



## Centennial Council Court of Honor Recognitions

On May 20, Scouters, friends and family members gathered in Mount Vernon to honor some very dedicated leaders, three Gold JTE District Key Threes and one energetic young adult. The event was chaired by newly elected Council Activities & Civic Service Chair Gwen Halliday and assisted by Council Advancement & Recognition Chair Neal Kazmi. Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Lori Smart from the Council Membership Team.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award. This recognition began in 1931 and is presented to a dedicated volunteer in recognition of noteworthy service to youth in his/her community. It is the highest national award that a local council can bestow to a volunteer within its territory. Awards for individuals are *proposed, approved, and presented* without the recipients' request or participation. This year our Silver Beaver Award recipients included: [shown in order left to right]

**Larry Winton** has served as a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, merit badge counselor, Unit Commissioner, Puget Sound District Membership Chair and University of Scouting staff member. He has helped to staff Cub Twilight Camp, Wood Badge advanced leader training and other training courses. As an NRA Instructor he teaches safety practices to Scouts.

**Mark Hallerman** is the Scoutmaster of a Troop he helped organize, has been a Pack Committee Chair and has served as a Pack Trainer in Klahaya for the past decade. He has served on the University of Scouting staff and with the Council's National Jamboree contingents in 2010, 2013 and 2017. He's also very involved with Holy Innocents Catholic Church in Duvall.

**Curtis Rashell** is a longtime Scoutmaster in Tyee District who has also served as a Unit Commissioner, Associate Crew Advisor, merit badge counselor and Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor and Vigil Honor Advisor. He has been a National Jamboree staff member many times. Curtis serves faithfully in Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

**Craig Heike** has served as a Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chair, Cub Day Camp volunteer, and Troop Committee Chair over the past two decades. He also chairs an Explorer Post that specializes in firefighting and emergency service. Craig is also a very active member of Zion Lutheran Church and has served in many leadership roles.

**Richard Shurtz** has been involved in Scouting for most of his life, serving as a Scoutmaster, unit committee member, Unit Commissioner, Chartered Organization Representative, merit badge counselor. On the Tillikum District Committee he has been a District Commissioner, Training Chair, Acorn Brigade Member and Nominating Committee Chair. He is active in the LDS Church, having served in many leadership positions.

**Alan Whipple** is perhaps best known as the past President of the Snohomish Stake. In that role he has promoted Scouting programs for 35 Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews for nearly 10 years. He also served as the LDS/BSA Relations Committee Chair, promoting LDS chartered Scouting units throughout our council and he served on the 2013 LDS Encampment Committee. Alan was the 2016 University of Scouting Chair and recently became our Council Training Chair. He currently serves on our Executive Board.

#### **Joshua Hawken – Silver Hornaday Award**

The Hornaday Silver Medal is the BSA's most intensive conservation award for youth. It requires earning some specific merit badges, as well as planning, leading, and completing significant projects in natural resource conservation or environmental improvements from four of eight areas of focus. Venturing Crew 138 member Joshua Hawken's four projects included:

1. Improving pedestrian crossings on a rerouted stream;
2. Removing invasive ivy from bald eagle habitat;
3. Building an ADA-accessible bridge over seasonal salmon habitat
4. Designing and constructing a sun protection shelter at BSA Camp Piggott's aquatics area.

The Mount Baker Council presented Joshua Hawken with this very special Silver Hornaday

