



Jonathan Alexander Cruse  
Quartermaster  
September 26, 2019



Jonathan A. Cruse (Jay) of Sea Scout Ship 91, completed his Bridge of Review for Quartermaster on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Quartermaster is Sea Scouts BSA's highest rank and is as important as BSA's Eagle Scout Rank. Requirements include but are not limited to being trained in Lifesaving by BSA or Red Cross, organizing, planning and conducting a cruise of not less than 40 hours, and completing a service project that impacts the local community. Sea Scouts have an average of thirty Sea Scouts a year achieve the rank of Quartermaster for a national average of ½ of a percent.

For Jay's service project, he built a Blessing Box that is located at Fire Station #4 in Concord. A Blessing Box is a location that is available for the local community to give and receive non-perishable items. The Blessing Box has been getting a lot of activity since completed and one of the Fire Station's Captains said that there was a lot of need for it in the area. He worked with Chief Jacob Williams and Deputy Chief Thomas Knox to select a location that would serve the community and still not impair normal Fire Department operations.

Jay started scouting in the first grade and has never stopped. Jay's other awards in scouting include earning Arrow of Light, Eagle Scout, fifteen palms and one hundred and three merit badges and Venture Scouts Bronze. Jay is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and a trained registered leader with Troop 91 as well as a new leader with Ship 91. Jay also helps with the Cannon District Advancement Committee by sitting on the Boards of Review for Cannon District scouts earning Star, Life and Eagle.

Jay is a member of Charlotte Power Squadron and an active member at Saint James Lutheran Church where he serves as an usher, server, and building supervisor. He is employed by Lefler Electronics in Concord and attends Rowan Cabarrus Community College. His future plans are to complete his Masters degree in Geology from UNCC.

Sea Scouts BSA is a program offered by Boy Scouts of America to young men and women age 14 - 20. The program is a high adventure program that is built around nautical training. The Sea Scout Promise is "As a Sea Scout I promise to do my best: To guard against water accidents, to know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every boat I board, to be prepared to render aid to those in need, to seek to preserve the motto of the sea: Women and Children first.

For over 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship, leadership, and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences.

In 2019, Coast Guard Auxiliary has joined with Sea Scouts to offer a combined program AUXSCOUT to youth members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.