



# The Patriot Press



## *In this Issue of the Patriot Press*



From the District Chairman	2
From the District Commissioner	3
Patriot District Events	4
Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Roundtables	5
Scouter Interview: Zohra Sharief	6
Patriot District Program News	8
2023 National Jamboree	9
Patriot District Training Updates	10
Advancement News	10
Pack 1967 – A Year of Citizenship	11
Fairfax Rifles Soldiers and Pack 1967 Scouts	12
Cub Scout Day Camp Flyer	13
Cub Scout Day Camp Flyer – Staff Solicitation	14
B-P Wants and Needs You!	15
Key District Contacts	15
BSA Scouter Code of Conduct	16
Scout Oath and Scout Law	17





## From the District Chairman

This is my last message before we break for the summer. The *Patriot Press* is not published in July. There are three programs that I would like units to check out and plan for early because they take place in September and October 2022. The first one is Cub Scout Adventure, the second event is a Welcome and Orientation for Women Scout Leaders, and the third event is the Scouts' BSA Fall Camporee in October 2022.

The Cub Scout "Adventure Day"/Cub-O-Ree will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022. It will feature all the events Cub Scouts enjoy, including rifle marksmanship, archery, sling shot, the climbing wall, gaga ball, STEM activities, and arts and crafts. The event is open to all Cub Scouts, family members, and potential recruits. Cub Packs are encouraged to use this event as a recruiting event and invite prospective youth who may have an interest in joining Cub Scouts. Youth do not need to be registered Scouts to attend this event. Packs or families that would like to camp over Saturday night will be able to do so. Additionally, we will show a "Movie Under the Stars" at sunset. The event will take place at Camp Snyder. Camp sites include access to bath houses that have separate facilities for adult males and females and separate youth facilities for boys and girls.

Patriot District will hold a Welcome and Orientation weekend event at Camp Snyder for experienced, new, and potential future female leaders at Camp Snyder. The exact date has not been set, but is expected for this Fall. The event will start on Friday evening with a social event and continue Saturday with a combination of fun events and discussions of what Scouting is all about and how it is organized. The weekend will conclude on Saturday at 4 PM. This will be an event for women, planned by women, and used to promote female adult leadership at the unit and District level. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

Patriot District will hold its Fall Camporee for Scouts BSA units on October 14-16, 2022, at Camp Snyder. We are partnering with the NCAC Order of the Arrow to put on a Council-wide event for a thousand Scouts. The camporee will feature over 25 events, including adventure events such from rifle marksmanship and gaga ball, and merit badges such as Moviemaking.

**As a final reminder, it is not too late to register for Cub Scout Day Camp; there are still 30 slots available. The "Early Bird Special" has been extended to June 15, 2022; the cost is \$190 per Scout. Camperships to offset costs are still available (see Day Camp flyer on page 13).** Day camp is the biggest Cub Scout event for the year in the Patriot District. This year's camp will take place from Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15, at Occoquan Regional Park. The theme is *Superheroes*. Major activities are the climbing wall, archery, sling shot, STEM experiments, arts and crafts projects, and special activities. Registration is open. The Day Camp Director is Zohra Sharief, who can be contacted at [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com) or (202) 944-0114. Zohra also is recruiting adults and Scouts to staff the camp. Volunteers, please plan to come out and help. The staff enjoys camp as much as the Cubs.

The Patriot District Spring Camporee will take place April 14-16, 2023. It will be held near Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. Activities will include, canoeing, rafting, hiking biking and visiting historic Harper's Ferry. The opportunity to earn several merit badges will also be offered.

Bill Dexter | Patriot District Committee Chair



## From the District Commissioner

Every June I'm reminded about the seasonal rhythm of Scouting as our Packs, Troops, and Crews transition from school-year activities to summer fun. This summer, Packs have the opportunity to earn the [National Summertime Pack Award](#), attend [Day Camp](#), and send Webelos/AoLs to Camp Ross at [Goshen](#). Troops are getting ready for summer camp and other outdoor activities, and both Troops and Crews are making the final preparations for high-adventure treks. It's great to see a return to normal Scouting activities after two years of pandemic-induced changes.

Another important seasonal part of the Scouting year is program planning. Right now, every unit should be planning the next 12 months of exciting activities for their Scouts. We distributed flash drives with program planning materials at last month's Roundtable Program Launch, and we will have extras available at this month's Roundtable on June 9 at the Elks Lodge for units that didn't get them last month. It's important to quickly lock in reservations for meeting places, upcoming recruiting events, campouts, and other activities. Your Scouting families need your annual calendar soon in order to coordinate Scouting with other extracurricular activities. And a well-planned program is a successful program. Having a great program that is carefully planned in advance is the best way to keep youth and families engaged and enthusiastic about Scouting. And it is a critical part of recruiting new members. As Kevin Costner learned in the movie *Field of Dreams*, "if you build it, they will come!"

Speaking of recruiting, believe it or not it's also time to start planning for a successful fall recruiting season. This isn't just for Cubs – our Troops can also effectively recruit in the fall, especially among people new to our community who are looking for a new Scouting home, as well as those not previously involved in Scouting. Patriot District's total membership grew in 2021, but we can still bring a lot more young people into Scouting. Our Council is holding a free fall recruiting training session for units at Camp Snyder on June 11. The training will include information on planning and implementing an effective recruiting program, getting support from NCAC and our District, leveraging social media, and much more. [RSVP here](#). We'll also be talking about fall recruiting at our August District Roundtable. As is our tradition, there won't be a July Roundtable because so many of us will be busy at summer camps or otherwise enjoying summer activities.

Also regarding recruiting, every unit should confirm that your online Be A Scout unit pin is current, and the unit Key 3 should watch both Invitation Manager and Application Manager for online inquiries and registrations. If you don't respond promptly, you'll lose prospective Scouts.

Finally, now is the perfect time for a mid-year review of how your unit is doing. Use the applicable [2022 Journey to Excellence scorecard](#) to make sure you're on target to deliver the type of program that best serves your Scouts, and make any necessary adjustments now. Invite your Unit Commissioner to participate in the review – the Commissioner corps has a wealth of knowledge and contacts to help you develop and deliver a fantastic Scouting experience for your members.

Have a great summer, and Scout on!

Ken Gaul  
Patriot District Commissioner  
[patriot-commissioner@ncacbsa.org](mailto:patriot-commissioner@ncacbsa.org)



**Patriot District Events**

Web Calendar: [www.ncacbsa.org/patriot](http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot)

**June 2022**

- 4-5 IOLS (Camp Snyder)
- 9 Roundtable
- 11 Fall Recruiting Training Session (Camp Snyder)
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 19 Father’s Day
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 28 PD Committee Meeting



**July 2022**

- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting
- 11-15 Cub Scout Day Camp (Occoquan Regional Park)

**August 2022**

- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 26-28 Powderhorn! (Camp Snyder)

BALOO Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA Order of the Arrow
CPST Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN Join Scouting Night	VCPST Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE New Leader Essentials	VOA Venturing Officers Association





All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

**The Purpose of the Roundtable:**

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

**Thursday, June 9, 2022**

**Location:** [Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge](#), 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax

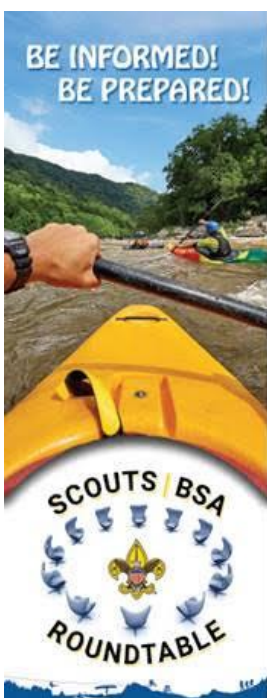
**Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Topics: [Planning for a Fast Start in the Fall, Don't Let Summer Get Away, and Roses/Thorns for Roundtable](#)**

**Word of the month: Clean**

**Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!**

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*  
[cweskrige@gmail.com](mailto:cweskrige@gmail.com)



**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

**Not just for Scoutmasters**

**Thursday, June 9, 2022**

**Location:** [Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge](#), 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax

**Social: 7:30 PM**

**Midway: 7:45 PM, Roundtable: 8:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Please invite another leader from your Troop to join us at Roundtable!**

**Topics: [Annual Planning, Program Review](#)**

*Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner*  
(703) 314-1622, [joedenisemargraf@aol.com](mailto:joedenisemargraf@aol.com)  
*Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioner: Rick Priest*



## **Scouter Interview: Zohra Sharief**

**Patrick Ring**

Zohra Sharief is the Chartered Organization Representative (COR) for both Troop 114 and Crew 114. She was the Patriot District Day Camp Director last year and will continue to volunteer as Day Camp Director this year. She is a USA Archery certified rangemaster and Woodbadge trained. The units continue to thrive under her guidance as COR. She has served as a member of the staff at many District and Council events. She enjoys outdoor adventures and camp cooking.



**Patrick Ring (PR): How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later come to serve as COR for Troop 114 and Crew 114?**

**Zohra Sharief (ZS):** My Scouting experience started in 2005 with Girl Scouts. I have been a troop leader in Virginia and Arkansas, and I also had the great opportunity to lead a Girl Scouts troop in Germany. The foundation of my outdoor skills developed through many opportunities that Girl Scouts initially provided. My skills were polished as I became active with Troop 114 in 2012 as an Outdoor Coordinator. Over the years, climbing through the multiple committee positions, I eventually become COR in 2017.

**PR: What are the principal duties and responsibilities of a COR?**

**ZS:** A COR is the representative of the chartered organization who maintains a positive relationship and communication between the chartered organization, District, and local council. At unit level, the COR contributes to the success of the Scouting program by supporting the committee members with the rechartering process, recruiting, leaders training, and implementing the quality youth program.

**PR: Did you experience any unexpected issues or challenges as a COR? How were these issues resolved?**

**ZS:** The 114 units are culturally and geographically diverse. As much as diversity flourishes creativity and innovation, it also brings conflicts and insensitivity. There has been a time when new parents didn't realize the significance of being YPT compliant. I had to get the institutional head of the chartering organization involved to resolve the issue.

**PR: What are some challenges facing Troop 114 and Crew 114, and how can the Patriot District assist the units in addressing those challenges?**

**ZS:** For the benefit of Crew 114, and Crews within the Patriot District, providing new opportunities for joint events serve as a valuable resource focused on empowering our youth. This will enable them to build bridges while enhancing their leadership. If Crews are provided a platform to hold joint Introduction to Leadership Skill for Troops (ILST) or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) events for units in the District, imagine the knowledge and experience they will attain! It will open another healthy avenue for the older Scouts in the troops who want to continue learning and mentoring.

**PR: When did you first get involved as a Day Camp volunteer, and how did you subsequently come to serve as Day Camp Director?**

**ZS:** Since 2017, I have been volunteering for day camp as Archery Rangemaster at Geshher Jewish Day School. I love working with Scouts and I believe no matter the position I am given, my job is to make sure that the Scouts want to come back year after year. In 2019, Bill Dexter and Justin Day (and the entire Patriot District Committee) put trust in my skills to serve as a Day Camp Director. 2021 Day Camp was a huge success and I am looking forward to continuing as Director for another year.

**PR: What are the most pressing challenges you face as Day Camp Director, and how are you able to overcome them?**

**ZS:** It is hard to find new volunteers. The workload does not get evenly distributed, causing some volunteers to wear multiple hats. Although it is a continuing challenge, I am still experimenting with different ways to overcome the issue. An idea that is floating around for next year is to have all registered packs provide at least one volunteer for a day.

**PR: What tips and advice might you offer for volunteers willing to assist with Day Camp activities, or perhaps to serve as Day Camp Director next year?**

**ZS:** Day Camp is the opportunity to show your enthusiasm, energy, and leadership while providing outdoor experience for Cub Scouts. Don't be scared to volunteer as this is your chance to make a positive impact on Cub Scouts.

**PR: What are some of your most memorable experiences as a Scouter?**

**ZS:** Most memorable experience is doing joint activities with Pack 1818. It has been a great learning experience for adults and Scouts from Muslim Pack 114 and Jewish Pack 1818. While we shared our similarities and embraced the differences, bike rodeo, space derby and pinewood derby were the most popular activities.

**PR: Is there anything else you would like to share with fellow Patriot District Scouters?**

**ZS:** Come and join the inspiring team at Patriot District. Programs like camporees, our District pinewood derby, and adult trainings, to name a few, requires a lot of planning, dedication, and Scout spirit. People like you will strengthen the value of these programs.

---

*Patrick Ring is a Member at Large of the Patriot District Committee*



## Patriot District Program News

### May Program Launch was a Great Success

The May Roundtable primarily consisted of Program Launch for Program Year 2022-2023. The Patriot program committees provided displays for the various program and other areas and were available to encourage others to not only participate in the many offerings, but also to help develop and deliver them and to answer questions. After about 40 minutes outdoors, light showers began, so we finished up the evening indoors with presentation of awards and a raffle. Program areas include:

Camping	COPE/Climbing	Aquatics	Religious Award Programs
Shooting Sports	High Adventure	Day Camp	Pinewood Derby
Training	Health and Safety	STEM	Community Service

If you would like to learn more about any of the program areas, or wish to help out, please contact us at [patriot-progrqam@ncacbsa.org](mailto:patriot-progrqam@ncacbsa.org). If you have some expertise or experience in any of the program areas, and have an interest in teaching, contact us at [patriot-training@wipit470.org](mailto:patriot-training@wipit470.org).

### Service Opportunity for Older Scouts and OA Members – Be a Superhero



The Theme for Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp, July 11 – 13, at Occaquon Regional Park is Superheroes. Older Scouts and OA Members are welcomed and encouraged to be a Superhero to the Cub Scouts this summer. Help with Scout skills areas, arts and crafts, sports, climbing wall, archery, and slingshots, nature, and possibly a special event. Please let us know by sending a note stating your name, days you can help, and areas where in which you would like to help to [patriot-program@ncacbsa.org](mailto:patriot-program@ncacbsa.org).

### Camps at Goshen and Camp Snyder Still Have Opening for Counselors.

Applicants must be at least 14 years of age to apply for positions as Counselors in Training (CIT), 15 for most paid Counselor positions, 18 for positions as Commissioners and some Director positions, and at least 21 for some Program Director positions, such as Aquatics and Shooting Sports. More information can be found at these links:

- <https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/goshen-staff/> and
- <https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/summer-camp-staff/>.

### Camperships Are Still Available to Enable Youth Who Need Them to Attend Camps

- <https://www.gotogoshen.org/registration/#camperships>
- <https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp-campership-application/>
- <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/> then click on Camperships

John Merchant  
Vice Chair, Program





## 2023 National Jamboree

We are excited to announce that the National Jamboree will return to the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in 2023! The National Capital Area Council is sending 14 contingent units to Jamboree. The NCAC cost for Jamboree is \$1725 per person and includes the Jamboree, transportation to and from Summit, a backpack, patches, and more! Camperships are available for youth participants.

Sign up today for the 2023 Jamboree scheduled for July 19-28, 2023. Learn more at, [ncacbsa.org/jamb](https://ncacbsa.org/jamb)

July 19-28  
**2023**  
**NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

**FORWARD**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

*John Merchant*  
*Vice Chair, Program*



## Patriot District Training Updates

Happy summer to everyone! I hope that your summer will be filled with awesome family and Scouting adventures. Even though it's summer, training opportunities don't stop. If you are heading out to summer camp with your unit, I would encourage you to talk to the camp and see if they might be offering a training that interests you. Many of them will offer BALOO or IOLS for adults attending with their unit. Of course, you can always take online training as well, and I would encourage you to take a look at the various offerings!

There is one Council offering for our troops and crews in the District that will be offered the weekend of August 26-28 and that is Powderhorn! Registration is low for the course right now so if you've ever considered attending, this is a great time to go. And don't forget that the course is open to older youth as well, so if you have a crew president or SPL who is interested, I would encourage them to attend as well. Registration for the course is located at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49585>

Finally, here are some save the dates for the Fall:

- BALOO – October 21-23
- IOLS – November 4-6
- Akela's Trail – late November

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

*Justin Day*  
Training Chair  
[patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com](mailto:patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com)



## Advancement News

Scouting in summertime is in almost upon us, along with the opportunity to earn outdoor-oriented merit badges. Summer camp staples of the Eagle Scout required merit badges for Swimming, First Aid, Environmental Science and Camping will be in play. However, according to the National Headquarters these are the top ten non-Eagle Scout required merit badges for 2021. All of them are usually offered at a summer camp. Which ones will your Scouts take on?

- Rifle Shooting
- Archery
- Fingerprinting
- Leatherwork
- Kayaking
- Wood Carving
- Fishing
- Chess
- Wilderness Survival
- Canoeing

Just a reminder, Citizenship in Society merit badge will become required for the rank of Eagle Scout on July 1, 2022, allowing Life Scouts to continue working on current requirements until June 30, 2022. Starting July 1, 2022, Eagle Scout candidates must earn the new Citizenship in Society merit badge. That will be 21 merit badges in total: 14 required and 7 electives.

*Tom Tyra*  
Advancement Chair



## **Pack 1967 – A Year of Citizenship**

As the Scouting year comes to an end, so does Pack 1967's common theme – Citizenship. Good citizenship is when one properly fulfills their role as a citizen. This can be done through a variety of ways, such as being patriotic, practicing civic virtue, and imbuing personal qualities such as those instilled in the Scouting Law and Oath. As Lord Baden-Powell said, "The Scout Oath and Law are our binding disciplinary force."

In keeping with the theme of Citizenship, Pack 1967 wished to fold in some civic responsibility and history into its May 11 Pack meeting and invited a Civil War reenactment organization to educate the Scouts by demonstrating the experiences of men and women of the period and showing some of the personal elements of soldiers fighting on both sides. The 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Company D, "Fairfax Rifles," Living History Society happily accepted the invitation and reported for duty on the grounds of historic St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax Station. Coincidentally, this is the location where Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, gathered a group of volunteers to tend to the wounded and dying during the Battle of Second Manassas or the Second Battle of Bull Run, depending on whether you are a Southerner or a Northerner.

Among the Fairfax Rifles were a Confederate Signal Corps soldier, infantryman, and drummer; a Union Army artillery soldier, and a Zouave (pronounced zoo-ahv, a class of light infantryman). Stations were set-up portraying the life, and more importantly the lifestyle, of the average Civil War soldier. Period items such as uniforms, weapons, tents, money, flags, banners, etc., were displayed and explained to the Scouts. The Pack meeting ended with Confederate Sergeant Alan "Ghost" Katz calling the Scouts to muster. He dressed the "Scout" line, marched them, formed them into an infantry line with wooden rifles, and taught them the Confederate battle cry – the Rebel Yell.

One week later, following in the historic footsteps and hoof steps of General Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia, Pack 1967 continued on in its theme of citizenship and Civil War history, embarking on its first out-of-state Pack Family Campout to Gettysburg, PA. On the misty morning of May 14, the Pack attended the Gettysburg History Hike from the Visitor Center to Cemetery Ridge, where fighting raged on July 2-3, 1863; Scouts and leaders received an overview of the battle, visited the site of Pickett's Charge, explored the Bloody Angle, and walked in the footsteps of the men who struggled there. The hike included Matt, our National Park Service Ranger, mustering and drilling the Scouts into an eight member Union Army artillery crew. The hike concluded with Matt mustering the Scouts into a Confederate Army infantrymen line and recreating Pickett's Charge (Sgt. Katz would have been proud!). Later in the day, some Scouts participated in the Battlefield in a Box, becoming part of the battlefield in an interactive overview program, building a map of Gettysburg using simple props.

Afterwards, Pack 1967 traveled a half a mile down the road to the Artillery Ridge Campground, located on the grounds of the Union Artillery Reserve, to set-up for our campout. The campout featured a traditional opening ceremony, pack-wide activities, a campfire, and flag retirement event on that Saturday night, along with skits, songs, cheers, family fun, fellowship, and of course s'mores.

*Gordon Goetz  
Committee Chair – Pack 1967*



**Fairfax Rifles Soldiers and Pack 1967 Scouts**



**Fairfax Rifles and Cubmaster**



**Union Zouave and Confederate Soldier**



**Fairfax Rifles Period Items**



**Fairfax Rifles Scout Line**



**Fairfax Rifles Scouts and Zouave**



**Fairfax Rifles Soldiers**



## Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp

**JULY 11 – 15, 2022**

Occoquan Regional Park  
9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Archery, Slingshots, Climbing Wall, STEM, Scout Skills,  
Nature, Arts & Crafts AND much, much more!

### Camp Staff Incentives (Must camp five days)

14+ Youth – \$100 Camp credit  
toward Goshen, NYLT

Adult – *FREE* with registered  
Cub Scout

### Register at:

[gotodaycamp.org](http://gotodaycamp.org)

Click: "Patriot/Old  
Dominion"

### Early Bird Registration

Ending June 15 - \$190

REGULAR REGISTRATION

May 16 until online  
registration closes - \$230

Late Registration

July 04 - \$260

Contact: [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com)



**BE A SUPERHERO  
STAFF AT**

# Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp

JULY 11 – 15, 2022

Occoquan Regional Park  
9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA

Contact: [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com)

**Lead & INSPIRE**  
*Activity of your choice*

Archery\*, Slingshots\*,  
Climbing Wall\*,  
STEM, Scout Skills,  
Nature, Arts & Crafts  
AND much, much  
more!

Camp Staff Incentives  
*(Must staff 5 days)*

14+ Youth - \$100  
Camp credit towards  
Goshen, NYLT OR  
earn service hours

Adult - One **FREE**  
registered Cub Scout

TRAININGS  
\*Additional required  
training available

# B-P Wants and Needs You!



**To Join the Patriot District Committee  
Great Jobs for Great Volunteers**

Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Contact Bill Dexter: [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com)

### The Patriot Press, Patriot District National Capital Area Council

The Patriot Press is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Scouts BSA. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or Scouts BSA. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress>

Deadline for articles to be included in The Patriot Press is two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Articles for publication, in MS Word, may be emailed to the editor at [bsnowden419@gmail.com](mailto:bsnowden419@gmail.com).

#### Key District Contacts

<b>Bobby Walker III</b>	<b>District Executive</b>	<a href="mailto:bobby.walker@scouting.org">bobby.walker@scouting.org</a>
Work: (301) 214-9128	Cell: (434) 429-4112	
<b>Bill Dexter</b>	<b>District Committee Chair</b>	<a href="mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com">wtdexterjr@gmail.com</a>
<b>Ken Gaul</b>	<b>District Commissioner</b>	<a href="mailto:kgaulbsa@gmail.com">kgaulbsa@gmail.com</a>
<b>John Merchant</b>	<b>Vice Chair, Program</b>	<a href="mailto:merchantj@verizon.net">merchantj@verizon.net</a>
<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vice Chair, Membership</b>	
<b>Patrick Boyd</b>	<b>Vice Chair, Development</b>	<a href="mailto:boydpsusa@gmail.com">boydpsusa@gmail.com</a>
<b>Rich Harrington</b>	<b>Vice Chair, Communications</b>	<a href="mailto:rich@thinktap.com">rich@thinktap.com</a>
<b>Justin Day</b>	<b>Training Chair</b>	<a href="mailto:kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com">kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Tom Tyra</b>	<b>Advancement Chair</b>	<a href="mailto:thomas.tyra@gmail.com">thomas.tyra@gmail.com</a>
<b>Bill Snowden</b>	<b>Editor, Patriot Press</b>	<a href="mailto:bsnowden419@gmail.com">bsnowden419@gmail.com</a>



## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT**

On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all Questions truthfully and honestly.
2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.
3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:
  - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: [www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/)
  - The Guide to Safe Scouting: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)
  - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16)
4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.
5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:
  - Unauthorized fundraising activities
  - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
  - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.
7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:
  - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
  - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
  - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:
  - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
  - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
  - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection



## SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
And to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

## SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
Reverent

