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Newly Elected National Chief

Newly elected National Chief John Rehm sat down with Associate Editor-in-Chief Parker Fowler to discuss his feelings and goals about the upcoming year.

Q: How do you feel about the upcoming year?

John: The fresh, innovative start of so many first term section chiefs, combined with the enthusiasm and passion for the order of the returning section chiefs makes for an exciting national atmosphere that will most definitely make for a great 2012 for the Order of the Arrow. I see this group in particular as being very open minded and synergetic and am honored to lead them in the coming months.

Q: Are there a couple ideas you would like to see in the upcoming NOAC?

John: I especially like the theme we will be working with this year and hope to see it implemented liberally. The theme should be included in every aspect of this NOAC 2012, as well as considered in all our actions in the Order and in Boy Scouting in general. I am confident that we will succeed in that vision this year.

Q: What do you want to encourage outside of NOAC?

John: I would like to see some focus on and refurbishing of the troop representative system. The Order of the Arrow is meant to assist and enhance the Boy Scouts of America and the troop reps are the focal point of that effort. Making that relationship between the troops and the Order flourish will help the Order achieve its goals and purpose.

Q: Do you have any more words you would like to say to your Section and Region Chiefs?

John: NOAC may be overwhelming at first, it is important that we remember the section chiefs are a team. Advisors are excellent resources for success. If we support each other in the planning of this NOAC I know that it will be great. In planning this NOAC, never forget our theme: United, we leave a legacy.

Newly Elected National Vice-Chief

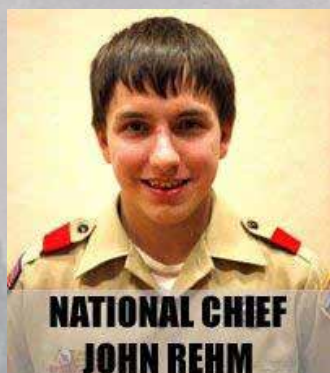
I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your 2012 National Vice Chief. It is with great excitement that I look forward to the future months. Coming out of the National Planning Meeting, I can tell you that we have an action packed calendar awaiting us!

I have the distinct pleasure of working with our National Chief, John Rehm, and some of the Order's finest leaders in planning NOAC, to make our theme, United, we leave a legacy, into a wonderful event that will most certainly be the highlight of the summer. Plan on joining us July 30 - August 4 for a stimulating program! Please visit www.event.oa-bsa.org for additional information on how to register as a contingent member or staff. I look forward to seeing you there.

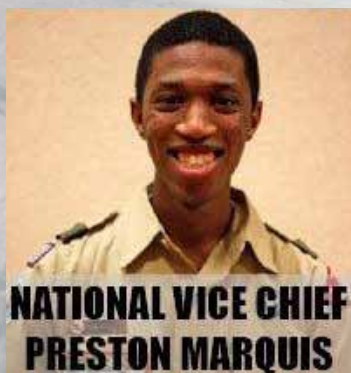
As I conclude, I would like to point out some of the other great goings on around the Order as signs of our organization's sustained vitality in the run up to our 100th anniversary. Last summer you will recall that our efforts at SummitCorps left a lasting legacy in West Virginia and will help set the stage for the 2013 Jamboree. This year we will roll out the Journey to Excellence program for sections and lodges. John and I are both dedicated to working with lodges and sections across the nation to ensure that the launch of JTE is a smooth, successful endeavor. I can't wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work. Here's to a great year!

Preston Marquis

2012 National Vice Chief



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JOHN REHM**



**NATIONAL VICE CHIEF
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Chiefly Farewell

With Joe Garcia



Brothers,

This fall has been a busy time for us in the West! This fall season had nine unbelievable conclaves, from a canopy tour in Hawaii to rock climbing in Northern California, and not a single one disappointed! And let us not forget the two great National Leadership Seminars in Salt Lake City and Portland, where our outstanding trainers successfully prepared over 100 new leaders!

To top it off, we had an amazing time Halloween weekend in Orange County for the Western Region Gathering, where section officers from all over the region gathered with their advisers and members of the Western Region Committee for fellowship and training! Only in the West do you get a slip n' slide and epic water fight at an officers' seminar!

Regrettably, with the end of this year I also close the youth chapter of my journey in the Order of the Arrow, as I officially became an adult at the conclusion of the National Planning Meeting in Dallas. I cannot even begin to express what an incredible experience it has been, and how immense of an impact all of the Arrowmen I've met around the region and the country have had on my life.

This organization is truly something special, and each person I meet reminds me more and more of that fact. I look forward to the coming months, and am getting excited for NOAC 2012!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Joe Garcia
2011 Western Region Chief



WEST IS BEST

Chiefly Beginning

With Joe (the Second) Barton

Fellow Brothers,

I am humbled and honored to have the privilege to serve you all this year. It will be quite an adventure to travel around the best region (West is Best) and meet as many of you Arrowmen as I can. With this said, I am just like you. I have, and always will be, a fellow brother and Arrowmen in cheerful service. I will do my best to visit as many lodges and sections as possible to show you that I am one of you. I am your leader, but I am here to serve you. As an NYLT Senior Patrol Leader, I take Servant Leadership very seriously, and will implement it as much as possible during my term. I am always open to anyone who wants to talk, send me an email or find me on Facebook! Just remember, I am here to serve you...not the other way around.

My vision for 2012: I clearly see the Western Region in 2012 as successful in membership growth, membership retention and great training! Oh, and I clearly see the Western Region as the Best Region; especially at NOAC this summer! WEST IS BEST!!!!

To obtain the above will take SMART Goals and hard work. I am fully prepared to do my best to obtain this vision; to improve the region so that all will benefit.

And now I ask of you to do your best in serving your fellow Arrowmen and brothers, through scouting in brotherhood and cheerful service! Let's make sure that the West is always BEST!

Yours in Brotherhood and Cheerful Service,

Joe Barton
2012 Western Region Chief



Why the West is Best



National Jamboree: Two Thousand Thirteen

At the Summit Bechtel Family Reserve



Next summer, the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve will host its first National Jamboree. Many of you will remember this site as the location of this year's Summit Corps, which helped prepare the Summit for the National Jamboree in 2013. At this monumental event, the Order of the Arrow will be more important than ever, playing both new and traditional roles. Our organization's involvement will be larger than in jamborees past in an operation named Project 2013. Project 2013 is looking to recruit 700 Arrowmen to serve on different parts of the Order of the Arrow staff.

Potential staffers have the option of signing up for the traditional OA Service Corps as well as two new programs being introduced for this jamboree: Jamboree Trek Guides and Day of Service Guides. The Service Corps is a fantastic experience at any jamboree and this year, will have an even larger presence than in years past. Trek Guides will run an all-day program that includes a four-hour, four-mile hike to

the top of Garden Ground Mountain. As a Trek Guide you will be responsible for helping run a new interpretive program for jamboree participants.



Jamboree Day of Service Guides will help guide troops who participate in a day of service. Service will either be in the local community, in the National River, or on the Summit site itself. The guides will provide leadership and help facilitate the projects.



If you are interested in helping shape the Order of the Arrow's involvement in National Jamboree, be sure to fill out an interest form and also get more information by visiting www.events.oa-bsa.org.



Josh Hone
Section W6E Chief



Erratum: The Staff of the Mustang wish to extend our sincere apologies to Mr. Don Diaz as we left him off of the list of National Committee Members from the Western Region in the last issue. Welcome back Don!
Every effort will continue to be made to get it right in the future.



NOAC 2012

Michigan State University (July 30 - August 4, 2012)

Arrowmen from around the country have the unique opportunity to gather together for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference commonly referred to as NOAC. NOAC 2012 will host more than 8,000 Arrowmen in attendance that are seeking many of the aspects you are looking for: fun, fun and more fun. Each time a conference is held, Arrowmen coming from around the world gather at a major university to share their ideas on lodge leadership, American and OA Ceremonies as well as Inductions participate in a large variety of competitions. This six day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting and is unique to just members of the Order of the Arrow.



The training at each NOAC is world class because it brings together the most knowledgeable individuals in the area of your chosen topic. The trainers are some of the best in the Order who will share their expertise with you so that you may be able to bring these ideas back to your lodge and also for personal enjoyment. The training topics vary from American Indian Activities to Inductions and OA Ceremonies to high adventure such as SCUBA and kayaking. Also in the afternoons, the Order of the Arrow Museum will be on display showcasing the national chief and national vice-chief's bonnet, respectively. Much of the lore spoken of in the Order will be found within this novel place from patches to memorabilia to paintings. For many people, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see pictures of our founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and co-founder, Carroll Edson.

After an exciting six day adventure like this, what more can a person do than SLEEP! With the amount of activities on the horizon for the coming day, you are going to need your rest but most of all you won't want to miss NOAC 2012. Don't miss your chance at participating in history. For more information, please check out <http://www.event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2012/> today!

- Yours in Fellowship, Caleb Hou, Section W1N Chief

Double Vigil The Ultimate Golf Tournament

Happy Holidays! It's time once again to prepare for the Double Vigil Golf Classic (DVGC). In the decade long history of this event we have raised over \$13,000 to benefit the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund. The money raised from this event allows underprivileged scouts of Native American ancestry to attend summer camp – an experience which is quintessential to our scouting legacy. For many of these scouts, this is their only opportunity to participate in these programs, and we can do our part to ensure no one is denied this chance for socioeconomic reasons.



Last year we exceeded our goal and were able to donate \$3,000 to the MCIC Fund. For 2012 we would like to build on the overwhelming response from the 2011 tournament, and we can only do that with your participation. All of the information about this event is available online at www.dvgc.org we'd encourage you to go there if you have questions.



REGISTER TODAY! The 2012 individual entry fee is an affordable \$75; as a supporter of this cause we would like you to consider sponsoring a team and bringing a few friends along, or consider participating individually at the \$150 Brotherhood Sponsor level. The more people we get to the DVGC, the more awareness and money we can raise for this worthy cause. Please register online today so we can count on your participation and support, and make arrangements with the golf course. Remember, this event isn't about golf skill, but about fun and fellowship in support of a great cause. Each year several first-time golfers attend the DVGC and they always tell us what a good time they had! We hope you'll join us.

- Rob Rosamond & David Dowty, DVGC Committee Co-Chairs



The future of Success

Journey to Excellence

Beginning January 1st, 2012, the Quality Lodge Program will be replaced by the new Journey to Excellence Program. The Journey to Excellence (JTE) Program will achieve the same goal of the Quality Lodge Program, but in a way that more closely parallels the direction of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow as a whole, and is similar to the program that Councils, Districts, and Units are already using.

The JTE program encourages continuous progress compared to the Quality Lodge Program's definite restart point at the end of each year. By focusing on Finance, Program, Membership, Council Service, and Leadership and Governance, JTE sets a groundwork for improvement in any Lodge. In each of the five areas, Lodges will begin to set their own goals to meet over the course of a year. Some younger or small Lodges may make a goal in the area of Membership by growing in size by one member from the previous year and qualify for the Bronze level. Though this is the same minimum requirement from Quality Lodge, larger and more experienced Lodges may not have been challenged before to meet that requirement. This makes Lodges reach a 1% increase for Silver level and 3% for Gold level in the new JTE program. Lodges could settle and make only the Bronze level of Journey to Excellence, but now have incentive to reach higher goals.

Journey to Excellence will redefine the way Lodges plan each year's program while working closely to help develop Council's programs. Regardless of the size, location, and history of a lodge, everyone is given the opportunity to succeed. Following the Lodge Journey to Excellence program are similar Chapter and Section JTE programs. The Western Region is excited to see the Journey to Excellence Program take off! For more information, contact your Lodge Leadership or Section Leadership, or go to www.oa-bsa.org. There are many resources at all levels to assist each Lodge in making the most of the Journey to Excellence program. Start planning and we'll see you along the Journey to Excellence!

- Yours in Service, Samuel Bellomy, Section W6W Chief

In Memoriam

An Appreciation of Gene Wadford



It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of my friend and brother in the Wimachtendienk, Gene Wadford. Gene passed away early on the morning of October 15, 2011. I remember Gene as bigger than life itself. Truly, he was a big man with an even bigger heart, a real life force. The first time I met Gene, I was serving as a Section Adviser. I had been invited to the Western Region Gathering and thought I knew a thing or two. I think Gene knew my type right away. But it didn't matter. He welcomed me, listened to all my, shall we say, over the top concerns. Never a hint of "I've been around and you don't know nothing." Just a friendly smile and a promise to work on doing better. The next time we met, he called me by name and asked how those things we had spoken of were looking. Frankly, he had every right to avoid me. I came to realize he was genuinely concerned and cared about me and all Arrowmen....a true Servant Leader.

As time went on, he called me one day and asked my help in researching a location for an NLS to be held in Northern California. He had already generated a list of sites. He asked for my opinion of each site, and then asked me to join him in visiting the most likely ones. My goodness, a person with his experience not only asked me what I thought, but also believed in my knowledge and wanted me to join him in the decision making process.

For me, it got to be that if I went to an OA event and Gene wasn't there, it wasn't really an official event. Gene, often accompanied by his Judy, his wonderful wife, made everything he was at or touched better, simply with his presence. Thank you Gene for making me, and all those you came in contact with, better. Thank you for your huge contribution to the success of the Order of the Arrow and all of Scouting. I miss you already... and always will.

If you would like to honor Gene's memory, the family requests you send a donation in Gene's name to the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund. Contributions can be mailed to: Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, Attn: OA Team Leader- Clyde Mayer, Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

- Bruce Mayfield



Farewell

May your memories cherish for years to come

Andrea D. Van Dreese

July 11, 1961 – October 29, 2011

It is with heavy heart we acknowledge the recent passing of Andrea D. Van Dreese, wife of John Van Dreese our much admired Western Region OA Staff Adviser. Below are few more details about this amazing women.

Andrea D. Van Dreese, age 50, passed away on Saturday, October 29 in Orange, CA. She was born July 11, 1961, the daughter of Herbert W. and Dona M. Post in Park Falls, WI. An educator most of her life, Andrea served in the Milwaukee Public Schools for nine years, and school districts in Wooddale, IL, and Germantown & Menominee Falls, WI. A lover of music, Andrea was active in the choir of the Congregational Church in Park Falls, WI as she was growing up, and sang in choirs at the Kenwood United Methodist Church (Milwaukee, WI), the First Congregational Church (Germantown, WI), the Cimarron United Methodist Church (NM), and most recently the United Methodist Church in Gilbert, AZ. She enjoyed sailing, swimming, traveling, and training her two golden retrievers Sunday & Sage. Recently, she had been passionately involved with a golden retriever rescue group in Arizona where she helped transport rescued dogs to new homes. In her memory, memorials to Rescue A Golden of Arizona, P.O. Box 71987, Phoenix, AZ 85050 are much appreciated. (Submitted by Bruce Mayfield)



NLS and NLATS

The next level of Leadership



Have you gone through NYLT? If you have, then the National Leadership Seminar is for you! This training program offered by each region in the Order of the Arrow expand an arrowmen's horizon for leadership! NLS, a training program for youth, is specifically designed to teach and apply the skills of leadership through fun activities, a movie, and great staff! All NLS's are run by the Region Chief, and most often than not, the National Chief and National Vice Chief are in attendance on staff to train true leaders (since the Western Region is the Best region, they love to visit frequently). With a great staff at each event, their use of several unique techniques to explore what leadership is and how it can be effectively used opens the mind to a brand new view of the sought after subject. Not only can the skills learned from this amazing weekend leadership course be applied to Boy Scouting, it can also be employed in all aspects of one's life. If you yearn for more training in leadership, want to expand your skills, or just get a better understanding of your leadership position, NLS is your ticket to access everything you need to accomplish it all! It is highly recommended, and if you get a chance to attend, do not hesitate to take it! NLS is truly the next level in leadership training, so seize the opportunity and become a better leader!

The next National Leadership Seminar will be offered in Camp Pupukeya, Hawaii from March 30 - April 1, 2012.

Then NLS/NLATS will be offered at the Irvine Ranch Edu. Center, in Orange County, CA from April 13-15, 2012.

If you are interested in attending an NLS or NLATS, please refer to www.western.oa-bsa.org/program/training

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Western Region Calendar

Event	Date	Location
Double Vigil Golf Classic	Jan 27, 2012	Falcon Dunes, Luke AFB, Phoenix, AZ
Western Region Planning Meeting	January 28, 2012	Grand Canyon Council Office, Phoenix, AZ
Western Region NLS	March 30 - Ap 1, 2012	Camp Pupukea, Hawaii
Western Region NLS/NLATS	April 13-15, 2012	Irvine Ranch Edu. Center, Orange County, CA
Section W6E Conclave	Apr 13-15, 2012	Mountain View Middle School: Rio Rancho, NM
Section W1N Conclave	Apr 20-22, 2012	Fire Mountain Scout Reser., Mt. Vernon, WA
Section W5S Conclave	Apr 20-22, 2012	Elbert, CO
Section W3S Conclave	Apr 27-29, 2012	Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Fresno, CA
Section W5N Conclave	May 18-20, 2012	Belgrade High School, Belgrade, MT
NOAC	July 30-August 4 2012	Michigan State University

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