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Four Volunteers Get Top Scouting Honor

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The Mohegan Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored outstanding volunteer Scout leaders last night at its annual recognition dinner in the Hogan Campus Center of Holy Cross College.

The Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor the council grants to Scout volunteers, was presented to four men for outstanding service to boys and dedicated and distinguished service to Scouting.

The recipients were: David E. Britch of Brookfield; Irving J. Yarock of Worcester; Dr. Seth J. Hudak of West Boylston and Randy Goodspeed of Grafton.

Britch, an automotive instructor at Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School, Marlboro, has been active in Scouting since 1970 when he served as an assistant Scoutmaster. Since 1972, he has been Scoutmaster for Troop No. 159 in Brookfield and has served as an adviser for the Mohegan Council Order of the Arrow Lodge.

Active Since 1929

Yarock, a retired U.S. Army colonel, joined the Boy Scouts in 1929. He has served as a Scout, patrol leader, scribe, senior patrol leader and assistant scoutmaster, and member of the Mohegan Council's Executive Board, assigned to the Camping Committee.

Hudak, West Boylston school superintendent, is a 30-year veteran Scouter. He has served in every volunteer Scout-

ing position and has started several units during his adult career. He has received the Eagle Scout Award with two silver palms, Explorer Silver Award, Training Award, four Scouter Training Keys and the coveted Trident Award for trained Sea Explorer skippers.

Goodspeed, a plant engineer, has been in Scouting since 1928. He was first affiliated with the Algonquin Council. He has served as assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster of Troop 1 and a Cubmaster of Troop 107, both in Hopedale. He has also served as an Uncas District Commissioner, assistant council commissioner from 1969-1971 and unit commissioner from 1973-1975.

Other Awards

The Council Commissioner's Award was presented to the Hassanamisco District (Webster area) for outstanding participation and showmanship for the "See 'N Do" Scout show held in the spring.

The Wood Badge, the highest training award, was presented to Joseph Clancy of Worcester, Theodore Morin of Grafton and John and Marion Hunt of East Brookfield.

About 200 Scout leaders, friends and families attended the dinner to pay tribute to the Silver Beaver Award recipients.

Guest speaker Alan Tucker, former Scout executive of the Long Rivers Council in Hartford, Conn., urged the adult leaders to continue building bridges for youth and the society they will represent.

He said, "The love of humanity is one of the main reasons these volunteers donate their time to youth."

Edwin B. Coghlin Jr., president of the Mohegan Council, also recognized those recipients of the District Award of Merit, which is the highest award presented to district Scouters for their service to youth within their districts.

Those who received merit awards were:

- Nimat District (Worcester area) — Joyce Forsman, John Cashman, Russell Hendrickson, Anthony Urso, Bob Forsman and Carl Engvall.
- Wampanoag District (Worcester area) — Art Levesque, Edward Kozak, Mitchell Hilow, William Sipos, David Hight and Gail Hight.
- Hassanamisco District (Webster area) — Reginal O'Rourke, Harry Rusack, Grace Gasco and Glory Desruisseaux.
- Massasoit District (Southbridge area) — Eugene Brancier.