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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE BY THE NOAC PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **PRESS RELEASE TOPIC: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

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The following individuals have been selected by the National Order of the Arrow Committee to receive the Distinguished Service Award in 2002. The DSA is awarded to those who have given exceptional service on a sectional, regional or national level over a period of years. Only 700 DSAs have been presented since the inception of the award in 1940, and more than 1,000,000 Scouts and Scouters have been members of the Order.

*Dominique Baker* is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and he currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 11 in the Gamehaven Council. Most recently, Dominique served as Central Region Chief in the Order of the Arrow.

*Justin Boren* is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and he now serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in the Los Angeles Area Council. Justin served as the National Order of the Arrow Summit Vice Chief in 1999 and as the National Order of the Arrow Conference Vice Chief for Training in 2000.

*Steven Bradley* is currently a member of the Executive Board of the Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Bradley served as the Area W4 Advisor from 1996-2000, and he currently serves as the Western Region Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to his other responsibilities within the Scouting program, Mr. Bradley serves on the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

*Patrick Boyd* is an Eagle Scout and he currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in the Connecticut Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America. Patrick served two terms as Chief of Section NE-3A and he served as the Northeast Region Chief in 2000.

*James Cheatham* is an Eagle Scout from Obion, Tennessee. Jim served as the Southern Region Chief in 2000, and he served as the Youth Editor for the Order of the Arrow's *National Bulletin* in 2001 and 2002.

*Kenneth Connelly* serves as the Assistant Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America at the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America in Irving, Texas. From 1995-2001, Kenneth served as the Northeast Region Director. He assumed the responsibilities of Assistant Chief Scout Executive last year.

*Michael Cooper* is an Eagle Scout from Milledgeville, Georgia. He serves the Central Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America, as an Assistant Scoutmaster. In 2000 he served as the National Order of the Arrow Conference Vice Chief from the Indian Affairs, and in 2001 he served as the National Jamboree Vice Chief for the OA Indian Village.

*Don Cunningham* is an Eagle Scout from Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. He is registered with the Keystone Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. In 2001 Don served as the NE-4A Section Chief and in 2001 he was the National Chief of the Order of the Arrow.

*Donald Diaz* is an Eagle Scout from Colorado Springs, Colorado. He currently serves as the Council Commissioner of the Pikes Peak Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Diaz served on numerous National Order of the Arrow Conference Support Staffs, and from 1995-1997 he served as the Section W-5A Advisor.

*Joshua Gana* is an Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout from Richland, Washington. He is a member of the Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America. At the 1998 and 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conferences Josh served on the Special Events Committee, and in 2001 Josh was elected to serve as the Western Region Chief.

*Carl Head* is an Eagle Scout from Nashville, Tennessee, and he currently serves the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America, as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Professionally, Mr. Head is a special needs educator. He has served on numerous National Order of the Arrow Conferences in the publications and shows areas, and he has served as a photographer and videographer at several National Boy Scout Jamborees.

*David Heaton* of Acworth, Georgia, is an Eagle Scout who currently serves the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, as a Venture Crew Associate Advisor. In 1999 David served as the National Order of the Arrow Summit Vice Chief for the Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative Program. In 2000 he served as the National Order of the Arrow Conference OATR Cell Lead Trainer.

*Chad Heflin* is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1997 Mr. Heflin served as a Section Chief, and he served as the Southern Region webmaster from 1998-2000. He has served on numerous National Leadership Summit staffs.

*Jordan Hitchens* of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster in the Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America. In 1999 he served as the Section NE-4A Chief. In 2000 he was elected National Vice Chief, and in this capacity he served on numerous National Leadership Seminar staffs.

*Mark Hogan* is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster from Walpole, MA, and he is registered with the Old Colony Council, Boy Scouts of America. For over three and one-half years, Mark served as the Chief of Section NE-1B. In 2000 he served as the National Order of the Arrow Conference Vice Chief for Athletics.

*J. Terry Honan* of Cummings, Georgia, is an Eagle Scout from the Tokabatchee Area Council. He is currently registered as a member of the National Order of the Arrow Committee. Mr. Honan has served on the Boy Scouts of America International Committee since 1975, and from 1990-1995, he served as chairman of the committee. Mr. Honana began his service on the National Order of the Arrow Committee in 1995, and he has served as the Lead Advisor for ceremonies for the last two National Conferences.

*Jeffrey Jones* is an Eagle Scout and Unit Commissioner from Rantoul, Illinois, and he is currently registered with the Prarielands Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Jones has served on numerous National Order of the Arrow Conference staffs, the OA Odyssey of the Law staff and the Scoutopia Staff. He has also served on several National Leadership Seminar staffs.

*Jason Kemp* is an Eagle Scout from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and he is registered as a member of Venture Crew 89 of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America. Most recently, Jason served as the Chief of the Southern Region.

*Kurt Kuhlmann* of Rock Springs, WY, is an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 70 of the Trapper Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Kuhlmann serves on the staff of the National Order of the Arrow Conference and the staff of the National Boy Scout Jamboree.

*Bobby Kuntsman* from Miami, Florida, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster with the South Florida Council. In 2000 and 2001, Bobby served as the Director of the Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage.

*Jason Laney* is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster from Asheville, North Carolina. He serves the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America. Jason has served the Order as a Section Chief and as a staff member at numerous National Order of the Arrow Conferences, National Boy Scout Jamborees and National Leadership Seminars.

*C. Sage Lichtenwalner* from Lebanon, New Jersey, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 200 of the Central New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Lichtenwalner currently serves as the National Order of the Arrow webmaster and as the Section NE-2B Associate Advisor.

*Don McChesney* from San Leandro, California, currently serves as the Scout Executive of the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. For several years, Mr. McChesney served as the Director of the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America. During this time, he play a key role in helping the Order achieve many of its long-term goals.

*Carey Mignerey* of Roswell, Georgia, is an Eagle Scout registered with Venture Crew 1838 of the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. In 2000 Carey served as the National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, and in 2001 he served as the Scoutopia Director of V.I.P. Relations at the National Boy Scout Jamboree. He has served on many National Leadership Seminar staffs and on staffs at key sectional, regional and national events.

*Carey Miller* of Grapevine, Texas, is currently the Associate National Director of the Order of the Arrow, and he currently serves on the National Executive Staff of the Boy Scouts of America. In this capacity, Mr. Miller is currently involved in all aspects of the program of the Order of the Arrow.

*Kevin Moshier* of Avondale, Arizona, currently serves as the Advisor to a Venture Crew in the Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Mosher is an Eagle Scout. In addition to serving on the staff of many national and regional events, he has served as Advisor to Section W-4C.

*Cameron Mulder* of Sutherlin, Oregon, currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in the Oregon Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. Cameron served as the Western Region Chief in

2000, and he continues to serve on the staffs of National Order of the Arrow Conferences and National Leadership Seminars.

*Samuel Nitz* of Janesville, WI, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 405 of the Sinnissippi Council, Boy Scouts of America. In 2001 Sam served as the National Boy Scout Jamboree Vice Chief for the Order of the Arrow Service Corps.

*Benjamin Pharr* of University, MS, currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 71 of the Yocona Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. In 2001 Ben served as the National Boy Scout Jamboree Vice Chief for the Total Outdoor Adventure Place.

*Scott Schmidt* of Alden, New York, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 483 of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America. In 2000 Scott served as the Northeast Region chief, and he continues to serve on various national, regional and sectional event staffs.

*Dale Siefker* of Seymour, Indiana, currently serves on the Executive Board of the Hoosier Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Siefker is an Eagle Scout. He has served on the Administrative Service Staff of the National Order of the Arrow Conference many times, and he was the National Order of the Arrow Conference Service Lodge Advisor in 1990 and 1996.

*Thomas Slaughter* of San Diego, California, is currently registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Desert Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Slaughter has served on the Security Staff at many National Order of the Arrow Conferences and National Jamborees.

*Dustin Thomas* of Provo, Utah, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 999 of the Utah National Parks Council, Boy Scouts of America. From 1998-2000 he served as the Chief of Section W-2A. In 2000 Dustin served as the National Order of the Arrow Conference Vice Chief for Special Events, and he also served as the National Order of the Arrow Summit Vice Chief for Special Events in 1999.

*Jay Widby* of Augusta, Georgia, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster from the Georgia-Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America. From 1999-2000 Jay served as the Chief of Section S-5. He has served on several National Leadership Seminar staffs, and in 2000 he served as the National Order of the Arrow Vice Chief for Communications.

*Bruce Walcutt* of Austin, Texas, is currently registered on the Executive Committee of the Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Walcutt is an Eagle Scout. He currently serves on the National Order of the Arrow Committee and the Outdoor Program subcommittee. Mr. Walcutt serves on the National Boy Scouts of America Committee and several other BSA committees, and he also serves as the chairman of the Camping Task Force.

*Luke Wolfe* of Janesville, WI, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster in the Sinnissippi Council, Boy Scouts of America. Luke served as the Chief of Section C-3A in 1999 and 2000. In 2000 he was elected Central Region Chief, and he directed numerous National Leadership Seminars.

*David Yoder* of Sharpville, Indiana, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 555 of the Sagamore Council, Boy Scouts of America. David served as Chief of Section C-4A from 1998-1999, and he now serves as the Associate Section Advisor. He has served on the staff of the

National Order of the Arrow Conference several times, and he has also staffed the Northern Tier National Voyage and the National Leadership Seminar several times.

*Andy Zahn* of Amana, IA, is an Eagle Scout registered with Venture Crew 1024 of the Hawkeye Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Zahn currently serves as Associate Advisor of Section C-3B, and he also serves on the staff of the *National Bulletin*. He was the Chief of Section C-3B in 1999 and 2000, and at the 2001 National Boy Scout Jamboree he served as Order of the Arrow Service Corps Assistant Scoutmaster. He has staffed numerous events throughout his career in the Order of the Arrow.