

Richard Elliot Crouse
Summary for Troop 103 Lifetime of Service Award
Presented June 16, 2018

Back in 1963, when this scouter's wife was a den leader with Cub Pack 103 and his oldest son entered the Pack, he did what any good husband would do; he volunteer his time to help to support his wife as much as he could while working night shift and raising three young children at the time. When his oldest son was entering Troop 103, his second son was a young Cub in the Pack, and his work schedule changed, he immersed himself into scouting all the while working full-time and now helping to raise four children.

His responsibilities in chronological order included:

- Assistant Cubmaster of Pack 103,
- Chairman of the Troop 103 Committee,
- Assistant Scoutmaster, then Scoutmaster (1972-1977).
- He then moved into being part of the district and council administrations for the next two decades. This included serving as unit commissioner, district commissioner, district scout show chairman, district Order of the Arrow advisor, district and council camping committee member, and district and council anniversary committee member.
- He then chose to return to his roots here with Troop 103 as an active committee member and has been taking on this role since 1992 providing experienced and valued input in committee decision-making.

All told, since 1967 this scouter served the 103 units in various roles, the district for 41 years, and the council for 39 years often having overlapping roles and responsibilities among all three levels in the same year.

- During the past 50 years, this scouter accomplished quite a bit.
- He became become **a member of the Order of the Arrow(1975)**,
- He is now a **Vigil Honor member of the Order of Arrow (1985)**.
- He Received the **St. George Religious Award (1979)** an adult award for demonstrating and promoting the 12th law of Scouting.
- He was recognized and received the **Conewago District Award of Merit (1985)** for outstanding services to the youth community through idealism and citizenship.
- He earned the **Scouter's Key Award (1987)** for his accomplishments and achievements as an adult leader within the Conewago District.
- He is a recipient of the distinguished **Silver Beaver Award (1988)**, the highest award bestowed to volunteers at the council-level for distinguished service in making an impact on the lives of youth throughout the council.

This experienced scouter remains active with Troop 103, the Battlefield District, and the New Birth of Freedom Council in various capacities.

We are honored and proud to recognize and present the Boy Scout Troop 103 Lifetime of Service Award to Richard Elliot Crouse along with a 50-year BSA Service Pin for his dedicated years in scouting and loyal support of Troop 103.

(Applause – Handshakes – Pictures)

After award is presented and he is seated (optional)... “Please remember, Dick, (pause) this award is not an indicator that it’s time to stop doing what you are doing... but a large thank you for what you have done and just the beginning of more great things to come. Thank you and congratulations!