



THE AMERICAN LEGION & SCOUTING



A graphic of a square knot, rendered in a dark green color, centered between two horizontal lines. The knot is a square knot, also known as a reef knot or reef knot.

Square Knot

AWARD

This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize dedication and work required by an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.



The award consists of a gold square knot on a purple background with a gold border, which may be worn on the Scout uniform and a suitable certificate.



It is expected that American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members will work to provide the maximum impact of The American Legion's support of the Scouting program and to achieve maximum visibility.

A. Service

Be registered in a Scouting position at the District or Council level; or a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or a District/Council Member-at-Large; or a Unit Commissioner. (Your Department Scouting Chairman can help you obtain this registration.)

B. Training

Complete at least two of the following:

1. Attend a National Community Relationships Scouting training seminar.
2. Participate in a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR) training course.
3. Complete a BSA District staff-training course.
4. Attend a Woodbadge training program.

C. Tenure

Serve a total of three consecutive years as a member of a Post, District or Department Scouting Committee.

D. Performance

While serving as a member of a Post, District, or Department Scouting Committee complete as a minimum five of the following:

1. Serve a minimum of two years as a Post Chartered Organizational Representative for Scouting and demonstrate success with your units in terms of growth in program.
2. Assist your Post, District or Department to raise funds to support Scouting. Participate with a local BSA District or Council Friends of Scouting fundraising effort.





3. Participate as member of a BSA District or Council Membership/Relationships committee and represent The American Legion.
4. Assist in organizing or reorganizing a Cub Pack, Scout Troop or Venture Crew chartered by an American Legion Post.
5. Participate in the Eagle Scout of the Year program at the Post, District or Department level.
6. Make contact with Scout Troops and Venture Crews in your area through visits, roundtables or other means and solicit their participation in the National High School Oratorical Contest, Junior Shooting Sports Program, Boys State, American Legion Baseball and other Americanism programs and document the results of your efforts.
7. Recruit manpower from your Post or District to support a Scout activity such as a camporee, bicycle rodeo, merit badge day or other related event to help further American Legion recognition in support of the Scouting program.
8. Develop and carry out or participate in an American Legion program to recognize the leaders of Scouting programs in your Post, District or Department.
9. Promote and coordinate the development of a network of Department American Legion Scouting Team members to assist in the development of Scouting within The American Legion.

E. Approval

1. Submit appropriate documentation in support of the requirements outlined in sections A, B, C, and D.
2. Obtain the written endorsements of the Department Scouting Chairman, Department Adjutant and Department Commander that you have satisfactorily completed the requirements for this award.
3. Submit the appropriate documentation and written endorsements to the National Americanism Commission, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

F. Awarding Process

Once the award recipients have been selected, The Department would arrange for presentation of The American Legion Square Knot at an appropriate time and place.





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