Purpose: To oversee the Department of Missouri Eagle Scout of the Year Program and promote support of Scouting by Department Legion Family Members.

Scope: This SOP applies to the Department of Missouri Boy Scouts Committee. The members of this committee should use this SOP to know and understand the purpose of the committee and their part in carrying out its mission.

Authority: The Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion Department of Missouri.

Membership

1. The Boy Scouts Committee consists of six (6) members, one of whom is designated as the committee chair.
2. Each year, the Department Commander recommends to the Department Executive Committee either the re-appointment of committee member(s) whose membership(s) is expiring, or the appointment of a new committee member to replace a member whose membership is expiring. The Chairperson should make every effort to insure that every Boy Scout Council in the Department is represented on the committee.
3. Each year, the Department Commander, with the approval of the DEC, appoints a member to serve as chairperson of the Committee.

Procedures

Responsibilities of the Boy Scouts Committee

1. Actively seek nominations for The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year that comply with the rules set by the National Headquarters.
2. React to any changes in the program from the National Headquarters.
3. Meet during the Spring Conference to review applications and decide the winner at the Department level for submission to the National contest.
Duties of the Chairperson of the Boy Scouts Committee

1. Contact committee members to let them know any plans for the year No later than August 1 (Attachment 1).
2. Send to the Chief Executive of every Boy Scout Council in Missouri a letter with information on the Eagle Scout of the Year Program and a copy of the application no later than August 15) (attachments 2, 2A).
3. Send an information package to the Districts with a copy of the application form and a copy of The American Legion Scouting Square Knot Award Application and a sample press release for local papers no later than Labor Day (Attachment 3 and 4)
4. Send a press release to the fifteen (15) largest newspapers in Missouri announcing details of the program no later than Labor day (attachment 6).
5. Schedule Spring Conference meeting for judging of The Eagle Scout of the Year applications received by the Department.
6. Respond to The Department Finance Commission when asked to provide input on the budget for the Boy Scout Committee. Submit changes to the budget if needed. Schedule a meeting with the Finance Commission to prove reason for any changes requested (EST request from Finance Commission in December or January)
7. After the Department Adjutant has notified the winner, coordinate with the Department for attendance of the winner at the Department Convention VIP Luncheon and for an award package to be available for presentation.
8. Contact winner by phone and advise him of his award and that he will be invited to the Department Convention and that a hotel room will be reserved for him at The Departments expense. If his parents wish to attend the event, they are responsible for their own room. Maintain periodic contact to ensure everything is set and going smoothly.
9. Send written notice of selection to the winner with a carbon copy to the Department Adjutant for the record no later than March 15 (attachment 7).
10. Insure you have a copy of the winner’s application for the purpose of writing a proper introduction for The Department Convention.
11. Insure that you retain the names and addresses of all applicants who did not win so that can be sent proper recognition from The Department. Recognition should be sent to them no later than May 1.
12. Send a letter to the Council Executive in each Boy Scout Council in The Department about the selection of the Eagle Scout of the Year no later than April 1. (Attachment 5).

13. Send a press release to the winner’s local paper and a letter of congratulations to his Scouting Unit no later than April 15. (attachments 8 and 9).

14. Coordinate with the department Adjutant to insure no later than June 30 that all arrangements for the award ceremony (hotel room, award plaque/trophy and certificate) are complete.

15. Meet the winning Eagle Scout and his family at The Department Convention and attend with them at the VIP Luncheon.

16. Make an appropriate presentation during the Awards Ceremony at the Department Convention to recognize the Committee and introduce the winner to the Convention.

Methodology:

1. Obtain copies of all applications for Eagle Scout of the Year from the Department Adjutant’s office at the Spring Conference.

2. At scheduled meeting use score sheets to allow each committee member to score the applications. (attachment 10).

3. Total scores – high score is the selectee.
March 7, 2017

Robert Bruton  
204 Bend School Lane  
Union, Missouri 63084

Dear Legionnaire Bruton:

I am the Boy Scout Committee Chairman for the Department of Missouri.

I want to try to have our Committee increase support for the Eagle Scout of the Year program, and for Scouting in general. I am scheduling a meeting of the Committee at the Fall Conference and want to discuss how to best to get this accomplished and hope to see you there.

Thank you for being a member of the Boy Scout Committee and I look forward to working with you this year.

For God and Country,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman  
American Legion Department of Missouri
March 7, 2017

Ray Rolley
2740 Westwood Road
Saint Clair, Missouri 63077

Dear Legionnaire Rolley:

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For God and Country,

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American Legion Department of Missouri
March 7, 2017

Robert Emery
11501 East 14th Street South
Apartment Q
Independence, Missouri 64052

Dear Legionnaire Emery:

I am the Boy Scout Committee Chairman for the Department of Missouri.

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American Legion Department of Missouri
March 7, 2017

Irl L. Chandler
811 East Rena Drive
Kirksville, Missouri 63501

Dear Legionnaire Chandler:

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American Legion Department of Missouri
March 7, 2017

Julio Bambini
5224 Sterling Avenue
Raytown, Missouri 64133

Dear Legionnaire Bambini:

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For God and Country,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
March 13, 2017

Greater St. Louis Area Council
ATTN: Council Scout Executive
4568 West Pine Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63108 - 2193

Dear sir:

I have recently assumed the position of chairman for the Boy Scouts Committee of The American Legion Department of Missouri.

I want to attempt to get as much support from the Department as possible for your council. I would like you to let me know who is representing The American Legion on the Relationships Committee of your council or if there is no one in that position so I can advocate for someone to step up and fill that slot.

I am enclosing a copy of The American Legion Eagle Scout of The Year Application for 2015 and an article for use in council publications. The deadline for submission to the address for the Missouri Department headquarters is February 15, 2015. Please be sure to note this at the date on the back of the form is incorrect for our Department. You can also download a fillable PDF file of this form from the Legion at this link: http://www.legion.org/publications/223495/eagle-scout-year-nomination-form-2015.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the address or phone number listed above.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
March 13, 2017

Ozark Trails Council
ATTN: Council Scout Executive
1616 South Eastgate Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65809

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the address or phone number listed above.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
March 13, 2017

Great Rivers Council
ATTN: Council Scout Executive
1203 Fay Street
Columbia, Missouri  65201

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the address or phone number listed above.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
March 13, 2017

Heart of America Council
ATTN: Council Scout Executive
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64131 - 4212

Dear sir:

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I want to attempt to get as much support from the Department as possible for your council. I would like you to let me know who is representing The American Legion on the Relationships Committee of your council or if there is no one in that position so I can advocate for someone to step up and fill that slot.

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the address or phone number listed above.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
March 13, 2017

Pony Express Council
ATTN: Council Scout Executive
1704 Buckingham Street
Saint Joseph, Missouri 64506

Dear sir:

I have recently assumed the position of chairman for the Boy Scouts Committee of The American Legion Department of Missouri.

I want to attempt to get as much support from the Department as possible for your council. I would like for you to let me know what kind of help the Department of Missouri can give you to help Scouting work in your council so I can advise Legionnaires to try to get you that support.

I am enclosing a copy of The American Legion Eagle Scout of The Year Application for 2015 and an article for use in council publications. The deadline for submission to the address for the Missouri Department headquarters is February 15, 2015. Please be sure to note this at the date on the back of the form is incorrect for our Department. You can also download a fillable PDF file of this form from the Legion at this link: http://www.legion.org/publications/223495/eagle-scout-year-nomination-form-2015.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the address or phone number listed above.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award program for 2015 is currently taking applications from qualified Eagle Scouts.

To qualify as a nominee, the prospective Eagle Scout must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit or Sons of The American Legion Squadron.

   OR

2. Be a registered, active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and be the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member.

   (2) Received the Eagle Scout award.

   (3) Be an active member of his religious institution and must have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem.

   (4) Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community.

   (5) Have reached his 15th birthday, and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

   (6) Reside in the Department (state) to which he applies.

   NOTE: Eagle Scouts still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

The American Legion provides an $10,000 college scholarship to the winner of their Eagle Scout program and three $2,500 scholarship awards at the national level. The Department of Missouri provides a $500 scholarship to their selectee for the national competition.

Applications may be obtained now from the council or from your local American Legion Post.

If you have access to the World Wide Web, you can get a copy of the application and instructions for filling it out at the American Legion’s National Web Site http://www.legion.org/publications/223495/eagle-scout-year-nomination-form-2015.

If you feel you have a qualified applicant, have them complete an application and send it to the following address no later than February 15, 2015:

Boy Scout Committee
American Legion Department of Missouri
Post Office Box 179
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 - 0179
March 13, 2017

Dear Commander:

I am the Boy Scout Committee Chairman for the Department of Missouri.

As the Boy Scout Committee Chairman, I want to coordinate activities between the Committee and the District Chairs to get as much support for Scouting in our Department as possible as well as get as many qualified applicants for the Eagle Scout of the Year program as possible.

I’m enclosing a copy of a press release to place in your local newspapers throughout your district; a copy of the Eagle Scout of The Year application; and a copy of The American Legion Scouting Square Knot Award application that Legionnaires in your District can earn through their work in Scouting. Please insure that your members understand the Eagle Scout of The Year application **must** be in to Department no later than **February 15, 2015**.

Please provide me with the address for the chair of your District Boy Scout Committee so I can keep that individual up to date with all information I can provide so their job for your District can be done more effectively.

Thank you for your help.

For God and Country,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The American Legion Department of Missouri Boy Scouts Committee
3341 American Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

For More Information Call:
J. L. Goolsby
(816) 232 – 2335

OCTOBER 14, 2014 - - - The American Legion Department of Missouri Boy Scouts Committee announced that the Eagle Scout of The Year program for 2015 has begun. The program at the national level grants the winner a $10,000 college scholarship and three other Eagle Scouts each receive a $2,500 college scholarship. The Eagle Scout who wins the competition from Missouri will receive a $500 college scholarship.

Applications for the Eagle Scout of The Year can be obtained in Missouri from your local Boy Scout Council, your local American Legion Post, or online at http://www.legion.org/publications/223495/eagle-scout-year-nomination-form-2015. The form must be submitted to the address for Missouri listed on the form no later than February 15, 2015.

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March 13, 2017

Greater St. Louis Area Council  
ATTN: Council Scout Executive  
4568 West Pine Boulevard  
Saint Louis, Missouri  63108 - 2193

Dear Sir:

It is my honor and privilege to inform you that Eagle Scout Jacob Jennemmann of Troop 922 of the Greater St. Louis Area Council has been chosen as the Eagle Scout of the Year for The American Legion Department of Missouri for 2015.

On behalf of the committee, I ask you extend the congratulations of your council to Jacob and advise the members of your council of his achievement.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the address and phone number listed above.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman  
American Legion Department of Missouri
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For More Information Call:
J. L. Goolsby
(413) 301 – 3464

OCTOBER 31, 2014 - - - The American Legion Department of Missouri Boy Scouts Committee announced that the Eagle Scout of The Year program for 2015 is underway. The program at the national level grants the winner a $10,000 college scholarship and three other Eagle Scouts each receive a $2,500 college scholarship. The Eagle Scout who wins the competition from Missouri will receive a $500 college scholarship.

Prospective nominees must be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion Post or Auxiliary Unit or be a registered, active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and be the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member; must have received the Eagle Scout award; be an active member of his religious institution and must have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem; have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community; and have reached his 15th birthday, and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

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March 13, 2017

Jacob Jenneman
P. O. Box 923
Eureka, Missouri 65109

Dear Jacob:

It is my great privilege to inform you that you have been selected as the Eagle Scout of the Year for 2015 for The American Legion Department of Missouri. I congratulate you on behalf of the Boy Scouts Committee for your achievement.

You will be presented with the award on July 11, 2015 at the afternoon session for business at the Annual Department Convention. The Convention is being held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, 2456 North Glenstone Avenue in Springfield, Missouri. You will be contacted by Department Adjutant Lowry A. Finley – Jackson on details concerning your accommodations and other items concerning the presentation ceremony. Please be sure to wear your Court Of Honor uniform for the presentation.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the phone number or address listed above.

Again, I extend my sincere congratulations to you on your achievement.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
March 13, 2017

Boy Scout Troop 922
ATTN: Scoutmaster
7300 Lansdown Avenue
Shrewsbury, Missouri 63119

Dear Sir:

It is my honor and privilege to inform you that Eagle Scout Jacob Jennemann of Troop 922 of the Greater St. Louis Area Council has been chosen as the Eagle Scout of the Year for The American Legion Department of Missouri for 2015.

On behalf of the committee, I ask you extend the congratulations of your troop to Jacob on his achievement.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the address and phone number listed above.

Yours in Scouting,

JEROME L. GOOLSBY, Boy Scout Committee Chairman
American Legion Department of Missouri
The American Legion Department of Missouri
Boy Scouts Committee
3341 American Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For More Information Call:
J. L. Goolsby
(413) 301 – 3464

APRIL 6, 2015 - - - The American Legion Department of Missouri Boy Scouts Committee announced Eagle Scout Jacob David Tyler Jennemann of Troop 922 of the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has been named the Eagle Scout of The Year for 2015.

As the Eagle Scout of The Year for Missouri, Mr. Jennemann will be submitted for consideration in The American Legion national competition. In the national competition, the winner will receive a $10,000 college scholarship. Three other Eagle Scouts will be chosen to receive a scholarship of $2,500. Mr. Jennemann will be receiving a $500 scholarship from The American Legion Department of Missouri.

Mr. Jennemann will be honored at the upcoming convention of The American Legion Department of Missouri which will be held in Springfield, Mo., in July 2015.

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The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Rating Instructions

This rating sheet is provided to give uniformity in the judging of the applicants for The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. The maximum score that may be obtained is 50 points.

The following is a breakdown of each category and the number of points possible for the applicant to receive.

Section A HIGH SCHOOL RECORD (Point scale from 1 to 10)
Applicants have been instructed to list activities participated in during high school, awards, honors, and recognition received, and grade point average as provided by school officials.

Section B SCOUTING RECORD (Point scale from 1 to 10)
Applicants have been instructed to (1) list leadership positions held in their Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and/or Explorer Post; and (2) list other Scouting Activities they have participated in (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc.).

Section B1 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT (Point scale from 1 to 10)
Applicants have been instructed to succinctly describe their Eagle Scout Project (2 pages). Applicants have been instructed that the selection committee will study this section carefully.

Section C COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION RECORD (Point scale from 1 to 7)
Applicants have been instructed to list community organizations in which they have held membership, excluding high school and scouting, along with other activities that directly or indirectly improved life in their community.

Section D RELIGIOUS AWARD (Point scale from 1 to 3)
Applicants have been instructed that on one additional page to list religious youth organizations, clubs, groups that they have been involved with and include honors awarded and offices held. They must have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem.

Section F LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND TESTIMONY (Point scale from 1 to 5)
Applicants are required to include no more than six letters of reference with their application. Included must be a letter from their religious institution, school, community and Scouting. Two additional letters of recommendation and testimony may also be included. Applicants have been instructed that the selection committee will study this section carefully.

Subjective Evaluation (Point scale from 1 to 5)
After reviewing the application, you, as a judge, might have a hunch, whim, etc. as to how you feel about the applicant. Section E CAREER INTERESTS are to be included as part of the subjective evaluation.

Score
After all sections have been rated, total the points. This is the score obtained by the applicant. Remember the highest possible score is 50 points. An example follows: Section A - 5; Section B - 7; Section B1 – 8; Section C - 3; Section D - 2; Section F - 6; and Subjective Evaluation - 3; making a total of 34 points. The total should be placed in the column marked “totals.”

Rating
After all applications have been judged, you will then rank the applicants beginning with the highest rating to the lowest rating based on their total scores. If two or more applicants receive the same total score, they are to be ranked the same. For example: 1 2 3 3 3 6 etc. Remember that if, for example, you have three tied for second, your final tally would look like this: 1 2 2 2 5. Rank all applicants by this procedure.
## 2017 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Tally Sheet

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