

American Legion Eagle Scout Court of Honor Speech

Good evening. I am [NAME]. [NAMES, OTHER POST MEMBERS PRESENT] and I are members of Apex American Legion Post 124. Thank you for allowing us to celebrate [Eagle Scout's Name]'s outstanding achievement with you today. Our American Legion Post is honored to be a part of this occasion.

The American Legion has supported Scouting since its first national convention in 1919. We sponsor many Scouting units nationwide, recognizing their shared values of character, leadership, and service.

Tonight's ceremony recognizes [Eagle Scout's Name]'s journey on the trail to Eagle, marked by dedication and commitment to the Scout Oath and Law.

The American Legion appreciates the Scout Law, particularly principles like trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, bravery, and reverence, which reflect the core values of patriotism and service. It's my privilege to present [Eagle Scout's Name] with our Post's Recognition Certificate. At this time I would also like to present [him/her] with our Post's Challenge Coin. In the United States military, every commanding officer has the privilege of presenting the soldier, sailor, airman, marine or guardsman under his command with a challenge coin when he wants to immediately recognize a significant accomplishment, without waiting for a recognition medal to be approved and sent by the Pentagon.

We're presenting [Eagle Scout's Name] with our challenge coin for a special reason, not just to recognize achieving Eagle Scout rank. Scouting's slogan is "Do a good turn daily." [Put coin in scout's left hand] [Eagle Scout's Name], make that slogan part of your daily routine by putting this coin in your right front pocket as a reminder of Scouting's slogan. Once you have done your first good turn of the day, move the coin to your left front pocket so that, no matter what else happens that day, you'll know that you did your good turn. Doing this each day will lead you to a life worthy of an Eagle Scout, a life committed to service, leadership, and upholding the values of both Scouting and The American Legion.

Conclusion

On behalf of The American Legion, congratulations to [Eagle Scout's Name], [his/her] family, [his/her] Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout counselor and all the mentors who supported this accomplishment.