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## NOAC 2012: United, We Leave a Legacy

By Neil Patrick Harris  
Section Secretary



N. O. A. C.: Four simple letters, but when combined, tell a story of greatness! NOAC stands for National Order of the Arrow Conference. It takes place every 3 years on a major college campus. The 2012 NOAC took place in the summer of 2012 at Michigan State University.

The 2012 theme for NOAC was: "United, We Leave A Legacy!" Every guest has their own story, but all will say it was one of their greatest Scouting experiences. NOAC was a six day conference with countless offerings. Each

morning, there were training cells on anything and everything Scouting and Order of the Arrow related. Training topics included ceremonies, learning different American Indian dance styles, and membership retention.

The afternoons were filled with fun and excitement. Some activities were inter-lodge activities such as Frisbee, tug-of-war, and "lodgeball."

Each night there was an arena show with a unique theme. Monday's show was the wel-

come show which set the tone of the conference. We realized that we had a great opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event while also gaining knowledge in the Order. Tuesday was the recognition show where three awards were presented: the Distinguished Service Award (DSA), the Red Arrow award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Among the 69 DSA recipients were Michael Card and Bill Chin from Owaneco Lodge.

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## Northeast Region Hosts International NLS

By Kevin Montano  
Section NE-3B Chief

In November 2012, a team of trainers from the Northeast Region taught National Leadership Seminar in a unique setting: Camp Freedom in Marktbergel, Germany. The seminar was offered for arrowmen of Black Eagle Lodge, which is home to over 400 arrowmen from Europe and the Mediterranean including Germany, England, the Netherlands. In total, the 52 arrowmen who participated in the seminar were spread out over seven different countries.

Upon arriving at Munich International Airport the staff immediately began taking in the sights and sounds. The majority of the day Thursday was spent touring Rothenburg with our gracious hosts from the lodge. Friday morning the staff headed for Camp Freedom to prepare the training room.

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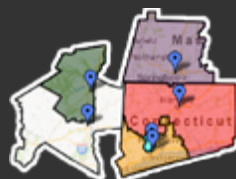
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# LOCAL FOCUS

## A Message From The Chief

Dear Brothers,

From December 27 to 30, I had the honor of attending the National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas. As soon as the chiefs arrived, we were hard at work discussing how to improve the Order of the Arrow's programs and sharing ideas.

At the end of the welcome dinner, national Chairman Ray Capp addressed the chiefs. Following the dinner was the beginning of something momentous; the unveiling of a new Brotherhood ceremony, which the youth voted unanimously to adopt. The ceremony will be demonstrated to lodges during the 2013 conclaves, and will become available for optional use by 2014. However, in 2015, the ceremony will become new official ceremony.

After viewing new ceremony, we proceeded to the election of the new National Chief and Vice-Chief. Matt Brown of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge (SR-6 in Tennessee) was elected National Chief after a well-ran election. Immediately after, Jordan Hughes of Lowwapaneu Lodge (NE-5B in Pennsylvania) was elected to serve as the National Vice-Chief. By the time the elections were finished, it was nearly 2 a.m.! Everyone headed to their rooms for a good (but short!) night's sleep. In the morning, we split up into our respective regions and elected the Region chiefs. The Northeast Region Chief for 2013 is Tyler Allen of Langundowi Lodge (NE-4A in Pennsylvania). As for the other regions, Mike Gray is the Central Region Chief, Brad Torpey is the Southern Region Chief, and David Dye is the Western Region Chief.

With the elections behind us, we turned our attention to the program of emphasis: Project 2013 at the National Scout Jamboree. There are six OA Jamboree Committees this year: Service Corps, Indian Village, Trek Guides, Day of Service, Recreation, and Program. The National Chief divided us into the committees where we spent the remainder of the meeting. It is with great honor to say that I was elected Jamboree Vice-Chief of the Indian Village Committee. I'm looking forward to March, when I visit the Bechtel Summit to see firsthand how the Jamboree will function this summer.

It's always a bittersweet moment saying goodbye to new friends and old ones who you don't see often, but everyone leaves with a feeling of accomplishment and purpose. Every section and national officer in the country is going to work their hardest to give you the best programs they can, and to ever further the Scouting experience in every way possible.

See you at Project LEAP!



Tom Donlon

## Section to Host Project LEAP

The Section Officers would like to invite you to the first Project LEAP, which stands for Lodge Excellence Assistance Program. It is designed to replace the previous Quality Lodge Summit and directly support and improve your lodge's program. The event will bring together all of the brothers in our section for a day of training, fun, and fellowship! The day's schedule includes engaging trainings specifically chosen to improve each lodges' program and help them earn Journey To Excellence, a Council of Chiefs meeting where we will be molding the program

for the Section Conclave, inter-lodge competitions, and time for lodges to set goals to take back with them.

The Section is pleased to announce that we will be having top-notch trainers for this event including Region Chief Tyler Allen, current and former section

By Mitchell Heisler  
*Section Vice Chief*

chiefs, and even some national champion ceremonialists.

You can register at: [www.ne-2a.org/project-leap](http://www.ne-2a.org/project-leap). If you have any questions please contact us at: [LEAP@ne-2a.org](mailto:LEAP@ne-2a.org)

**Location:** East Hartford Middle School (777 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, CT 06118)

**Date:** 9am- 4:45pm February 10, 2013

**Cost:** \$15

**Please bring:** Class A uniform, pen/pencil, and notebook



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# LOCAL FOCUS

## Lodge Updates

### Tschitani

By David Gauthier  
*Lodge Chief*



Tschitani Lodge has been incredibly active since NOAC. We have held our Lodge Fall Fellowship, elected new officers, conducted a Lodge Leadership Development, and started a program to make all of our chapter's ordeals run the uniformly.

In the future we will be having our Native American Seminar on March 16 at the Harwington Gun Club and our Annual Lodge Banquet on March 24. We are also planning an OA summer camp week for arrowmen who want to go to camp.

### Natcha Nimat

By Nick Oster  
*Lodge Chief*



Nacha Nimat Lodge #86 sent a contingent of thirteen youth and three adults to the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Since then, we have seen an increase in membership and held various events to provide service to our council.

Hurricane Sandy brought much devastation to the Northeast Region, our council camps were no exception. Many brothers sacrificed some of their Thanksgiving break to come and provide service to the council camp with the most devastation.

In September, our lodge held a successful ordeal weekend. The primary project of the weekend was making the camp amphitheater more accessible by constructing a staircase.

Our 2013 annual banquet provided us with an opportunity to honor and recognize deserving youth and adults. These individuals made the program possible and successful by exceeding and not limiting themselves to what they were required to do. We were fortunate enough and honored to have guest speaker Major Brad McCoy, an instructor at the United States Military Academy, West Point. He spoke to us about what it really means and takes to be a leader.

In October, Nacha Nimat provided service to the council by helping staff a Cub Scout Council event. When the work was finished, we enjoyed ourselves with some fellowship and spirit activities. Before the weekend concluded we held our lodge elections, where all positions were filled with a good mix of determined veterans and enthusiastic novices.

## Conclave 2013

By Anthony Stoico  
*Conclave Coordinator*

Come one come all to Conclave 2013! On June 7-9 Section NE-2A will gather for a weekend full of fun, training, ceremonies fellowship and much more! Tell your fellow arrowmen, all OA members are welcome to come!

Lodges from around the section will be hosting games, auctions, and more. Our annual business meeting and wonderful non-denominational services will be held Sunday morning, and before you leave you can opt to take home a lunch for the road. Don't miss this opportunity!

Arrive on Friday night for a light snack, or pre-order a fancy Italian dinner and have a hot meal waiting for you when you arrive. Spend the evening hanging out with old friends, and making even new ones, then engage in the opening ceremonies!

Registration opens soon online, and the early bird fee is just \$35 plus your own transportation costs, or your own lodges transportation costs. In your registration you MUST note any special dietary, or medical needs. Half Moon Lodge is more than happy to accommodate to you but we will need to be prepared as Boy Scouts are! These needs include, Vegetarian/Vegan/kosher meals, or electrical power needs for campers with sleeping disorders. Camp Tri-Mount and Half Moon lodge look forward to your arrival and we'll see you there! Follow section NE-2A on Facebook for up to date info on registration.

We start off Saturday morning with tons of awesome training sessions like Outdoor Cooking, Native American dancing, Planning effective meetings, and so much more! Then, after a hearty lunch, enjoy friendly inter-lodge competitions, and plenty of games just for fun. After a special ceremonial presentation, join your section brothers for a great time at a famous Half Moon Lodge Cracker barrel!





# NATIONAL NEWS

## Let's go on a High Adventure

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether it's wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base or maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is your calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to shore up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country who have a similar

interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places you with people who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High

adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit [Adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://Adventure.oa-bsa.org) or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...



## Black Eagle NLS (continued)

After completing preparations more touring was in order as Nuremburg and more of Germany was explored. Friday evening brought the start of the seminar and an intense leadership training commenced. Great enthusiasm was shown by all participants involved, both youth and adult. Everyone was actively engaged, trying to soak up every bit of knowledge on becoming better leaders. A special presentation on knowing the territory was given by Mark Chilutti (Region Chairman) and Ken Davis (National Committeeman) on Saturday afternoon that really helped to bring the Order's history to life.

It seemed as quickly as the trip began the Northeast Region's trip to Germany has come to an end. This seminar could not have been made possible without the planning by past Region Chiefs Travis Cunningham and Eric Bush, Region Chairman Mark Chilutti, Region Staff Adviser Brian Gray, and the members of Black Eagle Lodge.



Germany NLS staff contingent

*File photo*



National Vice Chief Jordan Hughes

*Credit: Kevin Montano*



John L. from Black Eagle Lodge

*Credit: Kevin Montano*

# NATIONAL NEWS

## NOAC (continued)

The Red Arrow award is given to individuals not in the Order who give extensive service to the organization. The final award presented during the show went to Ed Pease who received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Wednesday was the NES@NOAC show which included a panel of accomplished Eagle Scouts. Each one has a unique background including an Olympic Gold medalist and a reality television show winner, or humanitarian. Also during the show, Fighting Gravity performed a spectacular glow-in-the-dark show! An interesting fact we learned at NOAC was 37% or 2,182 attendees are Eagle Scouts.

Thursday was the spectacular Grand HoDag. There was more root beer and pizza than you could ever imagine. Friday was the closing show which summed up everything that the Order is about and really drove home the meaning of why we were at NOAC.

The Section Gathering took place Monday which was a great time for each of the NE-2A lodges to interact. Also, a special Section NE-2A at NOAC patch was distributed to everyone in attendance. On Thursday evening, the entire Region gathered and the Section Chiefs were introduced along with national officers from the Northeast. There were several competitions, including one where then National Chief John Rehm was pried in the face. Then, the region walked to the Gathering of Regions and participated in the interactive activity.

Friday was the Founders Day celebrations and the Goodman Open. Founders Day is when each lodge sets up a booth for everyone to check out what is unique to each lodge's geographical location. The Goodman Open is a time when each lodge competes against one another in competitions related to scouting skills.

The next NOAC will be taking place in 2015 and will be back at Michigan State University. We hope to see you there!



Overview of NOAC Shows

Jamie Rosenberg/ NOAC Staff



Conference Vice Chiefs

Jamie Rosenberg/ NOAC Staff



DSA Class of 2012

Jamie Rosenberg/ NOAC Staff



Parade of Flaps

Kevin Montano/ NOAC Staff



Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock

Kevin Montano/ NOAC Staff



2012 National Vice Chief Preston Marquis

Kevin Montano/ NOAC Staff



# Owaneco Arrowmen Receive Distinguished Service Award

Section NE-2A is proud to be the home of two new recipients of the Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Mike Card and Bill Chin were recently presented with this prestigious award at the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) held at Michigan State University. Both recipients have been active and recognizable faces in the lodge since its founding in 1998.

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented every two to three years during the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This

year, a total of 69 Arrowmen from across the country were recognized with the honor and only 908 Arrowmen have been awarded the DSA since 1940.

Beyond their extensive involvement in Owaneco Lodge, Mike and Bill have contributed service on the national level for many years.

Mike has served as the Project Lead for the OA LodgeMaster program since 2008 and serves on the Communications and Technology National Subcommittee. Mike has given service to the Northeast Region as a member of the OA Cub Scout Task Force. He has served on the staff at four previous NOACs and the 2011 Indian Summer. "I started with the LodgeMaster team when they were looking for lodges to test the program," said Mike. "Owaneco Lodge vol-

unteered to try the database and I had some ideas on how to improve the system. I soon became involved on the programming team and later as Project Lead."

Bill currently serves on the Unit, Chapter, and Lodge Support National Subcommittee where he works with the Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) committee. He has held several lead adviser roles on the ICE staff at NOACs and Indian Summer since 2000. Most recently, he was the Lead Coordinator for the 2012 revision to the Guide to Inductions. As a youth, he was a Section Vice Chief and is currently the Section Adviser for NE-2A. "I was a ceremonialist as a youth, so working on the ICE committee is a great experience," said Bill. Over the past few years, we have reviewed, changed, and created new policies, worked on some new projects, and we have

made some important decisions. It's pretty neat knowing that your work will impact lodges and Arrowmen all across the country."

Mike and Bill have been close friends since their time as scouts in Troop 68 in Trumbull. "It was great to share the experience with Mike," said Bill, "We have shared so many memories in Scouting, going back to our days as scouts." Mike agreed and said, "Bill has been there since the beginning when I joined the troop. It has been a great journey."

Lodge Chief Jesse Morrow commented, "Owaneco Lodge is proud of everything that Mike and Bill have done for the lodge and the Order or the Arrow, and we congratulate them for their achievement!"

## Go Big. Get Wild. Project 2013

Project 2013 is recruiting 700 Arrowmen to serve on the Order of the Arrow staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Project 2013 will be comprised of three groups including the Jamboree Trek Guides, Day of Service Guides, and the OA Service Corps.

All three groups will support a variety of new and traditional activities at the Jamboree site. This will be the largest service corps contingent in history and the Order is looking for the best Arrowmen in the organization to join Project 2013. The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is July 15 - 24, 2013. Interested? Visit [event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013](http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013)

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**PROJECT 2013**  
@ the 2013 National Scout Jamboree

# Scouts Helping Scouts: Hurricane Sandy Relief

By Mike Lano  
Staff Writer

Hurricane Sandy caused extensive damage across the northeast. In addition to affecting many homes and families, Scout camps across the region have also suffered severe damage. Many camps are closed until further notice, as it is too soon to determine the extent of the damage and destruction.

The Region Key 3 is calling upon Arrowmen, lodges, and sections to join us in the Region's aggressive campaign to raise money that will be awarded to lodges to help their councils complete projects at their camps.

This money will be awarded in a process similar to the National OA Service Grants.

The campaign, called Scouts Helping Scouts, is striving to raise \$35,000. To date, the campaign has raised \$32,665.

There are several ways that Arrowmen, lodges, and sections can contribute to this campaign to rebuild the camps affected by Hurricane Sandy. Every lodge and section across the country is asked to consider making an outright donation of \$100 or more. Individuals can donate at this level too. A special patch will

be given to anyone who gives at this level.

Arrowmen, lodges, and sections can also purchase the specially designed patch shown to the right for ten dollars each. Lodges are encouraged to order them in bulk to sell at upcoming events. The Northeast Region will pay for the cost of the patches so that 100% of all funds received will go directly towards helping council camps.

To donate or purchase patches, please visit [northeast.oa-bsa.org/sandy](http://northeast.oa-bsa.org/sandy).



## 2012: The Year of the Eagle Scout

From Scouting Magazine



For Eagle Scouts and their fans, 2012 was the gift that keeps on giving. We spent all year celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Arthur Rose Eldred becoming the first Eagle Scout. We got scientific evidence of what I'm calling "the Eagle Scout effect."

And now, just this morning, comes news that more boys earned Eagle in 2012 than in any year in the award's history. A whopping 57,976 new Eagle Scouts joined the ranks last year, surpassing the previous high mark of 56,176 in 2010. The 2012 total represents a 12.6 percent increase over the size of 2011's class (51,473).

To me, a record-setting Eagle class is proof that Scouting remains alive and well as we settle into the movement's second century. And it represents the nationwide impact of nearly 58,000 young men who know what honor, loyalty, and hard work really mean. Not to mention nearly 58,000 Eagle service projects that improved countless communities. The way I see it, the world could use a few more Eagle Scouts.

So here's to 2012's Eagle Scouts — and to 2013's, 2014's, and so on. Let's keep that number growing.

# Social Media Management 101

By Alex Call  
National Bulletin Staff

If you are a lodge or chapter leader whose group has multiple social media channels, you know that managing those profiles can be time consuming. Maintaining a consistent and professional image while allowing a variety of users, including youth leaders, to contribute can be difficult, as well. However, through the advent of social marketing, companies and software gurus have changed their game in order to provide more efficient, easy, and great ways in which to manage multiple social media profiles, administrators, and messages. Though several of these applications exist, such as HootSuite, TweetDeck, and Sprout Social, I personally recommend MarketMeSuite.

### “WHAT is it?”

By combining Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn feeds, MarketMeSuite allows multiple users to post content to multiple profiles, manage interactions across profiles, and collaborate with team members in order to manage content and solve issues.

### “WHO should use it?”

The MarketMeSuite is a fantastic tool for lodges, chapters, and other groups to man-

age their social media profiles. Once your media adviser or delegate has created a master account they can add team members, such as youth chairmen, officers, and committee members, to contribute to pages, manage profiles, and interact with audiences based on their permission level.

### “HOW much is it?”

This is the best part, for the basic edition it is free. The only limitations include three social media profiles, three RSS feeds, seven-day analytic logs, and a 48-hour message archive. All other features, including unlimited administrators and permissions, photo uploading, unlimited status updates, and much more are included free of charge in both the basic and upgraded plans.

### “WHY should we implement it?”

Through its easy-to-use profile, seamless integration, and permission-based collaboration tools, MarketMeSuite allows your lodge or chapter to manage multiple social media profiles with the security of a moderation system. Multiple users can post content, master administrators can approve it, and

your team can manage consistent and professional Facebook pages/groups, Twitter feeds, and LinkedIn profiles without the hassle of multiple websites and passwords, not to mention long hours and worn keyboards. Plus, unlike many competitors, almost everything you would ever need is in the basic edition, which is free!

### “WHERE can I find more information?”

You can find all the information about the MarketMeSuite on the company website, at [www.marketsuite.com](http://www.marketsuite.com).

As your lodge or chapter moves into the digital world of social media, be sure to do some research on social media management tools in order to find out which solution is best for our group. Whether with the MarketMeSuite or another tool, you will find a solution that builds a more interactive, more motivated, and a more informed group.

*The guidelines for the Order of the Arrow’s Social Media Policy may be found here on [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) and click on “Social Media Policy Revised” on the left hand side.*

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