

Appendix 150 to  
***THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA***  
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**NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION  
AWARDS**

**(South Georgia Council and its predecessor Councils)**

**DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**  
Recipients

**1973 John T. Phillips**  
**1982 Joe Brashears**  
**1995 Richard C. Looney**  
**2007 George Hooks**  
**2020 Edward William Gnehm**



**OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**  
Recipients

**2014 Joe Bishop**  
**2018 John Prince**  
**2018 Ben Andrews**  
**2019 Sparky Reeves**  
**2020 Mike Johnson**  
**2022 Randy Jones**  
**2023 Robert Hurt**  
**2024 Terry Hunt**



# **DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

## **Recipients**

**John Temple Phillips**

**1915 -2007**

**1973 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



**Gen. Davis Says:**

# Scouting 'Crucial' To American Way

By **DAVID FULLER**  
Herald Staff Writer

Marine Gen. (Ret.) Raymond G. Davis addressed the Chehaw Council, Boy Scouts of America's annual recognition banquet Thursday and spoke of Scouting's contribution to patriotism.

Davis, a native of Fitzgerald,

said that the leadership offered America's youth through Scouting is "crucial" in returning America to the nation that it once was.

## "Great Role"

He said that Scouting has a "great role to play," and that all persons must band together if Georgia is to continue to move forward.

America is faced with many challenges, Davis said, and named over population, restlessness among young people, overbearing demands by some persons, the sapping of morals through drugs and permissiveness and apathy as some of the problems.

He said that by "pulling together" Americans can face the challenges and preserve "our way of life."

In the ceremonies which preceded Davis' address, the Distinguished Eagle Award was presented to John T. Phillips Jr. of Albany for his achievements and outstanding service to the community.

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# Joe Brashears

(1922 - 1995)

## 1982 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Recipient

**By Herald Staff Writer**

Another highly successful year for Boy Scouting was predicted by Scout leaders representing 17 counties at the 43rd annual banquet of the Chehaw Council.

Representatives heard progress reports on the state of the Chehaw Council program, saw Silver Beaver awards given to four Scout leaders, and saw 19 Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout in awards ceremonies during the program.

Eley Frazer III, the president of the Chehaw Council, said in his report on 1981, "There are youths, thousands of them, waiting for someone to put Scouting within their reach."

"We have a goal of 6,000 youth members by Dec. 31, 1982," he said, "and a sustaining membership goal of \$76,000.

"It seems that the job of a Council is never done," Frazer said. "There are always additional youth to be served, new units to be organized, new programs to be introduced."

Nineteen Scouts from Albany, Tifton, Ashburn and Americus were awarded the rank of Eagle

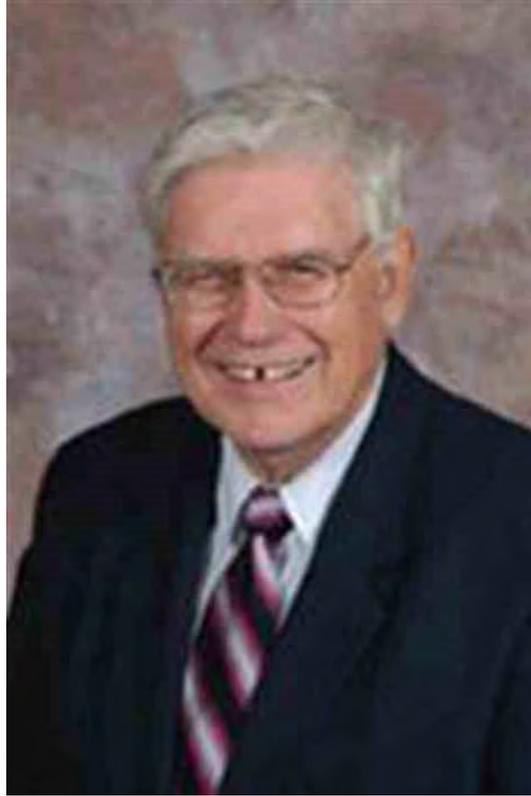
Scouts, the highest rank a Scout can attain. Each was given an Eagle Scout neckerchief by District Executive Steve Taylor.

Joe Brashears, a 1928 Eagle Scout, was given the rank of Distinguished Eagle Scout for his "distinguished service to his community and nation." Brashears, a founder of the Southwest Georgia Youth Home and chairman of the board of Joe Brashears Steel became one of only 561 recipients of the award since its inception in 1969.

Four troop leaders were awarded the Silver Beaver for their service to Scouting over the years.

Recipients of the award, given for "outstanding service of an exceptional nature," included Alyce Haddock, a former den leader, district committee member, and current Member-At-Large of the Council; Howard L. Unruh, Scoutmaster of the Marine Base Chapel Troop 101; Dr. Richard Greene, Scoutmaster of the Americus Kiwanis Club Troop 21, and Frazer, the third-year president of the Chehaw Council.

**Bishop Richard Carl Looney**  
**(1934 - Alive in 2023)**  
**1995 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



**We have no information on the award or the presentation.**

**Richard C. Looney was Eagle Scout and Bishop in the Methodist Church. He was born in the Methodist parsonage at Hillsville, Virginia. He graduated from Emory and Henry College and Candler School of Theology.**

**Senator George Hooks**  
**(1945 - Alive in 2023)**  
**2007 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



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## Eagle Scout distinction, 110th Congress mark Tuesday Rotary Club

By GENIE COLLINS  
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AMERICUS — A special distinction and discussions on the actions of government were two topics prevalent at Tuesday's meeting of the Americus Rotary Club.

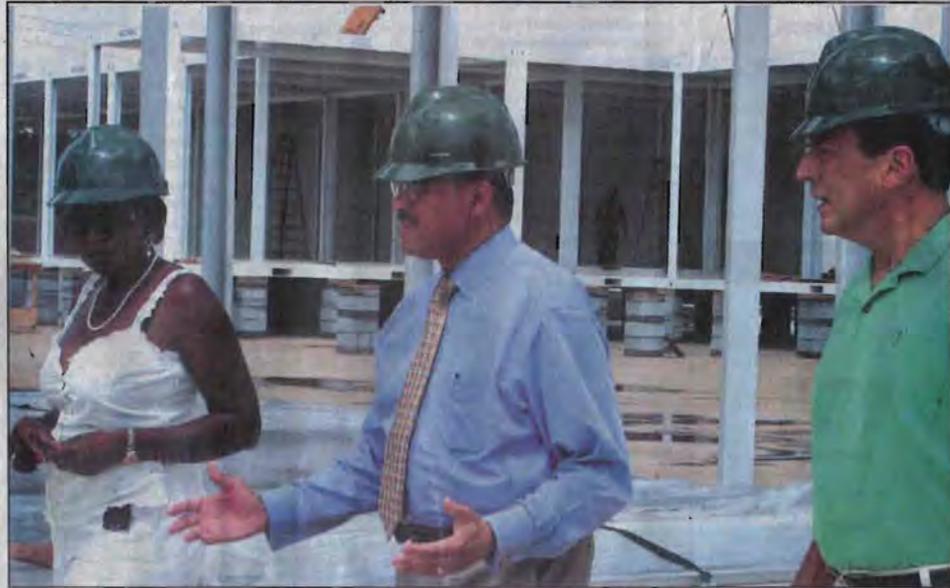
First, Dr. Ben Andrews and Andrew Taylor with the Chehaw Boy Scouts Council presented state Sen. George Hooks, D-Americus, the distinction of Eagle Scout. In his brief acceptance speech, Hooks said he was glad to get the designation "for the community."

The guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting was U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Americus, who has served in Congress since 1993.

Having been introduced by Fred Boyles, superintendent of the Andersonville National Historic Site (NHS), Bishop said emotionally that he can think of no other honor that he cherishes than his Eagle Scout Award.

"We no longer have recesses in Congress," Bishop said. "We have district work periods."

He said this is time for legislators to visit organizations and constituents in the dis-



Submitted Photo

Congressman Sanford Bishop was on hand visiting Sumter Regional Hospital's (SRH) interim facility building site. The interim facility, which is made up of COGIM units issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently being assembled and is expected to be operational by the end of this year and will serve as the hospital's home until a permanent facility is ready in 2010. Here, SRH Vice President of External Operations/Marketing Comfort Green and SRH President/CEO David Seagraves tour the building site with Bishop. When complete, the facility will be known as Sumter Regional Hospital East and will feature 76-beds, an emergency room, surgery suites and many of the services that were lost after the March 1 tornado.

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tricts they represent.

Bishop said he had recently traveled with a delegation of members of the House of Representatives to New Orleans, La. and the U.S. Gulf Coast, areas of the country ravaged approximately two years ago by Hurricane Katrina.

Bishop said they are trying to see what can be done to aid "recovery efforts. It's a very, very devastated area."

Of the 110th Congress, Bishop noted the change in party in both houses of Congress.

"We've tried to change the direction of the country," Bishop said. He added he and his fellow Democrats have tried to ensure a better, more prosperous and safer life for all Americans.

Bishop noted the Iraq Supplemental Bill that funded the war, with requirements to monitor political and economic benchmarks in the country.

With the House Appropriations Bill came funding for first responder training and better security in the nation's airports. The bill also contained legislation to better fund Veterans Affairs (VA), the congressman said.

He said this department faces "a tremendous challenge" with veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, and there aren't enough specially trained people with the VA department to aid these veterans in their recovery.

Bishop spoke of legislation from the 110th Congress that would give public safety employees, such as police officers and firefighters, "collective bargaining" power with wages and benefits.

As for the national security crisis, Bishop said there are not enough scientists, mathematicians and engineers in the country to provide for national security issues. He said later that China had 10 times more of these professionals.

"We are trying to make college more affordable," Bishop said. He spoke of legislation that would increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$500.

Health care continues to be a big topic on both the state and national levels, and Bishop spoke of legislation funding embryonic stem cell research; however, the president vetoed the bill.

"We've tried to reform ethics with the most sweeping ethics reform since Watergate," he said. He also spoke of amendments to the Presidential Records Act and the Free-

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State Sen. George Hooks, D-Americus, was presented with the Eagle Scout distinction at Tuesday's Rotary Club meeting. Applauding the choice are Andrew Taylor, John Kooti, Ph.D., president of Rotary, and Dr. Ben Andrews. Taylor and Andrews are with the Chehaw Boy Scouts Council, and Taylor is a member of the Americus Rotary Club.

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# Sen. Hooks receives highest Boy Scout honor

By **MICHAEL J. ROSS**  
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AMERICUS — State Sen. George Hooks (D) was presented the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Boy Scout Troop 21 Saturday at the SGTC Pope Center.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, is a special award, awarded only to Eagle Scouts, for distinguished service in his profession and to the community for a period of at least 25 years after earning his Eagle Scout rank. Requirements include: having attained the Eagle Scout rank, accomplishment of significance in one's career, and a solid record of continued community volunteer involvement. Only about one in 1,000 of all Eagle Scouts has been presented this prestigious award, according to Troop 21 members. Since its introduction in 1969, the DESA has been awarded to just under 2000 Eagle Scouts, according to Dr. Ben Andrews, a Troop 21 Eagle Scout.

The presentation of the DESA wasn't on the original program of the event Saturday so it would be a



Michael J. Ross/Americus Times-Recorder  
Dr. Ben Andrews, left, a Troop 21 Eagle Scout, presents State Sen. George Hooks the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Boy Scout Troop 21 Saturday at the SGTC Pope Center.

surprise to Hooks. "Accept this award with humility," said Hooks at the podium. Hooks gave a lot of credit to his former scoutmaster, Charlie Hogg. "Charlie Hogg is an inspiration to all of us,"

said Hooks. Current Troop 21 Scoutmaster, Tommy McCurley, used the event to reveal a little history about the Troop. "This is the greatest Boy Scout Troop in the world," he

said.

He said the Troop throughout its history has produced doctors, lawyers, successful businessmen, professional

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football coaches etc. McCurley said recent Troop 21 Eagle Scouts are also doing great things. "The new ones are going to be great also."

Kenneth Cutts of Congressman Sanford Bishop's Office spoke at the event on the behalf of the congressman. Bishop once told Cutts his Eagle Scout designation was more important to him than any award Bishop

had ever received, Cutts told the audience.

"Congressman Bishop will tell you that being an Eagle Scout has led to much of his success in life," said Cutts. Cutts said no organization in the world mold more boys into successful young men like the Boy Scouts. He said the organization teaches perseverance.

Bishop is also a recipient of the DESA.

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# **Ambassador Edward William Gnehm**

**(1944 - Alive in 2023)**

**2020 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



**Edward William Gnehm**

**(1944 - Alive in 2022)**

**Ambassador Edward William Gnehm, Jr. Edward William Gnehm, Jr., also known as “Skip”, was born November 10, 1944 in Carrollton, Georgia; but, he grew up in Albany, Georgia. He obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1959 and he "kept his Vigil" in 1963. Skip served on the Camp Osborn summer camp staff every year until he left for college.**

**Skip earned a bachelor's degree in International Affairs in 1966 and a master's degree in 1968 from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and Delta Phi Epsilon (The National Professional Foreign Service Fraternity).**

**Ambassador Gnehm joined the United States Department of State in 1969 and has served our country with distinction. He was a member of the Senior Foreign Service and held the rank of Career Minister at his retirement. His career record includes:**

- **2001-2004, U.S. Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**
- **2000-2001, U.S. Ambassador to Australia**
- **1997-2000, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel for the Department of State**
- **1994-1997, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations (New York)**
- **1991-1994, U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait**
- **1989-1990, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of New East and South Asian Affairs**
- **1987-1989, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Near East and South Asia**
- **1984-1987, Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Amman, Jordan**
- **1983-1984, Director, Secretariat Staff, Department of State, Washington, D.C.**
- **1982-1983, Director, Junior Officer Division, Bureau of Personnel, Department of State**
- **1978-1981, Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Sanaa, Yemen Arab Republic**
- **1976-1978, Head, U.S. Liaison Office, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**
- **1974-1975, Deputy Principal Officer, U.S. Interest Section, Damascus, Syria**

**Ambassador Gnehm has been a faculty member at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs since 2004. During his representing our country he still found time to volunteer his services. He served both on the Board of Trustees of George Washington University and as the vice president of the George Washington University Alumni Association. He received the 1992 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from George Washington University.**

**Throughout his worldwide travels, scouting has always been close to his heart. In addition to the normal volunteer work for scouting, Skip took time to return to Albany and host the retirement party of Ms. Ida Adams. Ms. Adams had been the Camp Osborn cook during his time on staff and the two had remained friends.**

**OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**  
**Recipients**

**Judge Joe Bishop**

**2015 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



# **John Bert Prince, III**

## **2018 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



John Bert Prince, III was born in Mullins, S.C. to Marie Gaskins Prince and J.B. Prince, Jr. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1964 with a Bachelor of Business Administration and began his professional career at the age of 23 when he acquired the Chevrolet dealership in Tifton, Georgia. Mr. Prince is not only an asset to his business but to his community as well. He has given his time to service as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of United Way, the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Foundation Board, and the Community Foundation of South Georgia. However, he is most known for his commitment to First Community Bank and Tift Regional Medical Center. He has been a board member of First Community Bank for over 36 years where he served as Chairman of the Board.

# **Dr. Benjamin Charles Andrews, Jr.**

## **2018 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



Dr. Andrews is a 1974 Eagle Scout from Troop 20 in Americus. He has been a physician in Americus for the majority of his career.

# Gary Lamar "Sparky" Reeves

(March 27, 1949 ~ August 2, 2023)

**2019 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



**Sam McCord, Matt Hart, Sparky Reeves & Ben Andrews**

The character development, citizenship training and personal fitness traits learned as a young boy scout have been the cornerstone to success for SGTC President Sparky Reeves in both his personal and professional life. He was selected as the Chehaw Council of the Boy Scouts of Americus as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2012. Gary Lamar "Sparky" Reeves earned his Eagle Scout rank in January 1964, when he was only 13 years old. He was a member of the Troop 21 and Explorer Post 21 in Thomaston, Georgia. Scouting accomplishments included Patrol Leader, President of Explorer Post 21, and President of Pine Mountain District Boy Scouts of America. He earned over 50 different merit badges, the Mile Swim badge, Scout Service Corp badge and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow. Reeves represented his council as a member of the Boy Scout Troops Service Corps at the 1964 – 1965 World's Fair in New York. He was stationed in the "Wonderful World of Scouting" exhibit at the World's Fair. He also attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge in 1964. The Boy Scout Oath or Promise of "duty to God and country, duty to other people and duty to self" has inspired Reeves to

excel as a son, husband, father, experienced educator and highly motivated professional administrator with over 43 years of proven accomplishments.

Reeves earned his B.S. in Business Administration and his Masters of Education in Business Education from Georgia Southwestern State University. He has completed additional graduate work in administration and supervision at the University of Georgia and completed work in Basic Economic Development from Georgia Tech. He is also a Certified Economic Development Trainer for the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education. Reeves began his employment at South Georgia Technical College in 1973. He started his educational career as an accounting, math and business psychology instructor. He advanced to Vocational Instructor Supervisor, Vice President of Economic Development Services and was named President in August 2004. He served as President from August 2004 until October 2015. He has been recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for the Americus/Sumter County Chamber of Commerce twice as well as received the Outstanding Service Award from the Chamber. He was presented with the Business Council of Georgia Achievement Award and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award. He was named President Emeritus of South Georgia Technical College in 2015 and honored by the Technical College System of Georgia as the Technical College Foundation Association Benefactor of the Year in 2015. President Sparky Reeves is originally from Thomaston, GA. He is the son of Earl and Odessa Reeves and is married to Allene Reeves. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. He enjoys golf, Georgia Bulldogs events, and spending time with his family.

# **Mike Johnson**

## **Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



Michael Anthony Johnson is a native of Kewanee, Illinois and has lived in Albany, Georgia since 1971. He is a 1979 graduate of Westover High School and a 1985 graduate of Auburn University, having earned a Bachelor of Architecture. He is President and CEO of SRJ Architects Inc. and has served at the firm for the past 39 years. Mike is the son of Michael and Marcia Johnson. Mike is married to Linda Sowell Johnson for thirty-four years and they have four children, Patrick, Ivy, Hope, and Grant. Mike has been a member of St. Teresa's Troop 3 since 1971. He earned his Arrow of Light in Pack 3 and his Eagle Scout rank in Troop 3 in 1977. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. Mike served as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 3 from 1985 to 1990 and has served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 3 since 1990.

**Randy Jones**  
**Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**



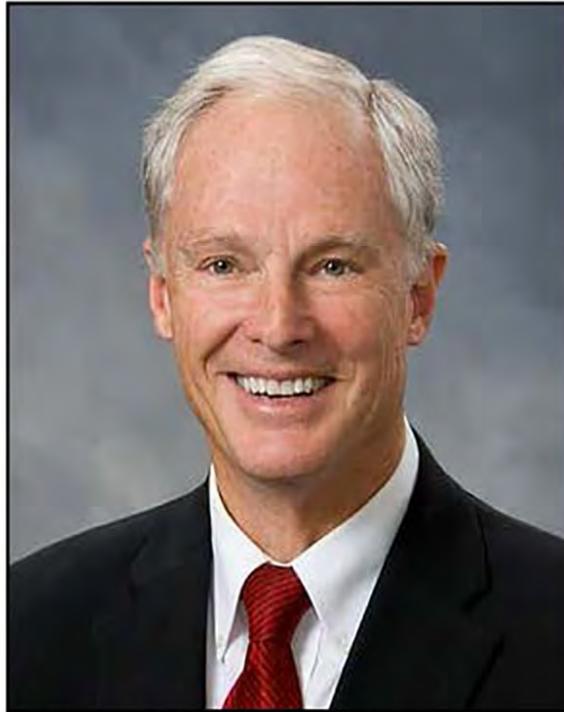
**Dr. Ben Andrews & Randy Jones**

Randy Jones was born in Americus in 1946 and earned the Eagle Scout rank from Troop 21 here in Americus. He graduated from Americus High School in 1964, and then attended the University of Georgia, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1968. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the United States Air Force where he rose to the rank of Captain. After leaving the Air Force, he worked

at Sunnyland Foods in Thomasville until he went to law school at Florida State University.

Randy returned to Americus in 1980 to open his law office in his hometown. He had a successful law practice where he was admitted to the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, US District Courts, and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as president of the Southwest Georgia Judicial Circuit Bar Association. He became a member of the board of directors of Sumter Bank and Trust in 1990. After 14 years practicing law, he became the President and CEO of Sumter Bank and Trust in December 1994 until his retirement in December 2009. While at SB&T he attended the Synovus Financial Corporation Leadership Institute, served on the Georgia Bankers Association board of directors, and chaired its Community Bankers Committee.

**Dr. Robert T. Hurt, Jr.**  
**2023 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



**Dr. Robert T. Hurt, Jr.**  
**Outstanding Eagle Scout**

Dr. Hurt was born in Cordele and he grew up attending Bethel Baptist Church where his membership still resides there today. He earned his Eagle Scout rank in Cordele Troup 240 and later served as a leader in Troop 240. He was a Class of '59 graduate from Crisp County High School. He then attended Mercer University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. During this time, he married the love of his life Glynnes Hurt. They have been happily married for 61 years. He followed up with his degree in Biochemistry at The University of Georgia. After years of college, he decided to pursue dentistry at Emory Dental School and graduated in 1968. He has practiced dentistry for over 55 years. They have 2 children, Bob and Gina who are also dentist. He also has been blessed with 7 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He's always had a love for the outdoors and hunting with his brothers and friends.

# **Terry Hunt**

## **2024 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient**



Terry Hunt earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1963 and was a scoutmaster for three different troops. During his tenure, he had 52 of his scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout.