



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
&
BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA



Square Knot

AWARD

The Community Organization Award is designed to recognize Marine Corps League members (including associate 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 Marine Corps League member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize the dedication and work required by a Marine Corps League member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in the Marine Corps League.



The award is a gold and purple square knot, which may be worn only on the Scout uniform. A congratulatory letter from the Marine Corps League National Boy Scout Committee Chair is included as recognition for this award. Department or Detachment Commandants may recognize Marine Corps League members who earn this award as they deem appropriate.



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To be considered for the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Community Organization Square Knot, it is expected that Marine Corps League member will work to provide maximum impact of the Marine Corps League's support to the Scouting program and to achieve maximum visibility.

1. Service

- _____ • Be a current registered Scouter in a leadership position at the unit, district or council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or as a district, council, area or regional member-at-large; or as a commissioner at any level.
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2. Training

Complete five of the following:

- _____ • Complete your Position-Specific First Aid and CPR Registered Position. (i.e. Scoutmaster, Cub Master, Committee Member, Commissioner, Chartered Organization Representative, etc.)
- _____ • Complete "Youth Protection" training within the past 24 months.
- _____ • Complete a certified "First Aid and CPR" certification within the past 24 months.
- _____ • Earn the Scouter's "Training Award" for your position.
- _____ • Complete a Woodbadge or Powderhorn training.
- _____ • Complete a council or area specific degree program through the College of Commissioner Science or University of Scouting.
- _____ • Attend a regional or area training conference (such as the OA National Leadership Seminar or Commissioner Conference).
- _____ • Attend a national training conference at either Bechtel Summit's John D. Tickle Training Center, Florida Sea Base or Philmont Training Center.

3. Tenure

- _____ • Serve a total of three consecutive years in a Scouting leadership position at the unit, district or council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or as a district, council, area or regional member-at-large; or as a commissioner at any level.

4. Performance

While serving in a Scouting leadership position at the unit, district or council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or as a district, council, area or regional member-at-large; or as a commissioner at any level, complete a minimum of six of the following:

- _____ • Serve a minimum of two years as a Detachment Chartered Organizational Representative for Scouting or Scouting unit leader and demonstrate success with your unit(s) in terms of BSA Journey to Excellence.
- _____ • Assist your Detachment or Department to raise funds to support Scouting. Participate with a local BSA district or council Friends of Scouting fundraising effort.
- _____ • Participate as member of a BSA District or Council membership/relationships committee and represent the Marine Corps League.
- _____ • Assist in organizing or reorganizing a pack, troop, ship, post, or crew chartered by a Marine Corps League Detachment.
- _____ • Develop and participate in the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award program in your Detachment or Department.
- _____ • Make contact with packs, troops, ships, posts, and/or crews in your area through visits, round tables, or other means and solicit their participation in local; service projects that benefit the local veteran's community and document the results of your efforts.
- _____ • Recruit support from your Detachment to support a Scout activity such as a camporee, service project, merit badge day, or other related event to help further Marine Corps League recognition in support of Scouting.



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4. Performance *(continued)*

- Develop and carry out or participate in a Marine Corps League program to recognize the leaders of Scouting programs in your Detachment or Department.
- Earn the Den Leader Training Award or Scouters Training Award.
- Earn the Unit Leader Award of Merit or District Award of Merit.
- Earn any Scouter’s Key Award.
- Earn the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award or Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service.

5. Approval

- Submit appropriate documentation (photocopies of membership card, course completion certificates, memorandum/letters signed by Scouting leadership highlighting accomplishments, etc.) in order to fully document the attainment of the requirements as outlined in sections 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Obtain the written endorsements of your Detachment Commandant and the Department Scouting Chairman that you have satisfactorily completed the requirements for this award.
- Submit the appropriate documentation and written endorsements to the National Boy Scout Committee Chairman online at masunasfam@gtlakes.com.

Note: Application packets that lack the appropriate documentation or written endorsements will be returned.

6. Approval Process

The member's Detachment or Department will arrange for presentation of the BSA's Community Organization Square Knot and congratulatory letter at an appropriate place and time.



Certification of Completion

Community Organization Award



Nominee's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
MCL Detachment _____
BSA Registered Position(s) _____
BSA District and Council _____

Nominee's Signature _____ Date Signed _____

BSA District/Council Executive Endorsement:

I certify that the nominee has rendered distinguished and meritorious service to Scouting.

Name _____
BSA Phone Number _____ BSA Email _____

BSA Signature _____ Date Signed _____

Marine Corps League Detachment/Department Commandant Approval:

I certify that the nominee has rendered distinguished and meritorious service to Scouting on behalf of the Marine Corps League.

Name _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
MCL Detachment/Department _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date Signed _____

Marine Corps League National Boy Scout Committee Approval:

The Nominee has met the requirements for the BSA's Community Organization Square Knot and congratulatory letter has been completed and sent to the Nominee's Detachment/Department for presentation.

Name _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date Signed _____