR code. Finding all 24 and turning in your form earned you this awesome patch celebrating 100 years.



Additionally, the Heritage award is available to both scouters and adults. This patch encourages scouts to take some of the more heritage and core scouting related badges while at camp, and for adults to assist in those classes. It encourages them to visit the historic camp, and see what remains of the original flag pole. The badge also promotes service to the camp.

Now, after Summer Camp comes to a close, we look forward to the next trip. At the end of July, the first crew will set forth to Canada for a High Adventure canoeing trip in Algonquin. Interest for the trip has been high, and I know the Scouts are looking forward to making the journey North.

There was some concern over the wildfires, but those were more North, and won't affect the trip. Just last week, we received good news that the burn ban in Algonquin has been lifted! This is good news as we get ready for the trip.

Scout Life Magazine even reached out last minute to discuss the possibility of attending the trip with us. While things won't work out this time, we do plan on sending them photos and information from the trip, meaning this trip may still end up in the magazine.

On August 5th, the second crew will be heading North for the Base Camp portion of the trip. This will be the first time any of the scouts have been on either trip.

There will also be an opportunity for Scouts not attending the Canada trip to camp at Scrappers field for a Scout Night.

In September, Manatoc will be holding a Cent-O-Ree. A Century-themed Jamboree for the council. This will be a weekend of celebration with tons of program and exhibits for attendees to enjoy.

Some highlights from the event include an Antique Car show, A Manatoc Challenge scavenger hunt, Shooting Sports, Native American Artifact displays, Trading and Collector stations, Live Music entertainment, and more!

In October, we'll be backpacking at Beaver Creek. We'll also be enjoying our annual Halloween party at the end of the month. November will be at Tomlinson Run, and we'll wrap the year with our annual Christmas party.

We're not sure of the High Adventure trip for August 2024, but we've already started planning for 2025. Look out Philmont, here we come!

The Alumni will also be holding our new Annual Holiday gathering the weekend after Thanksgiving. So, we hope to see you then!

Saying Goodbye to Scouts, Family, and Friends

Douglas M. Babyak - 1942-2023

Douglas Michael Babyak, age 81, of Warren, assed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

He was born in Youngstown on Jan. 26, 1942, to the late Michael and Elvira DiLisio Babyak.

He was a loving husband and father who enjoyed going to gun shows, antique shows, and participating in Civil War reenactments. He collected stamps, coins, and locks.

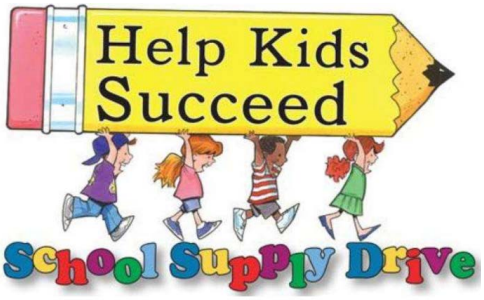
After high school he joined the Navy, serving during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After his service in the Navy, he served in the National Guard, and the Army Reserve. He was deployed to Fort Gordon, Ga., during Desert Storm with the Army Reserve.

He was a proud past master of the Wick Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Johnson Babyak; son and daughter-in-law, Michael Charles (Catherian) Babyak; granddaughter, Emma Babyak; special friends, George Beck and Rick Grove; and numerous other family members and friends.

Back to School Supply Drive

Troop 101 and the Howland Police Department are holding a Back to School supply drive. If you are willing to donate you can drop supplies off at the Troop building Mondays from 6:30pm to 8pm at 3002 Reeves Rd. Warren behind Blessed Sacrament Church or at the Howland Police Station at 169 Niles Cortland Rd NE 8am to 4pm. We will be holding an event on August 19th at the Troop building where we will be handing out the school supplies between 11am and 4pm. If you have any questions you may reach Brian Burkey, Committee Chairman, at (330) 980-8604.



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You can also engage with us on Facebook or in person at fundraisers and reunion events.

Like to write? Consider joining the Newsletter team and submitting articles for upcoming issues. We're looking for people to help find and write content for our Newsletter. If you have a story to share, we're eager to hear it! Not ready to write up a story, but have one? We'll do the heavy lifting, so just send us the information you have and we'll work on pulling it together.

The Troop has a 50th Anniversary coming up. What ideas do you have for the celebration?

As always, **THANK YOU** for reading. See you next Issue!

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Share Your Story!

We're always on the lookout for the next Alumni story to share with you, our readers. If you, or an Alumni you know is doing something interesting, send us a quick email so we can feature that story in the Alumni Quarterly.

Just looking to share a memory, or a funny story? We'll take those too!
Just email us at newsletter@troop101.net

- THE 101 CLUB -

The 101 Club is an all-new way to help. As always, being an Alumni member is free, and entitles you access to awesome things like the Newsletter and the Troop website.

Being part of the 101 Club is a way to become more involved and help with the growing costs of supporting the Troop 101 Scouting program. This includes maintaining and insuring the Troop equipment, helping families in need, and more!

To show you're a member of the 101 Club, everyone that joins will receive a special patch to commemorate their membership! We will also feature your name in the Alumni Newsletter as a club member, and supporter of what we do.

Scan the QR Code to join today!

- 2023 CLUB MEMBERS -

Calhoun, Jason
Hillman, Gregg
Hoff V, Harley
McCracken, Matthew
McMahan, Christopher
Puet, Terry
Ross, Tim
Sabat, Joseph
Taylor, David

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

November

24 - Alumni Holiday Gathering [4-8pm]

Summer 2025

TBD - Troop 50th Celebration

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July

23-28 - NYLT Summer Course
30-Aug 6 - Canada High Adventure

August

4-6 - OA Summer Fellowship & Ordeal
4-5 - Scrappers Scout Night
5-12 - Canada Base Camp
19 - Back to School Drive

September

22-24 - Manatoc Cent-O-Ree

October

6-7 - OA Fall Fellowship
20-21 - Beaver Creek Backpacking

November

3-5 - OA FORUM
10-12 - Tomlinson Run
25 - Alumni Holiday Gathering

December

16 - OA Winter Banquet
17 - Christmas Party