

BSA Tool Kit



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⇒ **AMVETS/Scouting Brochure No. 03-180 – (Not included) May be requested from the National Programs Department.**



**Programs Department
AMVETS National Headquarters
4647 Forbes Blvd.
Lanham, MD 20706**

AMVETS & BSA a Win-Win

AMVETS is a chartered partner with the BSA and has a seat on the National BSA Community Relations Committee. Scouting offers a time-tested set of activities that have produced fine citizens, many of them veterans, dedicated family members, and strong community leaders for more than 97 years.

AMVETS is proud to partner with the largest youth movement in the free world. Forty of our posts serve as chartered partners of packs, troops and crews, where more than 1,300 young people benefit from this outstanding educational program-thanks to the efforts of some 485 volunteer leaders.

Scouting partnerships have the potential to help AMVETS accomplish one of its major membership objectives of reaching out to members of the National Guard and Reserves. Currently, only 24 percent of our membership is between the ages of 18 and 54. Guard and Reserve members typically have younger families and are looking to affiliate not only with organizations they have a personal interest in, but also with those that are “family friendly.” Organizations that provide opportunities for “quality” time with their families.

Chartering a Scout unit can create opportunities for your post members to set patriotic examples for young Scouts and become even more active in your post by serving as Scout leaders. Scouts, their parents and their leaders can also be a major source of manpower in accomplishing community service projects.

Call the National Programs Department if you or your post would like to learn more about organizing/chartering a BSA unit.

Memorandum of Mutual Support



Whereas, AMVETS is a congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organization, since 1947, that provides not only support for Veterans and the active military in procuring their earned entitlements, but also community services that enhance the quality of life for this nation's citizens.

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America is a congressionally chartered youth serving organization, since 1916, that has supported and helped community organizations achieve their objectives in serving the families of America.

Whereas, AMVETS sponsors a National Americanism Program, a resource to teach youth about their American heritage, patriotic values, civics and citizenship.

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America provide a structured program that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training along with leadership skills for a lifetime.

Whereas, AMVETS is working diligently to support the families of our active military, including the National Guard and Reserve components, as their families are forced to make many sacrifices, especially during extended deployments.

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America is poised to support AMVETS in its community outreach to all families of America, including the families of our military.

Resolved, that this memorandum of mutual support will serve as a catalyst to encourage and expand the involvement of AMVETS with the Boy Scouts of America, in achieving our mutual goals for a better America.

John P. "JP" Brown, III
National Commander
AMVETS (American Veterans)

Robert J. Mazzuca
Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America

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The key steps are the same for each unit, it is dependent on the families you are supporting and ages of the children/young adults that they want to serve.

1. Visit and familiarize yourself with the information about the Boy Scouts of America that is contained on the AMVETS Web site (www.AMVETS.org) You will find the BSA link on the Programs Home Page.
2. Review the brochure AMVETS and the Boy Scouts of America: SERVING AMERICA TOGETHER (03-108).
3. Visit the BSA National Web site. (WWW.Scouting.org)
4. Contact the National Programs Department and inform them of your decision to organize/charter a BSA unit or to discuss your ideas.
5. Contact your local BSA Scout Council and inform them of your location and your interest in chartering a BSA unit and for what age children and/or young adults. (PLEASE INFORM THE NATIONAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT OF YOUR DECISION TO CHARTER A SCOUT UNIT PRIOR TO CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL SCOUT COUNCIL.) Thank you.
6. Your Post should make a formal decision to charter a BSA unit and have it included in your official minutes. Please understand you are agreeing to charter a BSA unit for a minimum of 12 months. The unit must be re-chartered each year, similar to your post re-validation process.
7. The Post Commander should appoint a BSA chartered organization representative. (This must be a member of your post who is interested in seeing your post charter a BSA unit.) They do not need to have been a Scout or adult Scouter. This individual will carry the project through and be the key liaison with your local Boy Scout Council.
8. The newly appointed chartered organization representative appoints an organizing committee of AMVETS members and/or parents of the new Scouts. They meet to discuss the next steps and complete the New-Unit application. (You would normally have an adult Scouter volunteer and/or a BSA District Scout Executive from your local BSA district at this meeting.)
9. The newly appointed organizing committee selects and recruits key unit leaders and permanent committee members, assisted by the local BSA council representatives if necessary.

10. The newly recruited unit leaders and permanent committee members get BSA program planning assistance. (Fast Start Training)
11. The committee plans program/unit meeting themes & purposes for at least the first six-months of unit meetings
12. Youth are identified/recruited and their parents are given an orientation and ask to become involved with their children. Scouting is a family program reinforcing the quality of life issues.
13. Complete the final paperwork, new youth and adult applications and submit to the BSA Council office.
14. Start unit meetings.
15. Install the unit at a formal gathering of your post membership and include all of the children and their parents.

***Before We Can Put Scouting's Values Into Youth,
We Have to Put Youth Into Scouting.***

Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates & Letter from National Commander

You may request certificates, signed by the national commander, to recognize Eagle Scouts for their significant achievement. (Certificates come in a nice certificate holder and are suitable for framing.) A congratulatory letter is also included from the Commander.

Simply download the required request form (PDF) that can be found in the Programs Forms on the AMVETS Web site/Program pages or call Tiffany Hilton, National Programs Associate and request some hard copies.



Eagle Scout Certificate Form

Eagle Scout Name: _____

Troop #: _____

Chartered Organization: _____

Date of Eagle board: _____

Address of Eagle Scout: _____

Requested by: _____

Title: _____

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Mail to: _____



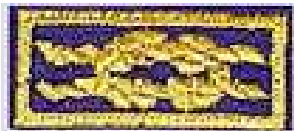
AMVETS / BSA YOUTH OUTREACH AWARD



Approved – May 2008

The award is designed to recognize AMVETS members who are actively engaged in the Scouting program in their local communities. Any AMVETS member who is a registered Scouter may apply, not only those affiliated with an AMVETS chartered Scout unit. The award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any AMVETS member who fulfills the requirements for the award. Those requirements include training, demonstrated dedication and the work required to expand the Scouting program within AMVETS. The award may be presented at a Post, Department or National level.

The award consists of a lapel pin that may be worn on AMVETS clothing or civilian wear, and a gold and purple square knot, which may be worn on the Scout uniform. A certificate and congratulatory letter will also be provided by the National Commander of AMVETS.



BSA Uniform
Square Knot



SIZE 3/4"
1:1

AMVETS Civilian Wear

Requirements

Service

1. Be a current member of AMVETS.
2. Be currently registered in a Scouting position at the Unit, District or Council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative. (COR)

Training

1. Complete the appropriate leader basic training for the primary Scouting position being held.
 - a. Cub Scout Leader
 - b. Boy Scout or Sea Scout Leader
 - c. Venture Leader
 - d. Commissioner
 - e. Chartered Organizational Representative
 - f. BSA District staff, Member at Large
2. Be current in Youth Protection Training
3. Complete two of the following.
 - a. Earn the Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Den Leader Award, Den Leader Coach Award or Tiger Cub Coach Award
 - b. Earn the Scoutmaster Award of Merit.
 - c. Earn the Crew Advisor Award of Merit.
 - d. Earn the Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award or Distinguished Commissioner Service Award.
 - e. Attend a Philmont or Sea Base training course.
 - f. Complete a Woodbadge or Seabadge training program.

Tenure

1. Serve a minimum of three consecutive years in a Scouting leadership position at the Unit, District or Council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative.

Performance

1. While serving in a Scouting leadership position at the Unit, District or council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative assist in organizing or reorganizing a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Sea Scout Ship or Venture Crew chartered to an AMVETS Post. (This unit must be currently active.)
2. Complete a minimum of four of the following.
 - a. Serve a minimum of two years as an AMVETS Post Chartered Organizational Representative and demonstrate success with your unit(s) in terms of growth and quality programs.
 - b. Assist your Post, District or Department to raise funds to support Scouting or participate with a local BSA District or Council Friends of Scouting fund raising effort.
 - c. Participate as a member of a BSA District or Council Membership/Relationships committee representing AMVETS.

- d. Promote the AMVETS Eagle Scout Certificate program in your BSA District and/or Council.
- e. Make contact with Packs, Troops and Venture Crews in your District and/or Council through visits, Leaders Roundtables or other means to promote AMVETS program resources such as Americanism and AMVETS Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse and document the results of your efforts.
- f. Recruit manpower from your AMVETS Post or District to support a Scout activity such as a camporee, bicycle rodeo, merit badge day, Pine wood derby or other such activities to promote AMVETS community services.
- g. Develop and carry out or participate in an AMVETS program to recognize AMVETS members who serve as leaders of Scouting in units chartered to AMVETS Posts, Districts or Departments.
- h. Promote and coordinate the development of a Scouting network within your AMVETS Department to assist in the expansion of Scouting as a resource for serving the youth of America.

Approval Process

1. Complete the application for consideration.
2. Submit appropriate documentation (membership card, photocopies of training course completion certificates, narrative of accomplishments, etc.) in order to fully document the attainment of the requirements as outlined in each section above.
3. Obtain the written endorsements of your Post and Department Commander that you have satisfied the requirements for the award.
4. Submit the completed application packet to: AMVETS National Programs Department, 4647 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706.
5. Note: Application packets that lack the appropriate documentation or written endorsements will be returned.
6. Confirmation of the requirements being satisfied and approval for presentation will occur no later than 30 days from date of receipt. If the application is deemed incomplete, a detailed explanation will be provided.

Application & Attachment Check Sheet

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

AMVETS Post Number _____ Department _____

BSA Scout Council _____ Council Phone # _____

Service

___ Photo copy of BSA Membership Card

Training

___ Photo copy of basic position training card or certificate

___ Photo copy of current Youth Protection training card or certificate

___ Photo copy of optional training card or certificate (1)

___ Photo copy of optional training card or certificate (2)

Tenure

From _____ to _____
Date Date

Performance

___ Unit Number _____ and Chartered Organization Name _____
of the Scout unit that I organized/reorganized or assisted in the process.

Identify by letter (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h) the four optional items you completed and provide a narrative for each. Please use additional paper as necessary, include your name on each sheet along with the performance element (a- through- h) that you are explaining.

___ Performance element (1)

___ Performance element (2)

___ Performance element (3)

___ Performance element (4)

Approval Process

___ Written endorsements (narrative) of Post and Department Commanders attached.

Print Name _____ & _____
Post Commander Signature

Print Name _____ & _____
Dept. Commander Signature

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____