

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, SCOUTS & LEADERS

Silver Beaver (Recognition only): Andy Wirtin, Sean Collins, John Walton

Eagle Scouts:

Eva Gillmore T13 – Cookies & patch: Council runner up for Project of the Year, Sensory trail & nature mural, Newcastle School

Adam Polley T24: Plaque, cookies & patch: Eagled at 12; has completed all 138 merit badges. Now working on the new 139th badge.

Trailblazer (young adult leader) Recognition: Plaque, cookies & patch:
Ronan McCreary, T13

UNIT SCOUTER OF THE YEAR

(Golden nugget bolo)

Pack 6 Chris Robbins, Hannah Robbins, Paul Wissler

Pack 19: Melissa Edens

Pack 29 Aimee Kampf

Pack 37 Chris Ledich, Joyce Ulschoeffer

Pack 57, Kelly Wagner, Ryan Wagner

Pack 160 Robert Martin, JP Schaapak, Ed McClung, Robert Faaborg

Pack 507 Ivan Castro, Wayne Stuart, Chris Hurley

Pack 783: Theresa Sipes

Pack 1533 Omar Merlos, Brandon Zipp

Troop 11 Craig Jamison

Troop 12 Jaymes Coupe

Troop 13 Ryan Gangemi, Elsa Taylor, Kelly Wagner

Troop 20 Leah Heiss, Jason Heiss

Troop 29 Carol Giltner, Matt Morgan

Troop 219 Liza Osmond

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

The District Award of Merit is Scouting's highest recognition given at the District level, and recognizes exceptional service to the District. Based on the number of units we have, Placer District is allotted two of these recognitions each year.

PETER ACKERET: Our first recipient is an exemplary leader from our downhill units. Most recently, he just retired as the Committee Chair from Pack 37. He is a Unit Commissioner. He is a graduate of Woodbadge and, as he demonstrated a few minutes ago, the best salesman Woodbadge every had. He faithfully attends District Connections and supports all District-sponsored events. This recipient was recently recognized with the prestigious Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award for his exceptional commitment to both Freemasonry and Scouting, exemplifying the values of leadership, community service, and

dedication. He has the added high distinction of being nearly as funny as I am. Always helpful, always friendly, this leader is a model of dedication to our mission of service to youth. It is with profound gratitude for his many contributions to District that tonight Placer District awards the District Award of Merit to Peter Ackeret.

SCOTT KELTY: For those of us from the former Gold Country District, our next recipient is an old friend. As a youth he received the Arrow of Light from Pack 1, and he earned his Eagle at Troop 19. He served as camp staff in a variety of rolls at Camp Pahatsi from 1908 to 1993. He became a member of Post 354 in 1991 and the same year joined the Order of the Arrow in which he holds Brotherhood rank. He has been a Den Leader in Pack 6, and served as the Cubmaster of that distinguished unit from 2018-2024, during which years his unit consistently earned The Gold Journey to Excellence recognition. He is now Asst Cubmaster. He is a graduate of Woodbadge and a Woodbadge instructor, and if he can teach these fumble fingers to tie a woggle, then you know he's something special. He has selflessly volunteered his medical training to serve as medic at numerous district events, and in support of Scouts at Pack and Troop 6, and Troop 62, and he serves as a merit badge counselor. This leader exemplifies selfless service and a commitment to the values of scouting, and to delivering a quality program to our youth. Tonight, Placer District proudly awards the District Award of Merit to our old friend Scott Kelty. Unfortunately, Scott is traveling out of the area tonight, and I'll ask Andy Wertin to accept on his behalf.