



**The 2025**

*Silver Beaver Awards*

**For Distinguished Service to Youth**



*Congratulations to our  
Silver Beaver Award  
Honorees*



# THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD

## FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO YOUTH

As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly comprised of volunteers, Scouting America recognizes the need to acknowledge the invaluable service Scout leaders render to youth.

The Silver Beaver is the highest honor that a local council can bestow upon a volunteer and is among the most prestigious awards in Scouting.

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 as a means for council-level recognition of Scouters who have provided distinguished service to youth.

The Silver Beaver is not an “earned” award; rather, the recognition is granted by one’s Scouting peers.

A volunteer council committee selects the recipients after thoroughly reviewing nominations from throughout the council. The National Council, upon the recommendation of the local council, makes the award.

Length of service is not a prerequisite, nor does someone’s tenure make this recognition automatic or warranted.

A recipient of the award may be a Scouter who has given exceptional service to Scouting or their community over a long period, or it may go to a Scouter who has done a single remarkable act of noteworthy service.

# SCOUTING AMERICA TIDEWATER COUNCIL

## SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREES

John Wayne Abernathy	2020	Howard S. "Stan" Bialas Jr.	2006	William T. Campbell	2004
William G. "Willie" Adams	1998	Adam A. Billet	2005	H. A. Campen	1945
Robert W. Allen	1964	Jeanne A. Blair	2011	Howard Mason Cannon	1966
Karen E. Allgaier	2021	D. Ray Bland	2006	James T. Carroll	2024
Joyce D. Alston	1995	Patricia Bland	2004	Scott Cash	2003
Jerry E. Angus	1987	Lee M. Bloxsom	1945	James A. Cates Sr.	1956
Richard P. Anoja	2002	William A. Boudouris	2017	Hugh Lynn Cayce	1958
Philip McC. "Cutch" Armstrong	2003	Harvey Keller Bowden	1960	H. W. Chaffee	1948
Larry Asby	1987	George H. Bowers	1957	Roy R. Charles	1970
Lyne Wayne Aslett	2004	Carl E. Boyer	1992	Norman S. Chase	1980
Norman D. Aurland Jr.	2002	Robert T. Bradford Sr.	1994	Purvis J. Chesson	1949
Karen A. Austin	1982	Walter F. Bram	1968	Carl A. Clements	2007
Sanford P. Aydlett	1957	Joseph Branco	2010	Claremont J. "C. J." Clifton	1979
Pauline V. Bailey	1971	Aaron L. Braxton	1989	George T. Coker	2011
Joseph P. Baker	1943	James Brickley	1997	Mike Coley	1983
George G. Ball III	2021	Alton E. Bridger	1973	Raymond C. Collier	1949
James W. Ball Jr.	1977	E. S. Brinkley	1935	Robert G. Collier Jr.	1990
Kirk T. Barley	2005	Virgie F. Brown	1993	Emory Atkins Connell	1950
P. D. Barlow	1954	Mason H. Buchanan	1975	Alma Roitero Cooke	1971
John C. Barnes Sr.	1964	Albert Gay Buckwater Sr.	1961	Fred B. Cooke	1968
Ralph St. Ledger Barnes	1962	Joseph S. "Scott" Buggy	2022	Frederick C. Cooke	1951
Albert A. Barr	2020	Crystal Smith Bunch	2010	Christy S. Cooper	2015
Barry B. Basnight	1999	Ruth Burgess	1976	Jonathan A. Cooper	2019
Audrey P. Beasley	1970	Webb L. Burgess Jr.	1979	Elbert Hunter Copeland	1976
Robert O. Beauter Jr.	2011	Franklin Burroughs	1979	Julian Copeland	1985
E. David Beedie Jr.	1984	Paul A. Burton	1952	Andrea Costanzo	1996
Arthur F. Beeler Sr.	1975	Anne Louise Bussiere	2020	Arthur J. Cousin	1978
Stanley M. Belback	1998	Arthur D. "Dave" Bussiere	2018	May A. Crace	1993
Dora Belcher	1983	Laura Marie Bussiere	2025	John M. Craig Sr.	1985
Travis E. Belcher	1982	J. Thomas Byrum Jr.	1998	Roger Crane	2012
David A. Berger Jr.	2017	Nancy L. Caldwell	2011	Albert R. Crawford Jr.	1991
Clarence E. Betit	1972	Thomas P. Callahan	2022	Richard Crawford	1968
Ruth Wood Betts	1989	Mark E. Campbell	2007	Steven R. Crawford	2006



# LAURA M. BUSSIERE

## 2025 SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREE

Laura Bussiere is proud to be from a Scouting family and was “born” into Pack 374 in Virginia Beach, where her mother was a Den Leader. She remains part of Pack 374, both as an Assistant Cubmaster and Lion Den Leader.

As a youth, Laura was a member of the Girl Scouts Council of the Colonial Coast, starting as a Daisy and progressing through the ranks to Junior. She knew then that she wanted to participate in Venturing and was gifted a Venturing shirt as a 13th-birthday present, along with a promise to revive Crew 179 the following year.

During her time in Crew 179, Laura participated in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program and returned as a staffer several times, including at Cape Fear Council during her undergraduate studies at UNC Wilmington. A pinnacle Venturing experience for Laura was participating in the inaugural National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia, in July 2013.

Laura joined the 2019 World Scout Jamboree staff as part of the Puma Patrol. This experience opened her eyes to the world of International Scouting that is available to young people. After the 2022 World Scout Moot was canceled, Laura traveled with her parents to the United Kingdom and Switzerland, where they visited Gilwell Park and the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC).

This trip motivated Laura to apply for a staff position at KISC. She soon was fortunate to be part of the KISC Summer 2023 Short-Term Staff team as a Hiking Guide. Laura spent three months taking Scouts from around the world through the magic of the Swiss Alps and making friends for life with the other members of the staff team. She recently served on the International Service Team at the 26th World Moot in Porto, Portugal.

After returning to the USA, Laura applied and was accepted as a delegate to the 9th Interamerican Leadership Training (ILT), representing Scouting America. ILT was a transformational experience, focusing not only on the theoretical side of leadership but also on forging connections with other young adults from the Interamerican Region. Laura was back as a Team Advisor for the 10th edition of ILT in 2024.

Laura currently serves as the International Representative for Tidewater Council and as a Deputy Vice Chair on the National International Committee.

# SCOUTING AMERICA TIDEWATER COUNCIL

## SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREES

Frances B. Creel	2002	Reginald E. Estes	1986	David H. Goodman	1935
Lowell Wade Creel	1992	George A. Etheridge Jr.	1976	Julius Gostel	1977
Luther V. "Lou" Creel	1988	Dwight Eure	2008	Dennis Craig Grabeel	2001
Shirley M. Crook	1990	Frank W. Evans	1941	Aubrey Guy Graham	1958
William H. Crook	1990	Malcolm Glenmore "Mack" Evans	1962	Lena Yow Grant	1991
Helen P. Crowley	1970	Robert I. Evans Jr.	1959	William S. Grant	1991
Charles Ramsay Cruett	1968	H. Wayne Everett	1951	Eugene L. Graves	1932
John W. W. Cumming	1963	Noel Falcon	2025	Francis David Gray	1989
Frank Curling	1977	Anna Kate Faulkenberry	1973	Cecile G. "Ceil" Greene	1997
Eileen D'Andrea	2014	Virgil Thomas Faulkenberry	1973	David Greenfield	2005
Georg W. Dahl	2005	Julia Fenno	1974	Leo D. Gregorczyk	2007
Colgate Whitehead Darden Jr.	1960	Virginia Fenton	1986	Linda Gregorczyk	2000
Arthur R. Dauch	1996	Clyde G. Fentress Sr.	1969	Charles Gregory	1985
Joseph Henry Davis II	1962	Frank Firek	1976	Finley H. Grigg	1933
Brian Destroismaisons	2016	T. E. Fleming	1936	Joseph F. Grillo	2002
George W. "Bill" Detterman Jr.	1976	John H. Foreman	1957	Donald W. Grothendick	1983
David E. Diamond	1980	F. M. Forsberg	1946	James A. Grumbles	2004
Alice Dimick	1985	Stewart T. Forster	1981	Claudius L. Guynn III	1980
Richard L. Dobie	1932	Phillip Malvern Foster	1967	Mary Helen Guynn	1973
John R. Donat	2013	Willie A. Freeman	2000	Jimmy R. Gwin	2008
H. Larry Dougherty Jr.	1988	H.E. "Eddie" Frizzell	1955	Mary V. Hall	1972
Winston Douglas	1947	Douglas T. Frydenlund	1988	Waldo A. Hall	1964
Rayetta Drew	1998	James E. Fulford	1944	Wesley Hall	1979
Dennis N. DuBois	1991	Howard George	1978	William A. Halstead	1979
Harry R. Dudley Jr.	1973	Curtis H. Gibbs	1980	John Conrad Harbuck	1966
Daniel Webster Duncan	1962	Moses F. Gibson Sr.	1948	Fred C. Harper	1949
David T. East	1994	Wesley Arthur Gibson	2001	Floyd M. Harris	1959
Thomas J. East	1974	Betty Gillenwater	1986	Frank B. Harris	1948
Lawrence Edwards	1978	Charles L. Glanville	1971	Clarence M. Harrison	1997
John Letcher Eley Jr.	1965	Fred Glanville	1989	Randolph H. Harry	1995
George Holuier Elliott	1961	Jackson M. Glisson	1981	Virgil M. Hart	2005
Joseph L. Ellis	1992	Albert Kent Glover Jr.	2002	James Lee Haskett	1971
Thomas Escoe Jr.	1993	Charles W. "Chuck" Gnilka	1984	Richard Edward Hawks	1951



# NOEL FALCON

## 2025 SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREE

Noel Falcon has devoted his life to service — to his nation, his community, and the youth of Scouting. His career and volunteer leadership reflect a deep commitment to excellence, mentorship, and helping others succeed.

Noel honorably served 30 years in the United States Coast Guard, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. During his distinguished career, he served in numerous roles, from shift supervisor to branch chief, and received several awards recognizing his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the Coast Guard mission.

While still on active duty, Noel further expanded his commitment to public service by becoming a certified Paramedic. For more than 20 years, he served his community in emergency medical services, eventually rising to the position of Deputy Chief of Operations and Training Officer. In this role, he played a key part in preparing and mentoring emergency responders who serve their communities every day.

Noel also shared his knowledge in the classroom. For more than ten years, he served as an instructor at the College of the Albemarle, where his dedication to education significantly improved student outcomes.

Committed to lifelong learning, Noel earned a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology with Honors from the University of Phoenix.

Noel's Scouting journey began in Puerto Rico in 1973, when he joined the Boy Scouts of America as a youth. In 1978, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest youth honor. He also served for two years on the summer camp staff, helping deliver the Scouting experience to young Scouts.

After returning to active involvement in 1987, Noel has continued to serve the movement with exceptional dedication. In 1990, he was recognized with the Vigil Honor through the Order of the Arrow at Blue Heron Lodge. His service expanded nationally, where he has served at every National Scout Jamboree since 1997 and every national Order of the Arrow event since 1998, advancing to leadership roles including Jamboree Chief Medical Administrative Officer and Chief of Staff.

In recognition of his outstanding service, Noel received the Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award in 2015. He is also a James E. West Fellowship Award recipient and an Order of the Arrow Legacy member. In 2024, he was honored with the Silver Heron Award and continues to serve as a Lodge Advisor for Blue Heron Lodge, mentoring the next generation of Scouting leaders.

# SCOUTING AMERICA TIDEWATER COUNCIL

## SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREES

Roy Haworth Jr.	1986	Peter M. Janson	1983	Jesse B. Latham	1996
Ronald L. Hayes	1981	Kenned Lee Jard	1965	Joseph L. Lawrence	1953
Fred Hazelwood IV	1996	Cynthia M. Jeanguenat	1990	Maywood O. Lawrence	1940
Dorcas T. Helfant-Browning	2004	John H. Jeanguenat	1993	Thaddeus J. Lawrence	1969
Robert A. Henderson Jr.	1990	Harvey N. Johnson Jr.	1953	Mark A. Ledger	1999
W. E. Henderson	1954	W. W. Johnson	1959	B. George "B. G." Lee	2019
Evan Hendrickson	1985	William J. Jonak Jr.	1984	R. Dean Lee	1974
Paul Frank Hennings	1963	Denny H. Jones Sr.	1972	W. T. Lee	1954
Clifford Dudley Henry	1961	Norman St. C. Jones	1937	Edward Leon	1977
J. Donald "Buck" Hereford	1975	Percy C. Jones Sr.	1969	George H. Lewis	1931
A. B. Hill	1946	Marie Bernadette Kane	2017	Norman Oakley Lewis	1960
Alonzo S. Hoard	1950	Roger I. Keay	1941	Robert B. Liberman	2002
Wesley Byron Hockaday	1965	Charles R. "Chuck" Kelley	2021	E. L. "Ted" Lieland Jr.	1975
John Alvin Holland	1961	Eula C. Kennedy	1986	Cessar Harding Liggins	1964
James Whiting Holley III	1967	Kevin M. Kennedy	2009	J. Gordon Lindsay	1933
Robert Lewis Holley	1967	Robert A. Kennedy	1970	M. W. Llewellyn	1957
Harry L. Howland	1945	Timothy Kerr	1985	Charles Lloyd	1994
Harold Coolidge "Hap" Hoy	1994	Andrea M. Kilmer	2009	Albert G. "Bud" Loew Jr.	1975
Curtis R. Hudgins	1937	Ronald Lee Kilmer	2001	William Samuel Long	1966
L. Waverly Hudgins	1959	DeKoven King	1954	James O. Lowe	1950
Louis Lively Hughes	1965	Isaac Watts King	1961	Rush Loving	1940
Thomas M. Hughes Jr.	1984	John F. Klemenc	2015	Kathryn N. Lull	2011
Donald Ray Hunt	1960	Joseph R. Klos Sr.	1997	Scott M. Lull	2000
Charles E. Hurd	1981	Charles H. Klugh	1969	Stanley D. Maletz	2008
Hartley J. Hurst	1956	E. Allen "Skip" Knewstep Jr.	1971	Charles E. Mann	2001
Cynthia Hussey	1988	Steven W. Kocurek	2010	Herbert Archie Marshall	1966
Rodney T. Hussey Sr.	1988	Samuel M. Kroll	2010	James P. Martin	2010
Ralph M. Ingraham	2023	Charles "Chuck" Kubic	2017	John Martin	1995
Norma Irish	1976	Mark E. Lamb	2007	Mordecai Frank Mason	1963
Jeffrey C. Irving	1979	David W. Lannetti	2016	Winnie T. Mason	1975
Thomas J. Ishom	2001	William J. Lannon	1977	John Owen Matroni	1973
Francis O. Jackson	1972	Francis J. LaRock	1984	William R. Maul	1963
Leon P. Jacobs	1947	William A. Lassiter	1964	Edward Watts Maupin Jr.	1938



# ROBERT J. PATTON

## 2025 SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREE

Robert “Bob” Patton has dedicated decades of service to Scouting America, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to youth leadership, outdoor adventure, and the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. His Scouting journey began in Troop 120 in the Cradle of Liberty Council in Philadelphia.

As a youth, Bob was inducted into the Order of the Arrow (OA) through Unami Lodge 1, becoming part of the brotherhood of cheerful service at Treasure Island Scout Camp, the historic birthplace of the OA. He remained active in Scouting and in lodge leadership and served on the camp staff at Treasure Island Scout Camp.

After returning to Scouting as an adult volunteer, Bob quickly became an active and dedicated leader in Virginia Beach. Bob served as Pack Committee Chair and Den Leader. When his son joined Troop 471, he began serving on the troop committee, then as assistant Scoutmaster, and in 2025 became Scoutmaster, continuing his dedication to guiding Scouts toward leadership and advancement. He also completed Wood Badge as a Buffalo in 2022.

Beyond the unit level, Bob has provided significant leadership within the Princess Anne District. He has served on the Tidewater Council Executive Board as the District Training Chair and as District Membership Chair, while also supporting council-level training and membership initiatives. His service was recognized with the District Chair’s Award in 2020 and the District Award of Merit in 2021. From 2022 through 2025, Bob served as Princess Anne District Chair. He continues to support numerous district and council committees in advisory and support roles.

Bob has also remained actively involved in the Order of the Arrow as an adult leader with Blue Heron Lodge. His service includes serving as an associate Chapter Advisor for the Princess Anne Chapter, as a Transportation Advisor for the 2024 Section E9 Conclave held at Pipsico Scout Reservation, and as an Ordeal Advisor in 2025. In recognition of his distinguished service and dedication to the ideals of the Order, Bob received the Vigil Honor in 2025.

Outside of Scouting, Bob has built a successful career in collegiate hospitality. A chef by trade, he served for many years as the District Executive Chef at Old Dominion University, where he helped lead culinary operations and hospitality programs. He currently serves as Director of Operations for Aramark Collegiate Hospitality at ODU, overseeing dining and hospitality services that support the university community.

Bob and his wife Trish are proud parents of two children and share their home with a family dog. In 2022, he proudly celebrated becoming an Eagle Scout dad, continuing the Scouting legacy within his own family.

# SCOUTING AMERICA TIDEWATER COUNCIL

## SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREES

Charles D. "Chuck" Mayer Jr.	1992	Ida Morgan	1975	David F. Peckens	1982
John Burnie Mayfield	1963	Betty Mosley	1977	James H. Peery	1970
Bryant E. Mays	1982	John C. Mueller	1978	Paul B. Peter	2015
Diana Mays	1984	Douglas S. Murray	1978	McGlemre Powell Peters	2012
M. H. McArdle	1931	John E. Muth Sr.	1992	William N. Peters	1968
Harrison McCann	1974	Fred Mutter	1974	Thomas C. Petersen	1990
William McClung	1986	Gage T. Myers	1983	Gene R. Phelps	1990
John B. McCormick	1989	H. G. Myers	1984	Charles Henry Pittman Sr.	1968
W. D. "Dan" McFarland	2014	Steven E. Myers	1987	Grace H. Pittman	1978
Phillip C. McGinnis	1996	Vernon T. Myers	1938	Aloma S. "Patsy" Powell	1987
Jonathan T. McGlothian Sr.	2018	Edward I. Nagourney	1980	Robert C. Poyner III	2006
Ray E. McGrady	1972	Douglas Neece	1993	Hansel M. Price	1978
Frederick S. "Rick" McClrath	2007	Guy Hayman Newcomb	1956	Michael D. Qualls	2018
Byron A. McKinney	1952	Robert L. Nichols	1975	Brian M. Rafferty	2008
Kenneth L. McLeod Jr.	1963	Daniel A. Norville	2011	Sam W. Ray Jr.	1971
Phillip S. McMullan Sr.	1956	William P. Nothnagel	1955	Robert L. Reid	1969
Lemuel McMurren	1972	James M. Oglesby	1973	James R. Revell Sr.	1988
Byron Kim McPherson	2003	Roland T. Orr	1958	Sylvester G. Richardson	1981
John T. McReynolds	1982	Charles W. Overman	1952	Samuel T. Riddick	1980
Dennis Michele	1986	James Albert Overton	1961	John R. Riediger	1969
Harold Miley	1974	Albert B. Owens Jr.	1973	Debra A. Rife	2010
Betty Miller	1980	Albert H. Owens	1934	Benjamin G. Roberts Sr.	2001
Corky Miller	1981	William Roy Page	1967	Dewitt Roberts	2014
Harold W. Miller	1983	John Palomares	1999	Raymond Roenker Jr.	1997
Lisa M. Miller	2019	Theodore N. Papafil	2000	Erich P. Rötetz	2016
Jimmie W. Mims	1994	Charles W. Parker	1974	Susan Rogers	1992
Roland D. "Ron" Misfeldt	2024	Eunice Parker	1973	William Killian Romoser	1965
Henry J. Moehring	1964	J. Edgar Parker	1971	George J. Romulus	1970
Douglas M. Montgomery	1971	Wesley Michael Parker	2009	Forrest U. Ross	1944
Douglas W. Montgomery	2012	Lester Shields Parsons Jr.	1967	Richard C. "Dick" Roten	1999
Georgina M. Montour	2014	Percy Robert Patterson	1979	William L. Rowe	1970
William F. Moore Jr.	1975	Robert James Patton	2025	Jack B. Rowland	1976
William R. Moore	1953	William McC. Paxton	1940	Pamela A. Samples	2023



# THE SILVER ANTELOPE AWARD

Colgate W. Darden Jr.	1958
G. William Detterman Jr.	2003
Daniel W. Duncan	1986
Charles L. Glanville	1980
Jeffrey C. Irving	2001
O. Frank Kattwinkel	1978
Beverley R. Lawler	1976
Edward W. Maupin Jr.	1946
William K. Romoser	1971
Donald W. "Si" Simons	1987

The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is the Council Service Territory (CST)-level distinguished award of Scouting America, acting through the National Court of Honor. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters of exceptional character in their service territory. This award recognizes these Tidewater Council volunteer leaders for their distinguished service to youth beyond our council borders.

# SCOUTING AMERICA TIDEWATER COUNCIL

## SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREES

James R. "Sandy" Sanderson	1993	Paul Jonathan Singleton Sr.	1965	William T. "Terry" Tucker	1998
Donald Harvey Sandie	1966	Raymond Ford Singletary	1967	Harry Tugwell	1974
James Williams Sands	1962	Kerry W. Sipe	1996	William T. "Terry" Tucker	1998
Thomas E. Sare Jr.	2009	Kathryn "Kate" Sklat	2024	Harry Tugwell	1974
Edward Sawyer	1978	Charles Milton Smith	1960	Theodore Troupe Turner	1965
William M. Sawyer	1963	Frederick L. Smith	1995	Christopher A. Vallas	1995
John A. Scanelli	2011	Lester Smith	1983	George William "Bill" Valos	1999
R. F. Schaefer	1943	Phillip Thomas Smith	1960	Alfio J. "A. J." Vasta	2022
John M. Scheib	2019	Richard Irvine Smith	1971	Hugh Livius Vaughan	1991
James Thomas Schermerhorn	1966	William E. "Bill" Smith	2006	Otis D. Vick	1953
Walter A. Schmidt	1970	Robert Henry Snowden	1967	William H. Vidal	1969
Larry Schmidtman	1995	S. L. Sparrow Jr.	1973	Michael B. Wagenheim	1939
Mark T. Schreiber	2011	J. Wayne Sprinkle	2003	Orville P. Walker	1981
Donald C. Schultz	2011	Franklin Stafford	1988	Jeffrey Scott Waller	2006
Henry C. "Hal" Scott V	2016	Albert Ray Stegner	2009	M. Daily Walsh	1934
John E. Scott	1958	Charles E. "Chuck" Stein	1971	Edward Joseph Walton	1982
Michael Dennis Scott	1987	Edward W. Stephens	1975	Alice Mary Wamsley	1972
James L. Sebrell Sr.	1993	Dennis L. Stewart	2003	Russell Gard Wamsley	1977
J. Frank Sellaw	1991	William "Bill" Stine	2004	Byron D. "Dale" Ward Jr.	1991
James K. Shannon	2007	Rue O. Stuteville	1980	H. H. Ward	1942
Norman K. Shannonhouse	1948	Lorene K. Sybrandt	2008	John W. Ward	1989
Tommie Rae Sheffield	1981	Billie J. "B. J." Taylor	1999	Donald J. Warden	1974
John Shepherd	1974	L. J. Taylor	1946	Martin L. Ware	1972
Lester S. Sherrick	1936	R. F. Taylor	1942	Jeff R. Warren Jr.	1986
Don Shirey	1982	Winthrop C. Taylor	1955	James W. "J. W." Washington	2003
Dennis I. "Bear" Short	2011	William D. Tetterton	1994	Virginia Waters	1973
Diana H. Short	2013	Eugene C. Thompson	1977	Nelson P. Watkins	1964
David T. Shufflebargar	1976	William A. Thompson Jr.	1985	Nathaniel Watson Jr.	1962
Emma Shuler	1994	Kelly Thorp	2018	Alpheus "Buck" Weaver	1962
L. Blair Siefferman	2015	Donald R. "Doc" Thrush	1992	Joseph A. Webb	1958
C. J. "Joe" Simmers	1983	E. Wallace Timmons	1975	Manley Stephen Webb	1968
Annie Mae Simon	1977	J. Theron "Tim" Timmons	1958	Kent J. "Curly" Weber	1978
Donald W. "Si" Simons	1959	William G. Tuck	2000	Judy Weissner	2000



# **THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD**

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### **2025 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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Cutch Armstrong

James Carroll

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Jon McGlothian

Byron McPherson

Hal Scott

Mike Zemienieuski

# SCOUTING AMERICA TIDEWATER COUNCIL SILVER BEAVER AWARD HONOREES

Wendell Welcome	1973	Benjamin F. Whitten	1976	Kermit C. Wood	2002
Dewey W. Wells	1973	Granville Oscar Wiggins	1970	Edwin Carlyle Woodard	1961
B. C. West Jr.	1980	Burnley M. Williams Sr.	1987	Carter N. Wright	2004
Joann C. "Westy" West	1987	Julian A. Williams	1947	David Shaw Wright	1998
Robert William "Bill" West	1976	T. V. Williamson	1935	George W. Wyatt Sr.	1957
Hamiel White Jr.	1957	Burton W. Wilt	1955	Richard D. Younkman	1979
John T. White	1956	Brian P. Winfield	1997	Jacques Simon Zaneveld	1966
Charles B. Whitehurst	2008	Peter "Eddie" Winters	1995	Michael J. Zemienieuski	2023
William H. "Billy" Whitehurst	1955	Dan N. Wood	2003	Channing M. Zucker	2005

2026



Nominations due  
January 2027

# HISTORY OF TIDEWATER COUNCIL

The Tidewater Council was founded in 1911, a year after Scouting began in America. Scouting itself began in England in 1907.

On September 21, 1911, 28 of Norfolk's leading business figures met to form the Norfolk Council, BSA. At that meeting, Richard L. Dobie became the first Council President, while Harvey M. Dickerson, J. G. Holladay, and W. W. Marr were elected Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively.

The council secured a Second-Class Charter (without a professional Scout Executive) on January 29, 1914. Thomas Sparrow became Norfolk Council's first Scout Executive on October 1, 1919.

The publication of the first *Scout Bulletin*, the forerunner of the *Knapsack* newsletter, occurred on February 12, 1917. Decades later, in the late 1990s, our council became the first in the nation to publish an online newsletter, *Electronic Knapsack (EK)*.

On April 5, 1934, the Norfolk Council formally adopted the Cub Scout Program. That day, the organization set a goal to provide greater service to more boys throughout America.

On September 25, 1934, the Council Executive Board renamed Norfolk Council to Seaboard Area Council. A few months later, on January 24, 1935, the board selected the new name "Tidewater Council, Inc., BSA."

In September 1935, the North Carolina counties of Currituck, Camden, Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, and Chowan joined the council. Several years later, in January 1942, Dare County was added.

The first session at the new Darden Scout Reservation began on July 16, 1939, with each troop supplying its own equipment and leaders. Later, on November 13, 1945, the Council Executive Board added the Order of the Arrow to Camp Darden's program.

The council built upon these facility developments by entering into a lease on October 18, 1954, with the US Army Corps of Engineers to use Camp Baker, then known as Turnpike Bridge Camp.

Continuing this growth, on November 11, 1957, the Executive Board approved the name of Pipsico Scout Reservation for the 916-acre site in Surry County on the James River.

Girls have joined the Boy Scouts of America in several ways since 1971. The Sea Scouts and Exploring programs became fully co-ed, letting young women ages 14–20 join high-adventure and career programs. In 1998, the Venturing program launched as a co-ed high-adventure option for the same age group.

Building on prior membership growth, the most significant expansion of services occurred between 2018 and 2019, when the organization's core programs officially opened to female youth. During this time, the BSA officially began welcoming girls ages 5–10 into Cub Scouts. While packs can be co-ed, individual dens remain single-gender (all-boys or all-girls) or family dens.

On February 1, 2019, the flagship program for older youth (formerly "Boy Scouts") was renamed Scouts BSA and opened to girls ages 11–17. In this program, boys and girls participate in the same curriculum but are organized into separate all-girl or all-boy troops. As a result, girls were allowed, for the first time, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts was recognized in February 2021.

On February 8, 2025, reflecting these inclusive changes, the parent organization officially rebranded from the Boy Scouts of America to Scouting America.

Alongside these national and regional changes, the local council service area has realigned many times to reach its current posture of four districts serving seven counties in Northeastern North Carolina and the Virginia cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach.

From those first days, when a handful of boys gathered, the values of Scouting have directly influenced the lives of hundreds of thousands here in the Tidewater Council. Many have gone on to distinguish themselves as leaders. Today, the council serves more than 4,000 boys and girls through 145 units of packs, troops, crews, and ships, supported by nearly 1,800 adult volunteer Scouters.



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