



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
&
SCOUTING 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 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 Scouting America's 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 member in good standing of the Marine Corps League for the duration of this award period.
- _____ • 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.

2. Training

Complete five of the following:

- _____ • Complete your Position-Specific Training for your BSA 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 unit metrics.
- _____ • Assist your Detachment or Department to raise funds to support Scouting. Participate with a local district or council Friends of Scouting fundraising effort.
- _____ • Participate as member of a 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 or the Department Scouting Chair/Coordinator that you have satisfactorily completed the requirements for this award.
- Submit the appropriate documentation and written endorsements to the National Scout Committee Chair online to scouting@mcleague.org.

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 Scouting America's Community Organization Square Knot and congratulatory letter at an appropriate place and time.