NCAC/ODD Commissioner Awards

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ADC Commissioner Awards

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Commissioner Awards - Purpose

To upgrade commissioner service and to recognize Commissioners who are providing quality service

Commissioner Awards – NCAC/ODD

- Arrowhead Honor
- College of Commissioner Science Degrees
- Commissioner’s Key
- Distinguished Commissioner Service Award
- ODD Key 6 Award
- District Award of Merit
- ODD Square Knot Award
- ODD Distinguished Palm Award
- NCAC Outstanding Commissioner Award
- Silver Beaver

Arrowhead Honor

1. Visit each assigned unit eight or more times throughout the year.
2. Fill in and follow up on Unit Commissioner Work Sheets or self-assessment forms for each assigned unit.
3. Conduct membership and leadership inventories in each assigned unit.
4. Attend six district commissioner staff meetings and provide the training topic for one month.
5. Participate in a charter renewal meeting that results in an on-time unit registration.
6. Participate in a charter presentation.
7. Attend a council Commissioner conference or planning conference, or actively participate in a major council event.

College of Commissioner Science Degrees

Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree (BCS)

- **Prerequisites**: Maintain registration in any capacity as a Commissioner during the entire training program listed below; Complete Commissioner orientation (Commissioner Fieldbook); Complete commissioner basic training.
- **Course Requirements**
  Complete a minimum of seven (7) courses of instruction, at least five (5) of the courses at the Bachelor's program level as listed in the Continuing Education for Commissioners manual.

Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS)

- **Prerequisites**: Completion of bachelor's degree; Earned Arrowhead Honor; Current registration as a commissioner.
- **Course Requirements**
  Complete a minimum of seven (7) additional courses of instruction (total of 14), at least seven (7) of the courses at the Master's program level as listed in the Continuing Education for Commissioners manual.

College of Commissioner Science Degrees – Cont.

Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS)

- **Tenure:** Serve as a commissioner for a minimum of 5 years. Their service can be in one or more commissioner roles or positions of service.
- **Prerequisites**: Completion of master's degree; Have been awarded the Commissioner's Key; Current registration as a commissioner.
- **Course Requirements**
  Complete a minimum of ten (10) additional courses of instruction not used to qualify for other college awards (total of 24), at least five (5) of the courses at the doctor's program level as listed in the Continuing Education for Commissioners manual.
- **Thesis or Project**
  Completion of a thesis or project on any topic of value to Scouting in the local council.
  The topic and final paper or project must be approved by the council commissioner, or assigned assistant council commissioner, or the dean of the doctorate program and the staff advisor for commissioner service.
- **Performance**

1. Serve on the College of Commissioner Science faculty (instructor or support staff) or work with training support for commissioners for at least one year.
2. Recruit at least three new commissioners at any level.
3. Approval of Council or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner
4. Approval of Scout Executive or Advisor to Commissioner Service

Commissioner’s Key

Training

1. Complete the three session training program outlined in *Commissioner Basic Training Manual*
2. Complete personal coaching orientation including the orientation projects.
3. If a Roundtable Commissioner, Complete Basic Training for Cub Scout or Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioners and staff

Tenure

Complete 3 years as a registered commissioner within a 5-year period.
(Tenure for one award cannot be used for other training awards.)

Performance

Earn the Arrowhead Honor Award for your position.

Distinguished Commissioner Service Award

Requirements:

1.Complete training as outlined by the local council, including earning the Scouter's Key for Commissioners.

2. Serve as an active commissioner or an active Exploring service team member for 5 consecutive years and be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

3. Recharter at least 90 percent of the units in your area of service for a minimum of the past 2 consecutive years. this applies to council commissioners, assistant council commissioners, district commissioners, assistant district commissioners, unit commissioners, council Exploring service team chairpersons, division/district/cluster Exploring service team chairpersons, and Exploring service team members.

4. Assist units so that more than 50 percent achieve National Quality Unit Award in your area of service for a minimum of the past 2 consecutive years.

5. Roundtable/huddle commissioner recognition is based on completing requirements No. 1 and No. 2 listed above, plus the following. In place of items No. 3 and No. 4, roundtable/huddle commissioners are to conduct at least nine roundtables/huddles per year for the past 2 consecutive years.

Key 6 Award

The Key 6 Award is a local award, which has traditionally been presented by Districts in the National Capital Area Council. Formerly called the Key 3 Award, it is presented by the “key” leaders of the District – the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Commissioner, and Executives, to those scouters showing significant service to Scouting in the District. The Key 6 Award is made to those who have had a positive impact on the Scouting program in the Old Dominion District above that normally expected for the position they hold. It usually, but not always, includes some service above the unit level.

Recipients are presented a certificate and an engraved memento.

District Award of Merit

Requirements:

•A nominee must be a registered Scouter.

•A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting, or both.

•Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time (~ Five Years).

•Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.

•The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district, division, and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

Square Knot Award

The Square Knot Award is a special award unique to the Old Dominion District. It is awarded by the District Chairman to those few highly deserving individuals who have continued to give noteworthy and dedicated service to the District after having been previously recognized.
Recipients are presented a framed certificate and a Square Knot medal suspended from a solid blue ribbon.

Distinguished Palm Award

The Distinguished Palm Award is also unique to the Old Dominion District. It is a special award presented by the District Chairman to those individuals who previously received the Square Knot Award and who continue to distinguish themselves with exceptional service to the District.
Recipients are presented a framed certificate and a silver palm which may be worn on the Square Knot Award ribbon.

NCAC Outstanding Commissioner Award

General. The NCAC Outstanding Commissioner Council Shoulder Patch (CSP) shall be awarded to unit commissioners, administrative commissioners, and/or roundtable commissioners who render outstanding commissioner service beyond the expectations of their position-specific areas of responsibility.

Recipient Minimum Qualifications:

1. Currently registered and serving as an active commissioner in NCAC for at least one year.
2. Have earned the Arrowhead Honor (in any position or council).

Procedures:

The NCAC Outstanding Commissioner CSP may be awarded annually, following the council annual meeting, to as many as 10% of the commissioners (rounded to the next whole number) in the categories indicated below. Awarding authorities may make the award in categories below those indicated in consultation with District Commissioners and keeping within the 10% limit for any category.

Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver Award is presented upon action of a Council Executive Board of one of the BSA's local Councils or the Direct Service Council for outstanding service to youth within the Council or for outstanding longtime service to youth by a registered Scouter residing within that Council. The average tenure for Silver Beaver candidates is ten years or longer. Career members of the Boy Scouts of America may receive this award upon concurrence of the Council Scout Executive and the Director of Operations at the National office, BSA.

Candidates for this award must be nominated. Self-nomination disqualifies the candidate.

Commissioner Awards - Conclusion

Please send me your awards history and then update it as you earn subsequent awards