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District BSA Chairman

March 1, 2010 may seem far away, however it's just a "wake up". On behalf of Department Commander Kenneth La Fleur and Americanism Chairman Charlie Aucoin, I am asking each of you to contact the various Post's, Unit's and Sons of the American Legion Squadrons in your Districts; inquire if they know of an Eagle Scout who may qualify for Eagle Scout of the Year based on the below requirements. If so ask them to participate in the Department Eagle Scout of the Year selection program. The requirements for submission or:

The Nominee Must:

*Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron. **OR** Be a registered, active member of a Chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary Member. **AND** received the Eagle Scout Award; be an active member of his religious institution and must have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem; have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, scouting, and community; have reached his 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection (NOTE: Eagle Scouts still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified).*

Our success is fully dependent on your participation. The Department selected nominee will receive a \$1000 bond designed for the purpose of furthering their education. Their package will be offered to National for consideration. In the real world you might have more than one nominee, if so choose one and submit only one per District to Department. I would suggest, however, you present the one who is not selected something for his efforts.

Be sure their package includes documents reflecting their service to the ideals of scouting and the American Legion. If you feel the package is big enough, make it bigger. Be sure to encourage the inclusion of before and after pictures of their Eagle Project. The Eagle Project is the bases for the awarding of Eagle to a Scout, give this a special place in the package.

In addition I would ask each of you to contact your local Boy Scout Council, speak with the Scout Executive: Let him or her know who you are and that the American Legion is in partnership with the National BSA Council regarding the Scouting movement and has been since 1919. I am listing the Councils for Louisiana below:

Southeast Louisiana Council
Post Office Box 1146
Metairie, La. 70004
Scout Executive/CEO, John G. Cabeza, Sr.

Istrouma Area Council
Post Office Box 66676
Baton Rouge, La. 70896
Scout Executive CEO Charles K. Simmons, Jr.

Evangeline Area Council
P. O. Box 80115
Lafayette, La. 70598-0115
Scout Executive/CEO Jim Rees

Calcasieu Area Council
304 South Ryan St.
Lake Charles, La. 70601
Scout Executive/CEO Legare Clement

Louisiana Purchase Council
Post Office Box 2405
Monroe, la. 71207-2405
Scout Executive/CEO R. David Sorrell

Norwela Council
P. O. Box 4341
Shreveport, La. 71134-0341
Scout Executive/CEO Robert Madison

If you have a question, please call me, leave a message, I will return you call.

For God and Country,
Forrest A. Travirca III
Department Chairman, Eagle Scout of the Year Program