

New book explores the values and influence of Eagle Scouts

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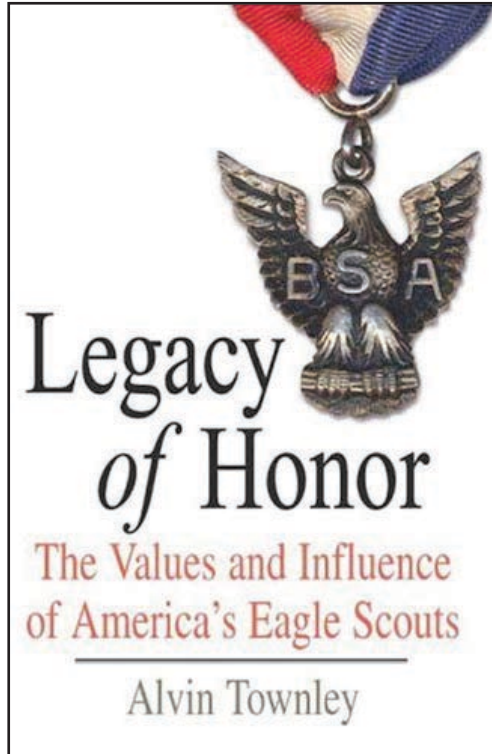
Thomas Dunne Books, an imprint of St. Martin's Press, announces the release of *Legacy of Honor: The Values and Influence of America's Eagle Scouts* by Alvin Townley.

The narrative explores the lives and character of Eagle Scouts including Bill Gates Sr., Bill Bradley, Ross Perot, Michael Bloomberg, J. W. Marriott Jr., Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Michael Dukakis, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, Coach Chan Gailey, and Apollo 13 Astronaut Jim Lovell. The book also explores the virtues of a Tuskegee Airman, a Vietnam War POW, a September 11 NYPD hero, a crew member of a Hurricane Katrina relief team and a host of others from every walk of life.

The author, an Eagle Scout himself, spent a year traveling throughout the country, meeting these individuals, and discovering stories of courage, service, and hope that truly belong to all Americans.

Commenting on *Legacy of Honor*, President Jimmy Carter said, "These Eagle Scouts will inspire readers to become leaders in serving others," while Defense Secretary and National Eagle Scout Association President Robert Gates hailed the book as "inspirational."

For additional information, visit www.legacyofhonor.com.



"I grew to believe that in the end, our only truly worthwhile actions are those we do for others—and it matters little whether those acts are for millions of constituents, thousands of patients, several friends, your children, your spouse, or one stranger. Over time, the only marks we leave will be those seen in the lives of others."

**Alvin Townley, author of
*Legacy of Honor***

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Quotations from *Legacy of Honor*

"Scouting played a very large role in my development. It gave me access, it helped me dream. I dreamed that I could go anywhere in the Boy Scouts."

*Percy Sutton, Tuskegee Airman and
Freedom Rider*

"In this country, you don't have to come with a pedigree. You just have to have the principles and the moral and ethical standards, and then you need to have the drive to get things done. All those things you get taught in scouting."

*Ross Perot, founder of EDS
and Perot Systems*

"In San Francisco, through Troop 14, we met people from different places, backgrounds, races, and points of view. You lose a few prejudices that way. You learn to appreciate people for who they are and I think that, writ large, is what the civil rights movement has been about—treating people on their merits. It starts on a personal level and if that's not clear from scouting, I don't know what is."

*Associate U.S. Supreme Court
Justice Stephen Breyer*

"Being an Eagle Scout means that you took control of your own life. You set an objective, a reasonably complex one for a young man, and you pursued it through difficult times."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg

"The longer I'm around in this world, the longer I look to principles and values as opposed to rules and laws. People always find their ways around rules and laws."

*Hank Paulson, secretary
of the U.S. Treasury*

"That old Scout motto, 'Be Prepared,' was very apropos in my situation. Being prepared means being knowledgeable about what you're working with and what you're doing, what the odds are and how you can get out of certain situations."

*Apollo 13 Astronaut Commander
Jim Lovell*

"No doubt being a Boy Scout, an Eagle Scout, had its mark on me that day. I mean, do your best; do whatever you possibly can to help someone. Help other people at all times even if it is going to cost you your life. That is what you do."

*Scott Strauss, New York Police
Department and September 11 hero*

"Becoming an Eagle was the first time in my life that I believed I could lead others. My scouting experience gave me the confidence to believe I could be a leader, and incidentally, it also gave me the tools to do so."

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates

"I learned two lessons from scouting. First, I learned how to make good decisions. Second, I learned what to do when you make bad decisions. And I've certainly experienced both sides."

*Mark Madsen, forward for the
Minnesota Timberwolves (NBA)*

"I can't imagine a society where giving to others wasn't a theme... The fact of the matter is there's no issue of fault around so many of these people, just circumstances. Some people don't have the ability without some help from others."

*Bill Gates, Sr., co-chairman of
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

Honors

When Adam Potter was a student at Twin Beach Elementary School in Commerce, Mich., he would accompany his mother to PTA meetings where kid sitters would help him with his homework.



Adam Potter tutors students at an elementary school in Commerce, Mich.

After he graduated from Twin Beach, his younger brother was still a student there, so he continued to receive help from the kid sitters. If no adults showed up to help, he became the kid sitter even though he was only in junior high. Now a high school student, Adam is the kid sitter for every meeting and frequently serves as a baby sitter on other occasions. He received a Good Samaritan Award for his service.

Six Arizona middle school youth received God and Church Awards. They



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met seven times in several churches. Guest speakers spoke about their churches and how they reached out in to the community, the nation and the world. The youth included Sam Grainger and Seth and Kellen Chavies, members of University UMC in Las Vegas, and Chris Braunstein, and Vanessa and Tiffany Braunstein, members of Desert Hills Baptist Church. The class was taught by Martha Grainger, North District Scouting Coordinator for the Desert Southwest Annual Conference.

Trevor Crist was awarded the Good Samaritan Award by St. Matthew UMC, Mesa, Arizona during the church's Scout Sunday

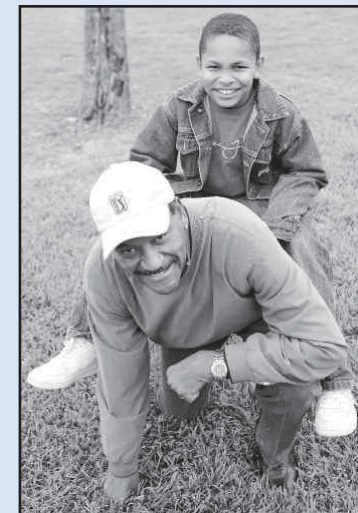
recognition ceremonies. The award was presented by Pastor Dan Morley. Trevor's Eagle Scout service project collected over \$1,000 baby care products for Save the Family. The senior troop patrol leader has participated in a back packing trip at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, N.M., and canoeing near Atikokan, Ontario, Canada.



Trevor Crist, a Good Samaritan award winner, participates in a canoe trip in the Quetico Provincial Wilderness Park in Ontario, Canada.



A little over two years ago, Will Stockman needed a community service project for his Eagle Scout rank. Oxford (Iowa) UMC needed a food pantry. Will began by cleaning and painting a storage room in the church basement. He and helpers then spent 135 hours building cupboards that could be locked, creating a log to track disbursements, and sorting food. Church members, a nearby elementary school and Troop 222 help keep the pantry stocked for hungry families. During a Scout Sunday service, the church gave Stockman a Good Samaritan Award.



Floyd Jones, a participant in the Amachi program, and 10-year-old Dontae Rose had fun at Bob Woodruff Park in Plano, Texas. Amachi volunteers promise to give at least four hours a month to their little brother, but activities can include little stuff such as grocery shopping, a trip to the car wash or getting lunch together. Photo by Vernon Bryant courtesy of Dallas Morning News.



Sam Foust (second from left) and Paul Mitchell (second from right) receive Cross and Fame Awards from UM Men of Central UMC in Denton, N.C. The awards are presented by Conrad Harrold, treasurer (left), the Rev. Benny Clodfelter, pastor (center) and Bud Sexton, president (right). The two award winners have each served Boy Scout Troop 101 for 40 years.



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Free Scouting Ministries DVD now available

A free DVD to help your church develop or expand its scouting ministries is now available.

The new DVD, *United Methodist Scouting Ministries: Introductory Training for Church and Scouting Professionals and Volunteers*, is available through the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) or the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM).

Topics in the 75-minute DVD include:

- How to transform your local church scouting program into a ministry.
- Youth and adult recognition and awards.
- Policies and guidelines for protecting our youth.
- Growing your program through a bishop's dinners.

The DVD can be viewed in its entirety or by topic. The end of the DVD includes video clips, testimonials and a local church case-study.

The DVD is based upon the *Scouting Ministry Training Manual*, published by the National Association of United Methodist Scouters, an affiliate of the GCUMM. All materials discussed, mentioned or used in the training are available at www.naums.org.

The DVD was produced by the relationships division of the BSA in conjunction with the National Association of United Methodist Scouters and the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting of GCUMM.

The free DVD is available at the Nashville office of GCUMM or your local BSA council office (BIN number 05-985). To receive a copy by mail, call 1-866-297-4312 (\$10 for shipping and handling).

