2024 Virginia Annual Meeting Chairman's Report Eagle Scout Programs Committee Kenneth Hawkins, Ed. D.

Name of Chairman: Kenneth Hawkins, Ed. D. Norfolk Chapter

Names of other Committee Members:

Ronald L. Adolphi Williamsburg

Maury Weeks Norfolk

Spurgeon C. Keith, Jr. Fincastle Resolutions
Juris Kelly Fairfax Resolves

Actions taken during period: (12 Feb to 8 Feb 2024)

<u>Committee Activities</u>: The chairman answered numerous requests from individuals and chapters regarding Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition, Certificates of Recognition and other scouting related items. Referred inquiries to appropriate chapters for action.

2022 VASSAR Eagle Scout Competition winners were awarded at the 2023 Annual Meeting held at the Berry Hill Resort in Halifax, VA on 11 Feb 2023:

1st Place: Ethan G. Morlu (Col William Grayson Chapter)

2nd Place: Iain C. Fergusson (**Norfolk Chapter**)

3rd Place: Patrick Nelson (Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter)

The 2023 VASSAR Eagle Scout Competition winners will be announced at the 2024 Annual Meeting to be held at the Richmond Omni on 10 Feb 2024.

1st Place: Adrianna Cline (Col William Grayson Chapter)
2nd Place: Edwin R. Lampitt (Williamsburg Chapter)

3rd Place: Landon Gowin (Great Bridge Chapter)

The Virginia Society usually has 4 submissions for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award each year. Last year there were none. To date, two have been submitted for this year.

Ronald L. Adolphi Williamsburg Chapter

Chris Marston George Washington Chapter

The Virginia Society Eagle Scout Recognition Program is available to award or provide Certificates of Recognition to all Virginia Eagle Scouts, either annually or upon specific request, and usually in advance of an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Requests for certificates should be directed to the VASSAR Eagle Scout Chairman at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Court of Honor ceremony.

The Virginia Society Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, 01 January to 31 December.) Eagle Scout Scholarship Program offers applicants opportunities to win awards at all three levels: Chapter, State, and National. To participate in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program in Virginia, eligible Eagle Scouts must be sponsored by one of the Virginia Society Chapters, unless sponsored by the Virginia Society, in the event no regional chapter representation exists.

College plans do not have to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship. Three cash scholarship awards are given: As the National First Place Winner - \$10,000; Runner-up - \$6,000; 2nd Runner-up - \$4,000. An Eagle Scout may apply more than one year if he/she meets the age requirements, but no more than \$10,000 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout at the national level.

The Virginia Society (VASSAR) offers three cash scholarship awards: First Place - \$1,000; Runner-up - \$500; 2nd Runner-up - \$300. An Eagle Scout may apply more than one year if he/she meets the age requirements and has not won the national level. Additional prizes and recognitions may be awarded at the Chapter level.

Entrants need complete only one application - the one for the Chapter competition. The application of the Chapter winner is forwarded to be used in the State and National competitions as appropriate. The application consists of three parts:

- 1) Eagle Scout Scholarship Application Form
- 2) Four Generation Ancestor Chart
- 3) 500-word Patriotic Themed Essay

The competition is conducted in three phases, local (Chapter), State (Society), and National. The competition is usually entered through the Chapter level. In some cases, the competition may be entered at the State level. You may not enter at the National level.

Please see website for details: http://scouts.virginia-sar.org/eagle-scout.htm

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award

The Virginia Society can now submit four Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Awards Annually. If you believe you may have someone at your chapter that qualifies please contact me and I will forward you the application or see the following website for details http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/reb-volunteer-award-app.pdf

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is for scouters of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award acknowledges the service of the recipient to Scouting and is awarded by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The BSA has agreed to recognize the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award by including it among similar awards that are recognized by its Community Organization Award

The SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Program Endowment

The Sons of the American Revolution, recognizing the common bonds of purpose and principles shared by the SAR and the BSA, seeks out for special recognition the young men who attain the Eagle Scout rank and offers generous rewards for Eagle Scouts nationwide. The three top national winners, chosen from state scholarship entries, receive awards of \$10,000, \$6000, and \$4000.

The NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee is working to increase its endowment to a level which will make the program self-sustaining and will ensure the continuation of the generous awards program we have sponsored for over thirty years. We ask you help us reach our goal. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated

If you wish to contribute to Eagle Scout Scholarship Program Endowment please see the following website for details http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/eagle-scholarship-fund-brochure.pdf