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A Year as National Vice Chief

Nawakwa's own Will Swingle reflects on an amazing year

December 28, 2009 at 2:17 a.m. — This is a date and time I will never forget, because at this time my life would change in more ways than I would ever be able to imagine. My opponent and myself were led into the election room at the Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting, the room was filled with screams and cheers and then the room went silent. Dan Higham, the 2009 National Vice Chief spoke up and said, “Your 2010 National Vice Chief is...”, this pause, though probably only one to two seconds seemed like an eternity, “Will Swingle”. The room went into an uproar, people flocked to me with arms wide open for hugs and handshakes and from that moment, I was the National Vice Chief. 365 days, though for some, may feel like a long time but for me, these next 365 days would start to fly by.

For me, 2010 began that night.

The next morning, Brad Lichota (the 2010 National Chief) and I waited patiently as we found out the election results for the results of the Region Chief elections. After a few hours we finally knew who our “partners in crime would be”.



From the Western Region, with a beard and cowboy boots, Freddy Gross from Santa Fe, New Mexico. From the Central Region, with his hair spiked to the ceiling, Richie Ferolo, from Lake Zurich, Illinois.

Joining our crew later was Brian Ahrens, representing the Northeast with expensive clothes and a “northern attitude”, from Princeton, New Jersey and finally, last but not least, our own Southern Region Chief, with “half the brain and twice the drawl”, Don Combs from Pikeville, Kentucky.

These four young men, along with Brad and myself, would

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Chief's Bonnet

My Brothers:

I'd like to start by congratulating all those who were inducted as Ordeal members at the Summer Service Weekend in May. I hope the Ordeal was as meaningful an experience for you as it was for me. I would also like to congratulate the brothers who sealed their membership in the Brotherhood. I would encourage any brothers who are eligible to seal their membership at the next available opportunity.



I also want to thank you all for putting your faith in me to lead the lodge for the upcoming year. I certainly have some big shoes to fill after Chris Bonelli's wonderful term as Chief. I'm sure I join the entire lodge in thanking Chris for his exemplary service.

We have an extremely busy year ahead of us. We have the Fall Service Weekend and Ordeal September 9-11. We also have the annual Fall Fellowship and Awards Banquet to be held October 14-16 (I highly encourage all of you to be at both events). And, of course, our annual service project at the Carillon Christmas Pageant in December. In addition to these great events, each of your units is probably planning a full schedule as well. I urge each of you to remember that your duty is first to your unit and then to The Order. Without supporting our units and their Scouts, we fail in our responsibilities to The Order.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Allen Crump

Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

Congratulations to Chris, Ben, Brian and Tyler for their outstanding leadership in service to Nawakwa Lodge this past year. We are a stronger more active Lodge thanks to your service.

A special Nawakwa salute to Allen, Tommy, Marc and Michael on your election to lead us into the new year of cheerful service. Your Brethren pledge their support in helping accomplish the goals you established at our Lodge Leadership Conference (LLC). Increased participation by each arrowmen will insure a successful positive year.



I would like to highlight two 2012 events that I hope you will put on your calendar NOW and plan to attend; GW/Jeff National Forest Trail Project on 30 March – 1 April and National OA Conference at Michigan State University, East Lansing MI on 30 July – 4 August.

This will be our third GW/Jeff Trail Project and we plan to complete it this year. We need 100 Arrowmen to reach our goal. It is a great experience in the Virginia Mountains in earl spring. The food is great, the brotherhood of cheerful service outstanding and the satisfaction of seeing your completed trail unbelievable. Will you answer yes by registering NOW to participate in this call for cheerful service as Uncas did many years ago?

The 2012 NOAC will be a true fun filled mountain top experience in scouting. You will live in a college dorm and eat in their cafeteria. They make their own brand of great OA ice cream. There is training in the morning, activities in the afternoon and shows at night. There is something for everyone that will inspire and strengthen your scouting experience. Nawakwa depends on your participation to stimulate our growth. We have a goal of 50. I hope you plan to attend.

The Order is an adventure of the spirit and the individual. It will become what you make it. How will you answer the call for the brotherhood of cheerful service?

In W.W.W.,
Mack Ruffin

2011–2012 Lodge Election Results

At the Summer OA Service Weekend, the youth members of Nawakwa Lodge #3 elected four of its peers to lead the lodge during the 2010–2011 program year.

The Arrowmen elected to office include (from right to left): Allen Crump (Lodge Chief), Thomas Petet (Vice Chief of Administration), Marc Reiner (Vice Chief of Program), and Mike Mickle (Secretary/Treasurer).

Congratulations to our new lodge officers! 🦋

Juan Marco Cortez
Junior Staff Writer



Photo by Steve Hutchingson

Fall Fellowship Weekend Campsite Assignments

Site	Chapter	Site	Chapter
Koch #3	7	Turner #6	4 & 19 & 23
Newlon #4	5	Overstreet #15	28
Frise #5	18	<i>No camping in any other locations</i>	

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Two Nawakwa Eagle Scouts Earn Scholarships

Baylor M. Dickerson, an Eagle Scout and Brotherhood member from Troop 700 in Ashland, earned the Eagle Scout of the Year scholarship award from the Virginia Department of the American Legion. He also earned the Eagle Scout of the Year scholarship award from the Virginia Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Both scholarships were highly competitive, and each earned him the opportunity to compete for a national-level scholarship. This past summer, Baylor was named as the first place recipient of the 2011 VFW Scout of the Year scholarship award.

William G. Swingle, an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member from Troop 521 in Mechanicsville, was a 2010 recipient of the Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship award. Will served as the 2010 National Vice Chief, and he is currently majoring in Business at Virginia Commonwealth University. The Josh Sain Memorial scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the spirit and the memory of Josh Sain, a past national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow. This scholarship, based on exceptional service and academic achievement, is provided to immediate past national officers and section chiefs. Will was one of only six recipients in 2010. 🦋

Miles Long & Scooter McDaniel
Alumni Staff Writers

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became members of the Order by completing their Ordeal in May. These new brothers are eligible for Brotherhood after 10 months of membership has been attained (Spring Service Weekend, March 16-18, 2012).



Julian Connor Albright	T777
Ryan Scott Autry	T806
Drew Eugene Biehler	T806
Caleb James Blair	T832
Andrew Robert Bosch	T800
John Eric Britton	T705
Aaron Christopher Brown	T704
William Lansing Bruce	T436
William Raymond Bruce	T436
Russell Deaver Chassey	T6516
Parker Jackson Childs	T250
Vasa Tiangu Clarke	T304
Michael Lee Claytor	T7430
Daniel Joseph Clemmer	T852
John Steven Collinson	T705
Christian Richard Colwell	T860
Terry Coleman Constable	T807
William Aidan Crenshaw	T444
Zac Forrest Edwards	T544
Todd Norman Farschon Jr.	T917
Kyle Alexander Fisher	T832
Leon Layne Fisher	T832
Ryan Scott Fresco	T772
Scott William Fresco	T772
Geoffrey Clyde Gangloff	T800
Joseph Earl Gaskins	T250
Luke Christian Gomola Mullin ..	T700
Austin Charles Grindle	T837
Dat Tat Ha	T760
Carter Robert Hamilton	T704
Christopher Lewis Harbin	T704
Joshua Martin Hart	T922
Brandon Tylor Hawkins	T835
William Duncan Hayes IV	T917
Colin Edward Hemingway	T740
Stephen Granville Horton	T6516
Winfred Otto Isgett Jr.	T562
Stephen Robert Jones	T807
Benjamin Stephen Jumper	T562

Eric Michael Kalata	T860
Nathaniel Scott Kemp	T740
John Anthony King	T832
Brandon Ryan Knouse	T806
Nathaniel Patrick Lambert	T740
Christian John Lamberta	T800
Kristopher Ryan Liss	T837
Alec Micheal Livingston	T860
Matthew David Lyles	T832
Michael Alan McManus	T829
Matthew Scott McTague	T800
Canaan Nehemiah Mills	T917
Charles Withers Moncure III	T740
Donna Jean Mosley	T7430
Donovan Tyrell Mosley	T7430
Joshua Warren Olds	T840
Colin Michael Owens	T806
Joseph Daniel Parrish	T807
Karthik Ramesh	T776
Bryan Mitchell Rock	T806
Christopher Paul Ryan	T222
Conner Matthew Scallan	T806
Dustin Layne Scottow	T800
William Ashby Short	T304
Eric Lamont Stephens	C
Bradley Michael Street	T877
Noah Gabriel Strickler	T860
Montae Lamar Taylor	T529
Robert Cosby Wade	T6516
Andrew Nelson Wainwright	T735
Austin James Walsh	T704
John Benjamin Ward	T860
Matthew Allen Webster	T880
Eric Walter Wilhelm	T880
Evan Scott Williamson	T917
Robert Dean Williamson	T917
Gregory James Wiltshire	T740
William Turner Wrobel	T807
Daniel Spencer Yarbrough	T860
Matthew Allen Young	T880
Tyler Alexander Zawislak	T806

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became Brotherhood members at the Service Weekend in May.



Alexander William Beehler	T912
Christian Joseph Denmark	T523
Daniel Addison Denmark Jr.	T523
Daniel Addison Denmark Sr.	T523
Scott Douglas Densley	T799
Patrick Eugene Holder	T860
Talon Reed Jordan	T715
David Steven Kraft	T736
Ryan Matthew Kraft	T736
Susan Patricia Loden	C
Jonathan Cole McDonell	T700
James Wallace Musselman IV	T258
James Wallace Musselman V	T258
Jacob Aaron Nelson	T806
Allan Earl Roberts	T842
Jacob William Roberts	T842
Hunter Edmund Ruffin	T877
Jashanjeet Singh	T880
Aiden Conner Bryant Smith	T880
Van Eric Strickler	T860
Philip Austin Tuley	T879

Edward J. Thomas, Jr.

1955-2011

Vigil Honor, Nawakwa Lodge



Herbert O. Cox, Jr.

1943-2011

Vigil Honor, Nawakwa Lodge
Service Adviser 2001-2003



Adam J. Capuano

1985-2011

Vigil Honor, Nawakwa Lodge



2011 Conclave Awards

Old-Style Dance

- 1st Place • Baylor Dickerson, Nawakwa Lodge #3
- 2nd Place • Max Minte, Nawakwa Lodge #3
- 3rd Place • Tommy Poe, Nawakwa Lodge #3

Traditional Dance

- 1st Place • Will Swingle, Nawakwa Lodge #3
- 2nd Place • Jeremy Jones, Tutelo Lodge #161
- 3rd Place • Adam Parker, Nawakwa Lodge #3

Grass Dance

- 1st Place • Caleb Denson, Nawakwa Lodge #3
- 2nd Place • Tyler Smith, Nawakwa Lodge #3
- 3rd Place • Stephen Stepp, Nawakwa Lodge #3

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony

- Honor • Tutelo Lodge #161
- Merit • Nawakwa Lodge #3
- Merit • Wahunsenakah #333

Brotherhood Ceremony

- Honor • Nawakwa Lodge #3
- Honor • Tutelo Lodge #161
- Merit • Wahunsenakah #333

Vigil Honor Ceremony

- Honor • Mike Lewis, Tutelo Lodge #161
- Honor • Tim Prior, Wahunsenakah #333
- Honor • Max Wheeler, Nawakwa Lodge #3
- Merit • Justin Carwile, Tutelo Lodge #161

2011-2012 Section Officers

- Section Chief • Preston Marquis
- Section Vice Chief • Kevin Ziethaml
- Section Secretary • Ben Webster

- Section Adviser • Mike White
- Section Associate Adviser • Ben Mathis
- Section Associate Adviser • Scott Smith
- Section Staff Adviser • Bill Givler

2011 Conclave Activities

Tug-of-War

- 1st Place • Tutelo Lodge #161
- 2nd Place • Wahunsenakah Lodge #333
- 3rd Place • Blue Heron Lodge #349
- 4th Place • Shenandoah Lodge #258

Volleyball

- 1st Place • Nawakwa Lodge #3
- 2nd Place • Tutelo Lodge #161
- 3rd Place • Wahunsenakah Lodge #333
- 4th Place • Shenandoah Lodge #258

Ultimate Frisbee

- 1st Place • Tutelo Lodge #161
- 2nd Place • Nawakwa Lodge #3
- 3rd Place • Shenandoah Lodge #258
- 4th Place • Wahunsenakah Lodge #333

Firebuilding

- 1st Place • Tutelo Lodge #161
- 2nd Place • Blue Heron Lodge #349
- 3rd Place • Shenandoah Lodge #258

Lodgeball (Lodge Dodge Ball)

- 1st Place • Shenandoah Lodge #258
- 2nd Place • Blue Heron Lodge #349
- 3rd Place • Wahunsenakah Lodge #333
- 4th Place • Nawakwa Lodge #3

Spirit Award

- Shenandoah Lodge #258

Golden Arrow

- Tutelo Lodge #161



Will Swingle

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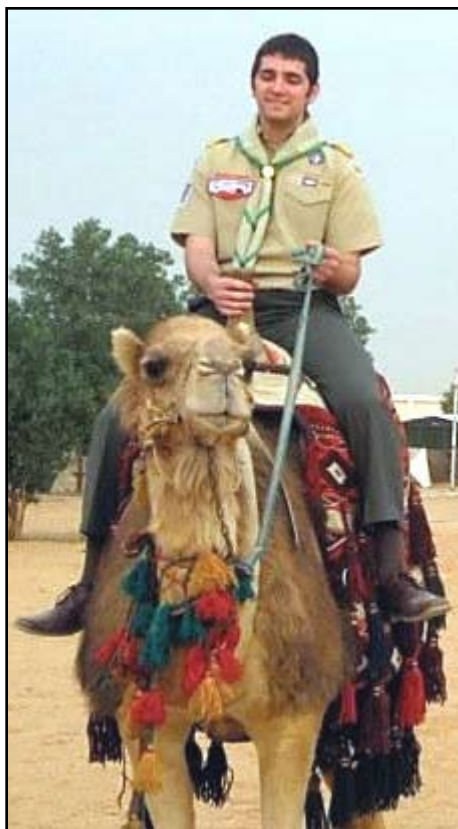
immediately begin a year of travels, hardships, fun, friends, brotherhood, and a year to truly see the ideals and the benefits that the Order of the Arrow has spread across not only the nation, but the world.

We began our journey by working to put committees together that would work with the National Jamboree, and with it being the Centennial year of Scouting, we knew that the Boy Scouts of America would be looking for our help to make sure the National Jamboree was a success, and we were right. With our main programs of emphasis, The Mysterium Compass, Indian Village, Service Corps, and our partnership with Health Services providing the PaceSetters program, we, as an Order, provided the National Jamboree with over 500,000 service hours.

Though, the National Jamboree was not our only task. Personally, I traveled almost 100,000 miles, by plane, car, Greyhound Bus, Camel, and even an airboat. My position would take me to over 16 different states that included Florida, Minnesota, Colorado, California, New York, and many more. Not only was I limited to the United States this past year but my travels also took me to Saudi Arabia for an International Scout Exchange and also to Japan for a National Leadership Seminar.

One of my main responsibilities was to promote the Order of the Arrow and Scouting programs at all time. I spent a good number

of weekends traveling to Lodge Fellowships, Lodge Leadership Development Courses, Conclaves, and even a few regular Service Weekends (and yes, for those who may not believe this, I did lace up the old work boots and did my fair



share of service). Through these events I was always amazed by one thing, and that was that no matter where I was, there were two things that drove the members of the lodge or section, two things that everyone was passionate about, and those were Brotherhood and Service.

I always, deep in my mind, thought that maybe we, as Nawakwa Lodge, were one of the only Lodges that was so focused on service and brotherhood, but I was wrong. The passion and intensity of Arrowmen from across the

nation for brotherhood and service was beyond my wildest dream. To add my thoughts in here, it almost brings tears to my eyes to see that in our time, a time of video games, social media, unfortunately drugs and violence, that young men see that there is more to life than sitting at home and becoming the stereotypical “couch potato” and have a passion for helping others and developing a bond with others that share that same passion and to me, that is why our program is amazing and beneficial to not only our generation, but to the generations that will follow.

Another responsibility that the National Vice Chief holds is to serve on the Order of the Arrow’s premiere leadership course, the National Leadership Seminar. This weekend-long seminar is filled with fun, training, excitement, brotherhood, and, in my opinion the most important aspect, an inner look at yourself and your journey to being a leader in today’s society. I was blessed to serve on seven different NLS staffs ranging from Texas, California, Indiana, Kansas, and even Japan.

In conclusion, my year was rough, tiring, I grew more grey hairs on my head than any 20 year old should have grown, but it was a year that I will never forget, a year that I would never trade for anything, and I year that I hope will influence Arrowmen all around to work towards their dreams and to never give up. 🌿

Will Swingle
2010 National Vice Chief



SUMMITCORPS

THE NEW RIVER EXPERIENCE

On the week of July 17 through July 23, Nawakwa Lodge sent a contingent of Arrowmen to wild and wonderful West Virginia. We took part in a national service project called SummitCorps 2011. Our job was to help build hiking and biking trail in the New River Gorge National Park system. This was week 3 of the 4 week program. There were over 300 Arrowmen at the Glen Jean Army National Guard base. We were part of the big picture and the excitement was high.

We checked in quickly and got up our campsite set up. Off to the training classes so that we can learn about the tool and equipment we would be using out on the trail. The Park Service and the Forrest Department had already blazed the trail; it was up to us to make it. We were off to explore the National Guard base, the first stop was the Trading Post. If you had not pre-ordered items you could buy them there, plus cold drinks and Ice cream. Life is Good.

We got our Nawakwa Contingent group picture taken and waited for dinner. A opening ceremony followed dinner in which there were many speaker that told us about the great job that weeks 1 and 2 had done and how excited the community was to see this project start. Everybody from the Governor of West Virginia, Earl Ray Tomblin to the people of West Virginia is supporting the Bechtel

Summit Scout Reservation project.

Our days started early, about 5:15 each morning, We would gathered in the parking lot in our different work crews and enjoyed our Philmont style breakfast and picked up our Philmont lunch. There we would get any up dates and then off on the buss to the work site. The trail work was hard and long. The trail was cut into the mountainside and followed the flagging the Park Service and the Forrest Department had marked. Many hot hours of cheerful service were given and we (the group of week 3) built 2.7 miles of finished trails. Back on the bus and to the showers at base camp. We looked forward to a great dinner in the air condition dinning hall, as we waited for the heat to settle down for the evening. There were many different things to do in the evening. The staff of SummitCorps kept everything under control. We had shows, movies, exhibits of West Virginia's past culture and even some patch trading happen. There was a silent patch auction



and a public patch auction in which we raised \$3000 for two local charities in the area. The Campsite site very quite after about 9:30, as everybody was going to sleep and getting ready for next day of Cheerful Service.

All of us made many new friends this week and reacquainted our selves with old friends. The fellowship and teams that developed were strong. I know that each crew has a list of each member in that crew and they will stay in touch. After all, Arrowmen that sweat together in Cheerful Service have ties that bond us together.

Friday was our day of fun. All the Arrowmen went to their special activity. We could choose from Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Lake Kayaking, Tree Top Canopy Tour, and Whitewater Rafting. Our lodge members did the Tree Top Canopy Tour and the Rock Climbing events. After all the events were over we all got together at ACE Lake for swimming and a Pig roast picnic dinner. No one went away hungry. Finally it was time to head back. We all went to our closing ceremonies and saying good-bye to our new friends.

Saturday we packed up and headed off to site see around the New River Gorge. After a few hours of site seeing we headed home to Richmond. 🐷

Richard Brett
SummitCorps Contingent Adviser

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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the *Tom-Tom* is October 21st. Please send your submissions to the Council Office (return address, below) or to TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org.



THE LOOKOUT

Jan 8 @ 2:00 PMExec. Comm. Mtg.
Council Service Center

Oct 14-16Fall Fellowship & Banquet
Camp T. Brady Saunders

Mar 16-18 OA Service Weekend
Camp T. Brady Saunders

Dec 22-23 Carillon Service Project
Byrd Park, Richmond

Mar 30 - Apr 1 ..National Forest Project
Washington/Jefferson National Forests

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