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## The Vigil Honor

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp



Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

The list of Vigil Honor Members may be found in [Appendix E](#).

## The Founder's Award

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is

reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, with a wooden base and a brass plate suitable for engraving. Available for uniform wear is a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.



Lodges may petition the national Order of the Arrow committee to present between two and four awards annually, depending on the number of members in the lodge. If the lodge presents more than one award, at least one must be awarded to a youth under the age of 21.

A list of Founder's Award recipients may be found in [Appendix F](#).

## Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to Arrowmen, youth and adult, who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented at National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 1000 Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded.

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead bearing an arrow pointing up and to the wearer's right. The award is suspended from a white neck-ribbon on which red arrows are embroidered. A white square knot embroidered on red cloth is available for uniform wear and a silver arrowhead lapel pin is available for civilian wear.



A list of Distinguished Service Award recipients may be found in [Appendix G](#).

## Lifetime Achievement Award

The Legacy of Servant Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award was created by the National Order of the Arrow Committee in 2002 to recognize the Order's second and third generation "Founders" – Scouters who have built an enduring legacy to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow through a lifetime of cheerful service to others.

The award is intended to recognize only those extraordinary Arrowmen who have deeply influenced and significantly contributed to the vision, direction, and growth of the Order of the Arrow, faithfully demonstrated a lifetime of servant leadership, and, through their daily example, illuminated and reinforced the significance of the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The prestige of the award requires the criteria be general in nature to allow members of the National Committee to exercise wisdom, flexibility, and discretion in the evaluation and selection of a worthy recipient. Although any past or present member of the Order of the Arrow may be nominated, a nominee **must** meet the following criteria:

- Vigil Honor member
- National Distinguished Service Award recipient
- Continued to render outstanding and dedicated service to the Order of the Arrow on a sectional, regional, or national level, since receiving the DSA
- Member of the Order of the Arrow for a minimum of 25 years

Nominations are made using the Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form, and **must** be received in the national office prior to **October 31st** of the year prior to a National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC"). Nominations will be submitted to members of the Recognition & Awards Subcommittee for evaluation and recommendation to the National Committee. A nominee must be approved by 75% of the members of National Committee to receive the award. The award will be presented only at NOAC.



Ed Pease was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

Given the nature and prestige of the award, it is recommended that no more than one recipient be recognized at a NOAC. The award recipient will be notified prior to the award ceremony. The award may not be presented posthumously. In keeping with the nature of the award, the recognition is not to be a uniform piece, pin, ribbon, or other device, but will be a significant recognition suitable for display in the recipient's home or office.

OA Lifetime Achievement Award			
2012	Edward A. Pease	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Terre Haute, IN

The list of Lifetime Achievement Award recipient(s) may also be found in [Appendix H](#).

## Red Arrow Award

The Red Arrow award was created in 1967 to recognize individuals who are not members of the Order of the Arrow, for outstanding service to the Order. This attractive award, a red arrow and medallion superimposed on an engraved plaque, and a miniature charm for civilian wear, can only be awarded by action of the National Order of the Arrow Committee. Recommendations, by nomination form, should be sent to the national director.



The Red Arrow Award is presented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee at a National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The recipients are either non-Scouters or Scouters who are not members of the Order of the Arrow. This service may take many forms and should involve a significant period of time, as opposed to a single event. Only a limited number of awards will be presented, therefore, only those nominees whose accomplishments are of the highest order will be recognized. Nominations will not be accepted or considered for posthumous awards.

### OA Red Arrow Award

1967 Harvey V. Gil

Indianapolis, IN

The list of Red Arrow Award recipient(s) may also be found in [Appendix I](#).

## E. Urner Goodman Camping Award

The E. Urner Goodman Award was established in 1969 as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder, E. Urner Goodman. Its purpose is to encourage and challenge Order of the Arrow members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in each council. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually. For a lodge to be eligible for consideration, the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award petition should be completed and forwarded with the lodge's charter renewal application.



### E Urner Goodman Camping Award

2009 Jaccos Towne Lodge #21

Central

The list of E. Urner Goodman Camping Awards may also be found in [Appendix J](#).

## OA Service Grant

One of the four fold purposes of the Order of the Arrow is "to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others." It is with this spirit of cheerful service to others that the Order proudly offers the matching service grant program.

For several years, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has provided matching service award grants for a limited number of projects submitted by application to the national office. Respective council offices receive letter notification from the national office when they are awarded the grant.

Matching grant money is given to lodges for camp or service center projects in their local council. The Order will provide up to one-half of the money for a service project, with a \$5,000 maximum amount granted for any lodge project.

All Service Grant Applications must be submitted to the national office by October 31st, for projects to be done the following year.

OA Service Grant		
2001	Kickapoo Lodge #128	Terre Haute, IN
1997	Wulakamike Lodge #21	Indianapolis, IN

The list of OA Service Grant(s) may also be found in [Appendix K](#).

## OA Centurion Award

For nearly 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has purposefully recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Therefore, our organization's centennial provides a unique opportunity to commemorate those among us who are exemplars of the "high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow." The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.



This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the OA that is bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. It is modeled after a similar program in the BSA's 100th anniversary celebration, the 2010 National Hall of Leadership. Accordingly, this recognition is an opportunity to highlight lodge development over the last century and the many individuals, both youth and adult, who were instrumental to this success. These honorees will serve as exemplars of leadership, modeling to others a commitment to cheerful service as the Order of the Arrow enters its second century.

### **Criteria for Nomination**

Centurion Nominees must have been registered in the BSA, the local council and the Order of the Arrow lodge during their recognized "service period." A nominee need not have remained registered in the BSA, local council or Order of the Arrow lodge past the service period, nor at the time of nomination. Therefore, nominees may be living or deceased and should have provided significant contribution(s) to the lodge's legacy. Evidence of a historical member of the lodge may, but need not be, sourced from information within the lodge's centennial history book.

Each nominee must be designated as either a youth or adult contributor. A youth contributor denotes that the nominee's service period occurred while he was under 21 years of age. An adult contributor denotes that the nominee's service period occurred while he or she was over 21 years of age. An adult contributor can be recognized for his or her service as a professional or volunteer. The minimum service period is 3 years for a youth contributor and 6 years for an adult contributor. Time as a youth contributor may not be applied to the minimum time for an adult contributor (i.e., there can be no adult contributors under 27 years of age).

### **Recognition of Centurions**

Nominees selected by the national Order of the Arrow committee will be provided with a certificate and recognition ribbon consisting of a red and white ribbon and a metallic totem symbolizing the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

There are a variety of opportunities for Centurions to be recognized, at the local, regional and national levels.



First, several opportunities will occur during the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference in August. All attending Centurions will be encouraged to wear their commemorative medallion when in Class A uniform. Additionally, the NOAC Centennial Celebrations Committee plans to honor the deeds of Centurions at key conference events. For example, Centurions will be highlighted during the Centennial Show and invited to a special reception at the Centennial Festival. The Centennial Gala will also acknowledge the contributions of Centurions over the course of the banquet program.

Second, a digital publication on the national OA website chronicling the stories of each of these Arrowmen will be published. Each entry will include a photo of the Centurion in service, a listing of the lodge, council and hometown, as well as an anecdote provided from the nomination on this Centurion’s unique exemplary service to the lodge. This publication will be made available after all nominations have been submitted, but before the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Third, during ArrowTour, part of each region’s static display will be reserved in order to recognize local Centurions from that particular geographic area. Finally, lodges are encouraged to recognize their Centurions at appropriate lodge or council functions. Such examples include the lodge’s annual holiday banquet.

To successfully support our local council’s lodge in recognizing its “Hometown Heroes,” lodge’s carefully considered nominating Arrowmen who had selflessly exemplified the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service and passionately devoted themselves “to help other people at all times” and meet the needs of others. Upon entry into the OA’s next century of service, these Centurions will serve as a hallmark and ardent reminder of our Order’s commitment to cheerful service.

2015 OA Centurions are:

First Name	Last Name	Youth/Adult	Lodge of Service	Current Jaccos Towne Chapter
Andrew	Bowman	Youth	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Kickapoo – KPO
Joey	Dierdorf	Youth	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Kickapoo – KPO
Richard “Bear”	Eberly	Adult	Kickapoo Lodge #128	Deceased
Gay	Hanson	Adult	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Wapsuchuppecatt – WAP
Terry	Hasty	Adult	Kikthawenund Lodge #222	Kikthawenund – KIK
Stephen	James	Adult	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Lowaneu Allanque – LOA
Tom	James	Youth	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Lowaneu Allanque – LOA
George	Morrell	Youth	Wahpinachi Lodge #308	Wapsuchuppecatt – WAP
Edward	Pease	Adult	Kickapoo Lodge #128	Kickapoo – KPO
Miriam “Mim”	Ringel	Adult	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Deceased
Justin “Sox”	Scott	Youth	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Wapsuchuppecatt – WAP
James	Stolt	Adult	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Kickapoo – KPO
Chris	Taylor	Youth	Kikthawenund Lodge #222	Kikthawenund – KIK
Steve	Tucker	Adult	Jaccos Towne Lodge #21	Kickapoo – KPO

## Excellence and Quality Lodge Recognitions

In 1957 the lodge re-charter process and forms were changed from an information device to a “policy compliance” agreement.

Questions regarding ceremonies, membership, administration, rules, adults, and funds were incorporated, requiring a “yes” or “no” answer, thus establishing the first “standards” for lodges. In 1960, a total of 16 questions were developed as part of a lodge training effort. These questions were listed for “appraising the operation of an Order of the Arrow lodge” and became the first formal set of standards provided to lodges.

In 1968, based mostly on the 16 questions, a formal National Standard Lodge (NSL) program was established. In the initial rollout, only three



lodges earned NSL status, largely due to the 50% Brotherhood requirement, which only eight lodges achieved. By 1970, 71 lodges (out of a total of 488) were National Standard Lodges. In 1978, the program was replaced with the “Lodge Achievement Program” and then later the National Quality Lodge



Program.

In 2006, a Quality Lodge pin to recognize the efforts of Arrowmen was introduced with proceeds from the Quality Lodge pin sales going to the Order’s Endowment fund.



The Order of the Arrow began the implementation of Journey to Excellence in 2012. Due to its incorporation into the lodge re-charter process, every lodge in the Order participated in the past year’s JTE program. To simplify re-chartering and JTE recordkeeping, information can now be submitted through OA LodgeMaster and each council will receive a direct charge to cover national membership expenses.



The data collected during the first two years of JTE has been incredibly valuable. To continue helping lodges improve, there will be incremental changes to the program in coming years. All changes will be announced 18 months in advance, so that lodges can plan accordingly.

The first set of changes will occur for 2014 JTE. The 2014 requirements were released in May of last year. While the requirements are unchanged from 2012 and 2013, the standards required to achieve each level of recognition have been adjusted based on previous data. These new benchmarks (and all future ones) are based on

the top 10% of lodges earning gold, the middle 50% earning silver, and the top 80% earning bronze on a given requirement.

2015 will be the first year the requirements undergo changes. The most significant change is the elimination of required items. Such a move allows lodges that were unable to meet the two previously required standards to remain focused on the areas in which they excel, and still achieve recognition. Similarly, the numbers of points per item have been adjusted, to place a higher emphasis on particular requirements. Standards such as membership growth and event attendance are weighted significantly higher than other objectives.

Some requirements have also been removed or combined, and a few new requirements have also been added. The 2015 Performance Points are now available for review.

Lodges must now complete elections in a percentage of units throughout the entire council, rather than only for units requesting an election. Points can be awarded for helping units to earn the OA Unit of Excellence Award, and points will be available for lodges making in-person visitations to units for other purposes, such as camping promotions. These new requirements push lodges to reach out and enhance the Order's visibility in all Boy Scout units.

A final programmatic change for 2015: JTE and charter petitions will be exclusively accepted through OA LodgeMaster. The JTE and OA LodgeMaster teams are working to create an implementation plan, which will be released this autumn.

Journey to Excellence is an incredible resource that allows the Order to collect and understand data in a way that has never before been possible. It shows how the Order is growing, supporting local councils, and reaching out to individual units. Subsequently, it will be providing insight that has the ability to shape our entire organization. Lodges should work to embrace the JTE data that is available, letting it guide them in their efforts to grow and improve each year.



The list of Lodge Awards for quality programs may be found in [Appendix L](#).