



Michigan Crossroads Council's Honored Eagle Scout Award History

In early 2014, after settling into retirement, I began to think about and discuss with fellow area Eagle Scouts the idea of creating a Council level award to honor adult Eagle Scouts who were currently serving in key unit, district, or council level leadership roles.

My purpose for this new Council level "Honored Eagle Scout Award" is to encourage all Eagle Scouts to continue to give back to Scouting as adult leaders.

Knowing how extremely limiting it is for our Council to annually award the National BSA Distinguished Eagle Scout Award or NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, I felt strongly that this kind of Council recognition was important and needed in order to honor local Eagle Scout adult leaders.

In 2015 the National Order of the Arrow leadership, as a part of its 100th anniversary celebration, created the Centurion Award to "Honor Hometown Lodge Heroes". The Lodge nominees selected for this award, following strict National OA guidelines for both the number and background service expected of the youth and adults selected, were to be presented these awards at a significant Council or Lodge venue.

A unique award to honor hometown heroes/leaders---I liked this!

The twelve Arrowmen selected by our Nataepu Shohpe Lodge leadership were presented their awards at a special and powerful campfire ceremony at the 2015 Mackinac Rendezvous where over four hundred Arrowmen participated.

I was honored to be one of our Lodge's recipients and the Chair of that Rendezvous.

This unique Centurion Award and its outstanding ceremony convinced me that there was indeed a real opportunity to honor our "Hometown Hero Eagle Scouts" who were doing so very much for the Scouts and leaders they were serving.

The Honored Eagle Scout Award officially began the spring of 2016 with the approval of the Council award by the President Ford Field Council's Board of Directors. The award certificates and medals were (and have continued to be) funded by the Frances J and Michael D Sulgrove Leadership (donor restricted) Trust-fund.

The Michigan Crossroads Council Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Council's NESA committee, approved in the spring of 2022 for this award to be presented Council wide.

The nomination form for the Honored Eagle Scout Award can be found online or by contacting Steve Heitmeier the Council's Honored Eagle Scout Award Chair.

My Best

Michael D Sulgrove

