

# Troop 42 News



## Double Eagle!

Troop 42 would like to extend congratulations to Dalton and Christian for earning Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. They both had their Boards of Review on May 29th. Dalton was a member of the National Honor Society, National Society for High School Scholars, and graduated from Merancas Middle College High. Dalton is a member of the Order of the Arrow, had S.E.A.L. training, has 33 Merit Badges, and 2 Eagle Palms. Over the course of his Scout career he held the positions of Chaplains Aide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and was Honor Camper two years

### Upcoming Events

- Troop Elections June 4th (term starts July 1st).
- Summer Camp June 23rd-29th.
- Daniel's Eagle Project Workday June 22nd. More information forthcoming
- Troop Summer Merit Badges starts July 9th (signup to begin on June 11th).
- No Meeting on July 2nd.
- Setup for Troop Fundraiser August 9th at 7:00pm at Family Life Center.
- Troop Fundraiser Yard Sale & Breakfast August 10th at Family Life Center.



at Raven Knob. Dalton enjoys sailing and plans to get his EMT certification in the fall.

Christian is in the I.B. program at North Mecklenburg High School where he helps out with the Theater Club, is a member of National Honor Society, and is a Junior Marshall. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, and has had S.E.A.L. training. He has served the Troop as Assistant Patrol Leader, and as Patrol Leader, and has 33 Merit Badges, The World Conservation Award, The Paddleboarding Award, and The Snorkeling Award. Christian also attended the 2017 National Jamboree. He intends to study Premed in college, and eventually become a cardiologist. Great job Dalton and Christian, Troop 42 is very proud of both of you!







**What I Have Been Up To Since Getting My Eagle**

**Drew:**

So I got my Eagle the summer of 2013, which was right after I graduated from Hopewell High School. That following semester, Fall of 2013, I attended UNCC for mechanical engineering which I didn't continue to pursue. After that I worked part time jobs and joined Huntersville's Volunteer Fire Department. I wanted to continue with fire fighting but also get paid for doing so and at the same time wanted to follow my family's footsteps in being a Marine. After taking the entrance exam into the military my friends, family, and recruiter all encouraged me to do a more technical job since I scored so high. For that reason I chose Intelligence as my MOS (Military Occupational Specialty). June 23rd, 2015 I shipped off to boot camp. June 23rd, 2016, after I completed all of my entry level training I got my first duty station assignment which was Okinawa, Japan where I spent my first 2 years in the Fleet Marine Force. Mid July, 2018 I checked into Camp Lejeune, NC, which is where I currently am, and am finishing my contract here. I will be returning home, on an honorable discharge after 4 years of service, to pursue a new career.

There was a lot I learned in Scouting that has translated into each chapter of my life so far. Some of those skills and lessons I learned were more obvious than those that have taken me longer to fully understand. A lot of those hard skills, such as first aid and knot tying, I could easily apply to some challenges I have faced while training and operating (or working) in the Marine Corps. Some of those soft skills (lessons) that I learned from being in Scouting weren't as easy for me to identify when I was younger and still involved but I have now seen how some of those translated into the other things. Fundamentally I learned how to work with a small team (teamwork), leading and following, to overcome challenges and obstacles that were physical and/or mental. Some of the basic principles of leadership I learned in scouting were drilled into us during boot camp and throughout the remainder of my time here in the Marine Corps.

I'll leave a list below of hard and soft skills that have translated from scouting into the other areas of my life so far:

Hard Skills:

Knot tying

First aid

Marksmanship and firearm/weapon safety

Wearing/maintaining a uniform properly

Sewing which also ties into maintaining a uniform (and normal clothes)

Camping and living outdoors for extended periods

Cooking and Nutrition

Starting a proper Fire

Physical Fitness

Soft Skills:

Fundamentals and Principles of the following:

Leadership

Teamwork

Communication

I'm sure there are a few things that are escaping me right now but I hope some of the younger guys may see those things and realize how awesome of an experience Scouting is and can be.

Respectfully,

Corporal Ashley, Andrew G.

USMC, 2d Radio Battalion

Camp Lejeune, NC

**Austin:**

Since I earned my Eagle I went off to college for about a year but ultimately decided to leave college after my first semester.

After that I enlisted in the Navy and shipped off to boot camp June of 2011. Since then I was stationed in Charleston, SC for A school (training as a nuclear mechanic) and stayed there for going to Power School. While I was there I married my wife Jennifer, whom I met in college.

After Power School was complete we were stationed in Saratoga Springs, NY for Prototype. While in New York I was selected for Engineering Laboratory Technician School and completed an additional 3 months of training. This ended almost 3 years of training when I got orders to the USS Rhode Island SSBN 740 stationed in King's Bay, GA.

I have been serving on the Rhode Island for 5 years and 3 months (at this point) and have done 3 strategic deterrent patrols, completed an Engineering Refueling Overhaul (30 month shipyard availability), and continue to serve on board through our recertification as a strategic asset.

While on board the Rhode Island I have advanced through the ranks of Second and First Class Petty Officer and this year I am on the eligibility list for the Chief Petty Officer Selection Board. I have been selected from a group of my peers to serve as the divisional leader of Reactor Laboratory division and have doing that job for the last 2 years.

In my personal life I have been happily married for a little over 7 years. My daughter, Roselynn, was born the summer of 2014 and my son, Rowan, was born in the fall of 2018.

Sincerely,

Austin Youngblood

**Zan:**

I am finishing now my Sophomore year at Virginia Tech studying Agriculture Sciences. I have already been taking a lot of classes in my major that are all about animal and poultry sciences. These classes have been very fun and hands on but, are also very rigorous. Ive been very involved with joining a fraternity freshman year and have loved growing in that organization. This past year I have been living off campus with some friends from my dorm hall freshmen year and it has been very fun learning how to fully live on your own without adults, haha. This summer, I will be going

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abroad to Rome, Italy for 6 weeks where I will be living in an apartment with my best friend from Virginia Tech and 6-8 other random people from our study abroad organization. There, I will be taking hands on courses such as Food and Wine Through Italy, and Art and Archeology Through Rome, and these classes will literally be taking us all over Rome to different sites and museums. After my trip this summer, I will be returning to Charlotte to work for a construction company that I have spent the last two summers with remodeling homes. Next year will be Junior year and I will be looking for internships inside my major to set me up well for graduation.

I love seeing the pictures of all the new scouts on camping trips that I have been on many times!! I hope that everything is going well for Troop 42 and I hope to get back to say hi sometime soon! Let me know if you would like any more information and very happy to hear from you!

Best Regards,  
Zan

### **Kennedy:**

Since earning my Eagle Scout award, I've been in Philly for college at Temple University. I've been focusing mostly on school, and I can now say with confidence that coming to college was the worst mistake of my life. Kids, listen up, college isn't even the best way to succeed in life, much less the only way. Go to trade school. Or don't. Keep those jobs in demand and wages high for me. Anyway, over summer, I plan to stay in Philly until my lease is up, and work to save up some money until I can hopefully come back to North Carolina. I'd like to switch from Journalism (my current major) to something where I can use my hands. I plan to talk to some people I know who have worked in trades and see what would fit me, and what would make good money. Have to have both enjoyment and money. I'd also like to come back to NC so I can get involved in the troop again. I'd also like to coach baseball, maybe play men's league. One thing at a time, though.

### **Youth Protection Training**

Did you know that all Troop Leaders and Committee Members are required to take Youth Protection Training every two years? It is true, and to sign up for this training, please go to [www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lane. Parents are also highly encouraged to take this training as well!

**Spring Virginia Creeper Trail**





## **Rada Knife Troop Fundraiser**

On May 28th at our Spring Court of Honor, we introduced our new Troop fundraiser – Rada Cutlery, which manufactures high quality knives and other kitchen products made in the USA. This fundraiser is completely online and will be year around so you can order at any time for any occasion.

- 40% profit for the Troop
- Guaranteed for life
- 100% American made
- Easy internet ordering
- Great gifts for all occasions
- Cutlery, kitchen utensils, and more!

To make this successful we need your help to spread the word. Tell your extended family, friends, etc... Please share this link or find the link on the Troop 42 website.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=2226210.86e6d4>

<http://www.bsatroop42.com/>

“I have a very large set of those RADA knives, and they are the best knives I have ever owned and I cook A LOT and have worked in restaurants before. They are razor sharp and tough knives.....and for me I wanted something MADE IN THE USA.....The sharpener is a must have as well!!”

– Assistant Scoutmaster Tony Migliaccio testimonial

## **Spring Court of Honor**







**Trevor's Eagle Court of Honor**







## **Colonel Puckett's Military Service Discussion**



## **BSA Health Forms Due Now!**

Troop 42 Scouts and Leaders, we are still missing health forms from some of you! Please have health form with a copy of insurance card turned in to Ms. Ross. These very important documents are DUE NOW!

Forms can accessed at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

\*\* Parts A and B are completed by the parent/individual.

\*\* Part C is completed by a physician. (extra part needed for summer camp)

Note: If you are unable to get to your doctor before camp, CVS minute clinic offers camp physicals.

## **Parents Wanted for Troop Committee**

We need parent volunteers to help lead Troop 42 on the Troop Committee! Many of our current Committee members are parents of Eagle Scouts, who are soon to be off to college. Our Committee's primary responsibilities are supporting the Troop leaders and handling Troop administration. We meet once per month on Tuesday evenings (the same time as the Scout meeting). For more information, contact Mr. Lane, Mrs. Ross, or Mrs. Montalbano.



**Troop 42 Officials:**

**Chartered Organization Representative:** Mr. Barkley & Mrs. Busic

**Troop Committee Chair:** Mr. Roinick

**Scoutmaster:** Mr. Lane

**Senior Patrol Leader:** Michael B.

Newsletter - related information and photos may be sent to: Trent Pitts, email: [tp1953@gmail.com](mailto:tp1953@gmail.com)

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