



the LANTERN'S LIGHT

by the Many Point Alumni Association

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The 2019 Holiday Season is here. The year went fast, and was productive for the MPSAA. First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who helped on the Outdoor Skills (Scoutcraft) project this year. Though there were a lot of people that volunteered on the project, a special thanks goes out to Adam Christensen, Evan Sturzl, Jack Hoye, Nick Kisling, Meghan Boudreoux, Nate Noard, Brock Hanson, Mike McCollar, and Dan Williams. Those folks alone contributed over 580 man hours towards the project. Thank you to the Staff of 2019 for also helping on the project.

To continue the tradition of helping out with great program, MPSAA Members will be given the opportunity to contribute towards a Fishing Outpost program. Though fishing has always been at the heart of the Many Point program, some dedicated resources would be optimum to make the program more modern and better for the Scouts. Please take a look at the contribution form attached to the article.

Come on out to Park Tavern in St. Louis Park for our Holiday Party; the event will be on December 26th from 6pm to 8pm. We're also still fine tuning a location on the Spring Fling. Please mark your calendars for that weekend after tax day! More details on the event will be coming very soon. Stay tuned.

Lastly, I had great pleasure sitting down with Jay Wescott to discuss his incredible efforts to interview the founders and leaders of Many Point. The time and effort put into these interviews was immense, and Jay wants to share them with all of you. Check out the article and links provided later in the newsletter. Interviews will be featured on the MPSAA website starting this month.

Thank you all for your dedication to our organization. We're healthy and strong!

Mike Kuklok, MPSAA President
President, MPSAA

Upcoming Events

Holiday Party 12/26 6-8pm

Check out our Events on mpalumni.org.

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THE CONCLUSION OF CHARLEY TURNER'S JOURNALS

30 Sep 90

I got out here on the Ranger two days ago. Two day traps and one night trap, in the CQ. It is great out here. I love the high tempo, and danger of the flight deck. Such constant potential for disaster, and yet it all seems to run so smoothly to an uneducated eye. We all see the problems and jams, the foul deck wave offs and the suspensions, yet the way they are all worked out makes it all looked planned. An exciting place.

10 Nov 90

Back aboard the Ranger. God I love it. The flight deck, the atmosphere -- I don't know, I guess it's in my blood.

The gulf situation has escalated one more

step. On Thursday, 08 Nov, old George Bush made public our intentions to increase our strength to an offensive level. That means another 150,000 men, all armored and mechanized units. The "Big Red 1" is on its way, another amphibious Marine brigade is to be sent which should give us two brigades for an assault. That first unit has been aboard ship for quite awhile though. They may have to retire and land them in Saudi Arabia for some quick training to keep them fit and ready. Another whole Marine division is also being sent. More armored divisions and brigades from Europe will be transferred along with the best version of the M1-A1 tank -- the chemical environment version. They are even calling up National Guard armored units for desert training prior to deployment overseas. Included in this number is the naval

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forces. They said three new CV battlegroups and one ss battle group will also be sent and then in the fine print they say that all these forces will be in place by mid-January to mid-February.

11 Nov 90

Hey, Veteran's Day. Reminds me of VA day in 1984, or was it 1983. I believe it was 19B3. I was working at the Norris Hall pool and writing in my first little book like this about the importance of this day and of remembering our past heroes. Now I look back with affection and a little fear because I am going into combat in the months to come.

The skipper of the ship just came over the mike and passed the word that we are deploying early, so it's now 09 Dec instead of 19 Dec. There is no doubt in my mind now -- the master arm will be coming hot for real. I am excited and pumped until I think of Andy and Shari and then I get nervous and tentative. This will be hard but when the time comes I must push them from my mind. I must.

07 Dec 90

Pearl Harbor Day. A day of wars remembered. I'm standing the 0400 - OBOO watch and thinking of wars anticipated. We have a beautiful sunrise over San Diego and the hills beyond. The reds, oranges, yellows and blues on top. Coronado Bridge is a beautiful arched ribbon, of amber lights in the foreground. Pulling out tomorrow. I am more than ready for deployment, just lonely for my wife and child. Looking off the port bow the sky is getting brighter and more beautiful by the minute. The stream of light flowing onto the base has become stronger. The sun will soon crest the hills. In the last 3 1/2 weeks I've been meaning to write more in this book. I need to talk to something about how I truly feel about my wife and boy. I've been with Shari for less than three years yet she is already the focal point of all that I do and am. Our collaboration in child making has turned out better than I ever dreamed. I would have adored and cherished a girl to my dying days and she would have been "Daddy's little girl" always. But there is something about having a son that sets my mind at ease as I sail off to war. I have lived 29 years and done more than most do

in a lifetime, yet now I have a son. Strong, healthy and happy with a strong good woman to raise him if I do not return. I feel as if I have hit all of life's highlights and left a legacy to boot. A boy to grow into a man and carry on the name of Turner. A boy who will grow knowing that if I am not with him it is because I did my duty and not because I did not love him. A boy who will look up to what I am, or what I was. He will always have uncles to teach him the traditions of being a Turner. Yes, it is a comforting realization that I have a son, and a loving and strong wife waiting on me. I will be home and with them soon -- soon to make a daughter.

18 Dec 90

Finally back to the book. As I write this down we are sailing within ten nautical miles of where the first three Japanese carriers were sunk in the battle of Midway, June 4 -6, 1942. Earlier this morning we sailed by the final resting place of the USS Yorktown. The Akagi, Roga, Sonyu and Honyru were, the offensive punch of the Japanese fleet and their loss killed imperial Japan. Japan was doomed to succumb to American demands and it was carrier aviation that did it in this very spot, almost 49 years ago.

24 Dec 90

Christmas Eve. Just before dinner out here on the USS Ranger and there are a lot of thoughts going through my head. Some good, some not so good, but deep down, even though I miss my girl and our son, I feel comfortable with my lot. I'm not happy to be 'away mind you, just comfortable with what I'm doing here. A combination of pride and guts. Got a tour of the "star cell" today -- a data base of information around three Intell dudes. It's all set up for strike aviation so you can imagine what the data is all about. It is secret and kept that way by screening out the highly sensitive source from us. Some of the information we have is simply amazing.

I just looked over my pictures of Andrew and he makes me feel so good. I want to be back with him and Shari so badly. His first Christmas and his daddy is away fighting a war. Doesn't seem fair to him or his mom. I chose my course but they are just living with the results of my decision. As long as they always know how much I love them and depend on their love. I only wish I'd get some mail once in a while. 19 days out and not a letter yet. Soon, I'm sure.

03 Jan 91

Back out at sea today after an interesting and exciting five days in port. I don't even remember New Year's Eve and missed the great Cuba Club party because of that. Shore patrol was another important experience and best of all was yesterday. I travelled the countryside off to Corregidor and surveyed the ruins and imagined life on the Island before the war. What a wonderful place to be based. The housing, the stables, the horse trails, the 0 Club, the swimming pool, theater, school, the bottoms ide village, servants for officers and the ever spectacular view. Yes, life stationed out in the Empire in the 30's was sweet. They even had a golf course topside by the officer's housing. The fortification was also spectacular. It proved to be nearly impregnable. It held out for five months, upsetting Japanese timetables and perhaps contributing to the eventual victory far more than we imagine.

Upon returning through Manila I took part in a squadron informal dining in. After that came a personal invitation to the Boxman's house. Kind of special for a lieutenant to get a special invitation from the Base CO via the Ships CO to have dinner and cocktails with him and his family. Boxman is my hero and yet he sets me ease and even seems to enjoy my company. He and Barbara are two of my favorite people. But now we are back at sea and I'm in a great mooda carryover from my great day yesterday and all this Shari and Ma and Pa mail. Let's hope it lasts 120 days.

07 Jan 91.

Passed through the Straits of Malacca yesterday. Land on the port side and Singapore starboard. Freighters and tankers of all shapes and sizes everywhere. Singapore is quite a sight. Next year maybe Shari and I will be here together -- we still need a honeymoon.

Three no fly days in a row so as to catch up with PIM. No WOG day either. We had a steel beach picnic today - a smoker, golf, basketball, football, soccer -- you name it." Lots of tropical sun and a lot of guys got burned bad. I got a spot or two where I missed the sun tan lotion. It was a nice day at 4 degrees north latitude.

... I was going to talk about the great naval armada that I am a part of and the small single masted oriental fishing boats that we passed today. For them to witness



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the power of our battle group -- the most powerful that any Navy in the world can muster -- well, I just started thinking about similar chance meetings on the seas with the other great armadas of the past American, British, Spanish, Dutch, Danish, Roman, Phoenician, Venetian, Carthaginian. It's great to be the number one battery of the most powerful battle unit in naval history.

08 Jan 91

Up on the flight deck today -- it was great. The life I'm living is the best possible. The excitement is above anything I've ever done, and I get to live this day in and day out. God protect me and I won't make my wife a widow. I don't really fear death. I fear leaving Shari, Andrew and my family behind and I fear failure as a naval aviator. I'll be home when they send me. This is a great job.

12 Jan 91

A note on the board of the ready room: "Very short on charts of Iraqi theater. The following allotments made per man:

Bombardier/Navigator's get:

3 TPCs

1 ONC

1 JNC

Pilots get:

1 ONC

1 Bombardier/Navigator

13 Jan 91

Other exciting news has us 36 hours from the inside of the Gulf. War will be breaking out soon and I'm ready to do battle. Let's hope that I'm still able to say that in sincerity 4 or 5 months from now. Break out the green pen.

15 Jan 91

It is near midnight. Being in the -3 time zone means that the deadline is three hours away. We will be at war soon. We passed into the Gulf this morning and are presently at our Battle Group Zulu Station. We are no longer Battle Group Echo. The war will go down soon. This is an important day for me. I am going to war. I may not come home. But I truly feel that although the Ranger will lose aircraft, and VA-155 may lose aircraft, I will not be in one of them. I plan on plenty of green ink and I plan on the hardening lessons of combat and I plan on going home to my Shari and Andrew and PCSing to Hawaii. This war will not cut me short.

On January 18, 1991, Lt. Charley Turner and his pilot, Lt. Tom Costen, were shot down on a bombing run over the port city of Um Qasr, Iraq. They were listed as missing in action until March 15, 1991, when the Iraqi government turned their bodies over to the International Red Cross. They were both awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, naval aviation's highest honor.



WELCOME RANGER JOSH

Many Point has a new Ranger who just finished his first summer at Many Point. Josh comes to us with a background as both former Camp Staff and Assistant Ranger in Colorado. Josh owned his own forestry company and grew up at a Scout camp. He is an Eagle Scout and earned Vigil Honor in OA.

Josh hit the ground running in his first year. In addition to the annual projects like turning on the water, he has remodeled Larkin, initiated a forest management plan and fire mitigation plan, and taken on maintaining our favorite camp trucks. He helped lead our volunteers to replace the steps on the Fire Tower, and then did the landings himself this fall. Josh was also the Ranger support to the Outdoor Skills project that the MPSAA has supported. And so much more...

He was a hit at each of our banquets as Josh shared cowboy wisdom with the camp staff from one of his favorite books.

Welcome Ranger Josh!



THE FIRST BOY SCOUT CAMP

By: Douglas Palmer (1954-1964)
MPSAA Historian

The First Boy Scout Camp

For most of us Many Point was probably our first and last experience at a Boy Scout summer camp. When Many Point began in 1947 the early camp planners were influenced by early Scouts camps in America and abroad.

The first Boy Scout summer camp occurred in 1907 on small Brownsea island off the southern coast of England. Surprised by the growth of the Scouting movement after his publication of "Scouting for Boys", Lord Baden-Powell decided to organize a summer camp to test his ideas. He selected 22 boys: 10 from the exclusive schools of Eaton and Harrow, and 7 from the Boys Brigade of Poole, Baden-Powell's nephew, and Donald and Simon Rodney. The boys were divided into four patrols, the Curlews, Ravens, Wolves and Bulls.

The camp would last one week and each day was devoted to a different theme.

- Day one: Camping
- Day two: Observation
- Day three: Woodcraft
- Day four: Chivalry
- Day five: Saving a life
- Day six: Patriotism
- Day seven: Games

A typical day went something like this:

- 6:00am: Get up, air bedding, snack

of milk and cookies

- 6:30am: Exercises
- 7:00am: Announcements, demonstrations
- 7:30am: Camp clean up
- 7:55am: Inspection-flag raising-prayers-Breakfast
- 9:00am: Scout practices: (Day's theme)
- 12:00am: Swimming
- 2:30pm: Lunch
- 1:00pm: Rest
- 2:30pm: Scouting practices (Day's theme)
- 5:00pm: Tea
- 6:00pm: Camp Games
- 8:00pm: Supper
- 8:15pm: Campfire yarns
- 9:15pm: Prayers
- 9:30pm: Turn in.—Lights out

The Brownsea camp experiment proved to be a great success. Baden-Powell's ideas of using the patrol method and boy leadership worked. At the camp an advancement system that later evolved into the Ranks as we know them was developed. The system of individual boys

coming to camp and being formed into camp troops and patrols would become the traditional Scout camp organization. This camp organization model would be used at Camp Tonkawa and other Scout camps until the 1940s. Many Point would become one of the first camps to encourage troops to come to camp as a unit.

It is a tribute to Baden-Powell that the idea of a summer camp has survived to the present day. While camp programs and activities have changed over time, they are in many ways similar to the first Scout camp on Brownsea Island.

Post Script: Eleven of the twenty original Brownsea Scouts served in the Great War (World War One). Four were killed in the war. The last of those 22 Brownsea Scouts died in 1994 at the age of 100.

The back wall of the Many Point History Center begins with Baden-Powell and the early history of Scouting.



MANY POINT HISTORY CENTER COMMITTEE

We are looking for someone interested in interviewing staff members from the 1970s to the present. We welcome new age, sensitive, hardworking persons to help in caring for and working on the History Center projects. If interested, please contact: jaywescott3@gmail.com



2019 SUMMER IN REVIEW!

Many Point's 73rd summer was another season where the mission was alive! This season, we served 4025 Scouts and 1502 adult leaders, as well as 583 Family Campers.

And you come again, the legend says rang true this past season – in what was a year of the comeback. We saw the return of many alumni. Barb Tindle (91-05) was our business manager. Joel Young (85-95) was our Campwide Program Director. Laura Wachsmuth (98-99, 03-06, 18) returned to working full time as she stepped up when Granny unable to be at Many Point. Corrin Mann (06-09) ran our Trading Posts. Father Tom (78-81, 84-86, 88-90, 92-00, 06-11) returned as Catholic Chaplain. Dennis Medd (04, 08-16) was our Protestant Chaplain. Al Thomas (70-78, 82-84) ran our Five Stand range. Mike McCollor (79-80, 82, 84-93, 96) came and volunteered for a few weeks to help Joel and Doug. With these amazing people joining our team – the place many of us call home was much stronger.

In February 2019, Scouting transitioned from Boy Scouts to Scout's BSA as our program moved to being mixed gender. This season, 163 of our Scouts were girls. This number is sure to grow in 2020 as the girl units continue to grow. We were thrilled to welcome all girl Scout's BSA units to camp, and they were able to benefit from our mission.

Additionally, in 2019 great progress was made on our Outdoor Skills areas – and this couldn't have happened without the MPSAA's support. Beyond the generous financial gift, many Alumni volunteered their time during the summer to help build the structures. Thank you MPSAA!

Art, Chemistry, and Painting were new merit badges that Scouts were able to take. Chemistry was the biggest hit, and the program was put together by one of our staffer's – Mikaela Gerick. Thanks Mikaela!

Another new addition to camp was tarantula's, bearded dragons, snakes, and parakeets in our Nature Centers. They drew Scouts to the areas – especially when it was time for feeding the snake!

We're looking ahead to 2020. If you're interested in helping, feel free to get in touch!

Evan Yingst
Many Point Camping



HOLIDAY PARTY!

December 26th from 6-8pm
Park Tavern
3401 Louisiana Ave S,
St Louis Park, MN 55426



Come join us for Bowling and Pizza.
A fun and casual night with your
favorite staffers.

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Many Point History Center magic built in time interview series

created by Jay Wescott

Over the past several years, Alumni member Jay Wescott taken a strong interest and has been a vital contributor to the History Center Project at Many Point. While working on the project, he and other alumni leaders in the committee recognized the need to capture the stories from the staff. With long hours of coordinating, organizing and interviewing our staff, Jay and the committee wants to share their work.

Every 3 or 4 months, the MPSAA will post a new interview on the website for all of us to enjoy. We are excited to have such a great historical record, and appreciate all that Jay and his team have done. Thank you Jay!

The first interview is titled:
The Many Point Founders. The transcript can be found at
www.mpalumni.org/interviews



FISHING OUTPOST PREMIUM GIFT

When contributing \$40 or more, you'll receive a Custom Many Point Staff Alumni Association sunshield headwear. They're popular for all outdoor activity, and provide SPF30 protection. Our final design will be revealed soon!



if That **TRUCK** COULD talk

Ranger Scott approached us and would really like to hear some stories about staffers and the infamous camp vehicles at Many Point. The camp has a lot of characters. Along with the people, the camp trucks, buses, vans, and cars that we all reminisce also took on personalities of their own. What if that truck could talk, tell a story, or reveal secrets....?! Here's your chance to share your favorite camp vehicle stories in a Lantern's Light segment called, "If That Truck Could Talk." Send your stories and photos to info@mpalumni.org or private message the group or share it right on this post. We'll feature a story or two each newsletter.





2019 Contribution Form

Contact Information

Our current records show this contact information:

Please review the following address information. It is important to the organization that we keep updated records. If anything needs to be updated, please complete the update column as needed.

Your contribution is much appreciated. **Please check items you would like your contribution to benefit.***

- 16 Fishing Poles
- 2 Trolling Motors
- Fishing Tackle
- 2 Depth Finders
- 2 Underwater Cameras

Thank you for your generosity and support. Contributions can also be made at www.mpalumni.org/donate

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Contribution Amount

- \$15 (base membership)
- \$40 (premium-Sunshield)
- \$60
- \$100
- Amount: _____

Preferred Payment Method

- Check # _____ (payable to Northern Star Council, BSA)
- Cash: \$ _____
- Credit Card _____ Type: Visa Mastercard Discover

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Spouse's Employer _____

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Signature _____

For any questions, please contact Mike Kuklok (763-234-7642), kukl0016@gmail.com or Matt Mencke at matt@mencke.com

*The precise amount to be gifted will be determined by the Board based on funds available and operating budget. Any amount that comes in following the gift decision will be accumulated in the MPSAA treasury for future use.

2019-2020 Calendar

Thursday, December 26th, 2019

the Park Tavern
3401 Louisiana Ave. South,
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
6 - 8PM



Wednesday January 22nd, 2020

Board Meeting
(Check Website for Location)

Wednesday March 25th, 2020

Board Meeting
(Check Website for Location)

Weekend after Tax Day—Spring Fling

Stay Tuned for Location

Thursday, May 13, 2020 through

Sunday, May 17, 2020

MPSAA Work Party

Contact Doug Palmer for more information
mn_china@yahoo.com

May 29— May 31, 2020

Many Point Work Party
More info at manypoint.org

June 21, 2019 - First Week of Scouts!

Friday August 21— 23rd, 2020

Alumni Campout
Many Point Scout Camp
Start Arriving at 12:00 PM
on Friday! Goes all
Weekend.

For event details,
www.mpalumni.org





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Season's Greetings

FISHING OUTPOST

For the 2019—2020 Season, the MPSAA will give its members the opportunity to contribute towards helping Many Point get closer to the Fishing Outpost program. Fishing has always been at the heart of the Many Point program, and some dedicated resources would go a long way to make the program more modern and better for the Scouts. These specific resources will be used for a fishing outpost based from Flintlock.

Many Point is looking forward to adding two underwater cameras, two depth finders, fishing tackle, trolling motors, fishing poles, and two pontoon boats that are lake ready.

Please take a look at the contribution form attached to the newsletter. The MPSAA will be focusing on select items, and all of your contributions are appreciated. If you have a pontoon that is in great repair and would like to donate it, please contact Evan Yingst directly at eyingst@nsbsa.org.

