



*Arizona State  
Sons of the American Legion  
Scout of the Year 2013*



Boy Scouts of America

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within [The American Legion](#). The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, [The American Legion Auxiliary](#) and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as The Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship. Sons have always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family programs. Our Family boasts a combined total membership of nearly 4.2 million members. This year, Sons attained an all-time high national membership of over 325,000. The largest Detachment, Pennsylvania, has over 38,000 members. Trophies and awards are given to Detachments and Squadrons for the largest membership and the largest increase in membership.

Just as each Legion post determines the extent of its service to the community, state, and nation, each S.A.L. squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet its own needs. The S.A.L. has study programs recommended for younger members. One such program, called "The Ten Ideals," teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence, and comradeship. If a member completes the Ten Ideals program, he is eligible to continue with another program called the "Five-Point Program of Service." This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership, and legionism.

Sons focus on much more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their Posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects, and fund raising. In just the past ten years, Sons have raised more than a million dollars for [The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation](#). Members have volunteered over 223,900 hours to date in 2007 in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$915,688 that has gone directly to VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment, and clothing for the patients.

There are many men who are members of, both, The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion. Often, these individuals started out as young members of the Sons. Then, when they were old enough to serve the military, they also became eligible to join The Legion. Such individuals are known within our organization as dual members.

The Sons of The American Legion is one of many organizations that sponsors and supports the [Citizens Flag Alliance](#), a coalition formed to secure flag protection legislation through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. S.A.L. volunteers work to establish local networks by having petitions available and handing out informational material. They alert their communities to the importance of respect for the flag and they encourage flag education programs in schools and other local organizations.

**All registered Scouts in good standing are eligible.**

All requirements must be met in order to be considered for the Sons of the American Legion Scout of the Year. This award will be presented at the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Convention in June 2012. The Scouts, Scouts Parents and Troop Leaders will be invited to attend. Each Scout must be in Class "A" Uniform for the presentation at our General Assembly for the Award.

Your Scout Leader will be advised if a member of your troop has won.

Your Scout Leader is the only one that can fill out and submit the attached application.

All paperwork must be attached to the application.

Any infraction of the rules or requirements shall lead to the disqualification of application.

Mail in your application and other paperwork to the address below:

**The American Legion  
Earl E. Mitchell Post 29  
Attention: Richard Miller S.A.L Scout Chairman  
P.O. Box 125  
Glendale, AZ 85311-0125**



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**Print all information**

Scouts Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts Position & Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Leaders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Leaders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES

1. A scout must advance by no less than one (1) rank starting between April 15, 2012 and before April 30, 2013.

*10 Extra points for more than 1 rank advancement*

### \*\*\*EAGLE SCOUTS\*\*\*

*As long as he either earns 1 or 2 Palms or becomes a "Junior Assistant Leader", that will be considered as Rank Advancement.*

*This must be between April 15, 2012 and before April 30, 2013.*

### \*\*\*LIFE SCOUTS\*\*\*

His next rank is Eagle. The Scout may or may not have been awarded his Eagle Scout Rank due to the time involved for his rank before the dead line of April 30<sup>th</sup>. As long as it is Work in Progress it will be considered as "Rank Advancement. The Scoutmaster and/or Rank Advancement Committee must submit written confirmation. He must be close to completion in order to be considered "Work In Progress".

2. A scout must have earned 4 Merit Badges and 2 Eagle Required and have been awarded all Merit Badges between April 15, 2012 and before April 30, 2013.
3. A Scout shall maintain a 100% Attendance and be on time for all meetings between April 15, 2012 and April 30, 2013. Exception: You must call your Scoutmaster in advance to be excused, otherwise you will be disqualified. Copy of attendance record is required.
4. Must know and recite by heart the Scout Oath, Scout Law and the Outdoor Code and their meanings to the satisfaction of the Troop Advancement Committee. (Written Confirmation is required from the Troop Advancement Committee).
5. Conduct: No Misconduct of any nature. No use of profanity or reference to profanity or jesters. Any Infraction disqualifies you.
6. Membership: Each Scout must recruit one (1) or more New Members into the Troop and he must stay 6 months or longer. You must also take total charge of this New Member helping him to earn his 1<sup>st</sup> Rank of Tenderfoot.  
Written confirmation is required from the Troop Advancement Committee. It must state that he worked with the New Member earning his Scout Patch and his Tenderfoot Rank. Note: Scout Patch is not considered Rank. EAGLE SCOUTS AND THOSE WORKING ON EAGLE ARE EXEMPT.

7. Leadership: You must show your leadership skills not only to your fellow scouts, but also to your Scoutmaster and/or Advancement Committee. Part of your leadership skills can come from Item #6. See Item # 9 for the other requirements.

8. Community Service: You shall have no less than 20 verifiable community service hours. Your Scoutmaster or Troop Advancement Committee can help keep track of your time and what you did for your community service.

NOTE: This can include your time helping a fellow scout earn his Eagle Rank. Use a separate sheet of paper to list your community service.

9. Meetings: In continuing your leadership skills, you must be able to conduct from start to finish one (1) or more Troop Meetings. This shall include the following:

- A. Proper Opening of the Meeting. Flag Posting, Pledge, Oath, Law and whatever else your troop does for an opening.
- B. Tell what you have planned for the troop meeting and what you did to execute your plan.
- C. What did you plan for your Free Time and was it fun.
- D. Did you or your Scoutmaster give the announcement of upcoming events?
- E. Proper Closing of your meeting.

NOTE: Written confirmation is required.

10. You must do one of the two items.

A) Flag Retirement Ceremony or B) Flag Folding Ceremony stating the meaning of the folds.

Extra points if both are done. Written confirmation is required from your advancement committee on a separate sheet of paper.

**\*\*\*\*\*BONUS POINTS\*\*\*\*\***

11. Religious Award: You shall have earned the Religious Award between April 15, 2012 and before April 30, 2013. 15 BONUS POINTS

NOTE: *A scout may not be able to complete this before the deadline between April 15, 2012 and before April 30, 2013. As long as he is actively working on it, written confirmation is required stating so by the Troop Advancement Committee and the person teaching the Religious Class, it will be considered as completed. A written statement from the scout on how this has impacted or enhanced his belief in his religion is required. It must be in his own words.*

It is not our intent to rule anyone out due to length of time to obtain this award.

\*\*\*\*On a separate sheets of paper list the following items\*\*\*\*

1. Starting Rank and Ending Rank. *Must be between April 15, 2012 and before April 30, 2013.*
2. List the 4 Merit Badges you earned between April 15, 2012 and before April 30, 2013. List the 2 that are Eagle required and date earned.
3. How many New Members did you recruit and are they still active in your troop. **5 Extra Points for more than one (1) New Member. Name required.**
4. How do you feel your 20 hours of Community Service served the community? *Must be in Scouts own words. 5 Extra Points*
5. Submit to the Scoutmaster or Advancement Committees Report on how you did conducting the Troop Meeting. *Must be signed by Scoutmaster or Advancement Committee Chairperson.*
6. In your own words, how has this program affected you as a scout and why would you like to be the Sons of the American Legion Scout of the Year? *Must be signed by the Scout. 10 Extra Points*
7. Have your Scoutmaster or Advancement Chairperson gives his/her personal feelings as to how this made you a better scout. *Position and signature required.*
8. SCOUT ONLY - What would you like to change or add to make this program better. *Not required but suggested.*
9. SCOUT ONLY - **5 EXTRA POINTS**  
What additional items have you accomplished that are not covered in this program?  
*NOTE: Deadline date to submit your application is no later than April 30, 2013. Any application post marked after this date will NOT be accepted. Please mail in your application to the address listed on page 1.*

# AWARDS

**1<sup>st</sup> PLACE**

**\$250.00 + PLAQUE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE**

**\$75.00 + PLAQUE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE**

**\$25.00 + PLAQUE**

All awards will be presented at our Sons of the American Legion State Convention. You will be notified as to where, when and what time you will need to be there.





# Flag Folding Ceremony

## *Meaning of the Flag Folding Program*

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

- The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.
- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks and who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
- The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
- The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

- The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stand, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
- The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
- The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today..