

JULY 2017 SCOUTER NEWSLETTER

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

ANNUAL COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION EVENT

On June 19th, Commissioners, District Chairs, and Council Staff from across the Blue Ridge Council met at the Council Service Center for our annual Commissioner Recognition Event.

Deputy Council Commissioner Terry Rogers cooked a lowcountry boil for the group of 30 attendees. Special guests included Blue Ridge Council President Michael Thompson, Area 5 Immediate Past President and Blue Ridge Council President-elect Mac McLean, Area 5 Vice-President for Membership and Council Vice President of Program Fred Hyslop, Scout Executive Mike Butler, and Assistant Scout Executive Eric Black.

Following the meal, the evening concluded with the recognition of Commissioners for the awards and accomplishments of the past year as outlined below.

PIEDMONT-APPALACHIAN COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER COLLEGE:

The various degree programs offered by the Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science (PACCS) are taught on a rotating basis by the member councils. This year, the Blue Ridge Council was responsible for offering the Roundtable Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree. This is a new degree program and only the second year it has been offered. Lori Maguire served as Dean of the Roundtable Bachelor's Program with Charlean Mullikin and Eric Maguire serving as instructors.

For the past five years, I have served PACCS as Dean of the Doctorate of Commissioner Degree Program and Chair of the Doctoral Candidate Review Board.

There were 11 Blue Ridge Council Commissioners in attendance at the 2017 PACCS. The following Commissioners graduated with the degrees indicated:

Roundtable Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree:

Charlean Mullikin, Six & Twenty District
Janet Schumpert, Southbounder District
Roy Schumpert, Southbounder District

Master of Commissioner Science Degree:

William Bryant, Six & Twenty District
Dr. Jeff Faust, Foothills District
Eric Maguire, Southbounder District
Judge Mickey Stokes, Foothills District
Cynthia Wise, Foothills District

Candidate for Doctor of Commissioner Science:

Bob Griffin, Southbounder District

COMMISSIONER AWARDS:

The **Commissioner Arrowhead Honor** recognizes proficiency in the contemporary tools and techniques commissioners use to provide effective Unit Service. Since June of 2016, Lori Maguire and Roy Schumpert, both from the Southbounder District received this award.

The **Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service** is awarded to a commissioner who provides exemplary unit service, focusing on unit performance as measured in Journey to Excellence and through use of the current Boy Scouts of America Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools. Since June of 2016, John Boseman, Reedy Falls District, received this award.

The Blue Ridge Council Unit Commissioner of the Year Award was presented for the first time in 2014. The criteria for the award are as follows: (1) The recipient must be registered as a Unit Commissioner. (2) The recipient must have completed Unit Commissioner Fast Start Training, Youth Protection Training, and Commissioner Basic Training. (3) The award is based on the number of contacts made by the Commissioner for the 12-month period prior to presentation of the award and as reported in Commissioner Tools. While Leader Visits and Other Visits are important types of unit contacts made by Commissioners, it is the face-to-face contacts at Unit Activities and Unit Meetings that truly show the Commissioner how the Scouts are progressing in the Scouting program. The inaugural recipient of the Blue Ridge Council Unit Commissioner of the Year in 2014 was Bill Mulligan from the Reedy Falls District. The 2015 Blue Ridge Council Unit Commissioner of the Year Award was presented to Charlean Mullikin from the Six & Twenty District and the 2016 Blue Ridge Council Unit Commissioner of the Year went to Steve McCarragher from the Six & Twenty District. The **2017 Unit Commissioner of the Year**, with over 200 contacts reported for the past year, is **John Boseman** from the **Reedy Falls District**.

The **Distinguished Commissioner Service Award** is the highest recognition given to a Commissioner who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional Commissioner service resulting in significant, positive impact to youth, units, district and/or council. The **Blue Ridge Council Distinguished Commissioner Service Award Class of 2017** recipients are:

Cindy Carter, Pickens District
Jennifer Hellams, Six & Twenty District
Lori Maguire, Southbounder District
John Boseman, Reedy Falls District
John Boyd, Foothills District
Bob Griffin, Southbounder District
Eric Maguire, Southbounder District
Dr. Gary Powell, Oconee District
John Shuttleworth, Saluda River District
Dr. John Sweeney, Oconee District

It was a pleasure to honor all Commissioners for their achievements over the last 12 months. Congratulations to you all.

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PHOTO CAPTION (see attached photo):

2017 Class of Distinguished Commissioner Service Award Recipients (left to right): Dr. Gary Powell, Oconee District; Bob Griffin, Southbounder District; Dr. John Sweeney, Oconee District; Lori Maguire, Southbounder District; Eric Maguire, Southbounder District; John Boyd, Foothills District; and John Boseman, Reedy Falls District. Not pictured: Cindy Carter, Pickens District; Jennifer Hellams, Six & Twenty District; and John Shuttleworth, Saluda River District.