



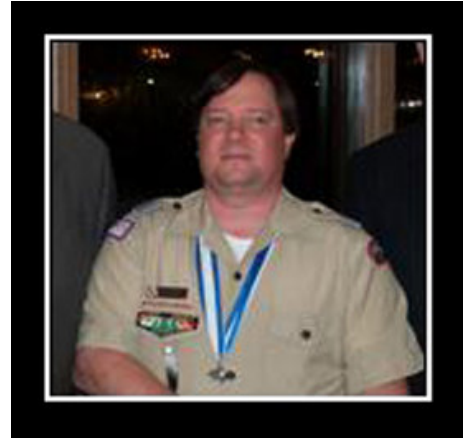
David Alan Wolverton Collection

Frank and Margaret Wolverton

As the parents of David Wolverton and heirs of his large Scouting collections, we have carefully considered what our son would like us to do with them. He left us some clues in 1998, before the museum existed, in an unofficial draft will requesting that individual scouting friends be given parts of his Scouting and Indian memorabilia. He wanted his friends "to remember the good times".

In 2004, his interest, time and energy turned to founding the New Jersey Scout Museum. The museum was coming into existence thanks to the dedicated work of a number of volunteers. What were David's plans for his collections, given the existence of the Museum? He likely intended his collections to be used for helping Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts learn of their organizations' histories and treasures. As we have recently been told by collectors, each item has its interesting story to be passed along. The value lies not only in an item's rarity but in its unique relationship to events, people, places and times. We feel that David would have eventually merged much of his personal collections of patches, neckerchiefs, mugs, figurines, uniforms, books, and research materials into the Museum to share with others.

Without David around to supervise a slow merge, the Museum volunteers are faced with accepting all of his collections at once. This is a significant challenge, but a task to which we feel his Scouting friends are more than equal. The acceptance of his collections makes immediate a host of issues that have been awaiting, including: larger display and storage facilities, a permanent location, paid staff, and endowment funds. Some exciting days are ahead as the Museum Board determines how to best use the collections - some for display



and some for sale - and how to establish the Museum on a more permanent basis.

We especially thank Steven Buckley, David Crow and their helpers for their time, energy and knowledge in inventorying, boxing and transporting the myriad items from our son's house to the Museum. We also thank Wayne Mason for taking the Indian collection of items, books, periodicals and craft supplies as needed for the Order of the Arrow and Scout purposes.

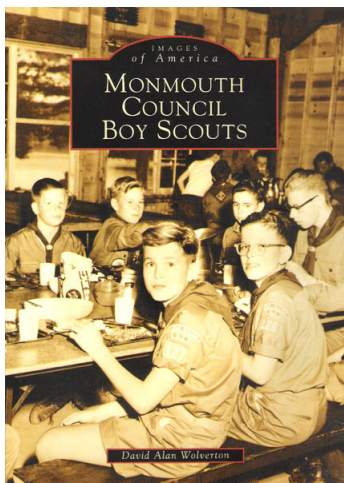
Many Scouters, Scouts and their families have assisted us in various ways in settling David's estate. They have been very generous of their time and talents, easing a difficult and sad task for us. We have truly felt like a part of a Scouting family which David valued so highly.



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Dave Alan Wolverton Biography

David Crow

David Alan Wolverton was born June 14, 1962, in Pasadena, California to Margaret and Frank Wolverton.

As a youth David was involved with the Indian Guides at the YMCA, later joining Boy Scouting in Troop 305, Middletown, New Jersey. He advanced to the Rank of Eagle Scout on October 24, 1979, and he went on to earn both Bronze and Gold Palms. He was active in the Na Tsi Hi Lodge 71 Order of the Arrow (the Honor Camping Society of the Boy Scouts), as a member of the Dance Team and Lodge Vice Chief. He received the Ordeal Honor in September 1975, the Brotherhood Honor in September 1976, and In June 1979, David Wolverton received the Vigil Honor. His Vigil Name, Tachen Gentgeen Tulpe, is translated as Little Dancing Turtle. He attended the National Jamboree in 1977 and 1989. He served on the Forestburg Scout Reservation Camp Staff, and as a member of the FSR Staff Alumni Association.

David was an outstanding student in High School. He was a National Merit Scholar, received the Regents Scholarship and won a National Elks Scholarship. He was accepted at University of California at Irvine where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science, graduating Magna Cum Laude and received the Phi Beta Kappa honor, the nation's oldest and most widely known

Academic Honor. He later returned to graduate school at Stanford University where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science. He was employed for many years at Alcatel-Lucent, and its predecessors Lucent Technology and AT&T Bell Laboratories as a Lead Software Engineer. During his long tenure with Bell Laboratories, he was designated the prestigious “Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff.”

He was just completing his sixth year as the Na Tsi Hi Lodge 71 Lodge Adviser and served as the Native American Affairs Adviser for the NE-2A Section Order of the Arrow.

David was the founder of the New Jersey Scout Museum, Morganville, New Jersey, and served as its first Curator. He authored the first book detailing the pictorial history of a Boy Scout Council in the Arcadia/Tempus Publishing Series “Images of America” entitled *Monmouth Council Boy Scouts*, copyrighted 2003. He was a life member of the International Scout Collectors Association and a frequent contributor of well-researched articles. David was the Historian for both the Monmouth Council and Na Tsi Hi Lodge #71, and maintained the “Master List” of every Scout collectible ever issued in Monmouth Council.

David wore many Scouting hats, including Scoutmaster of Troop 60 in Lincroft, NJ, Chairman of the Twin Lights Winterburg for ten years, Committee Chairman for Troop 125 Fair Haven from 1997-2001. He also served as Camping Chairman and Camporee Chairman for Twin Lights District for many years, and he served as a Campmaster at Quail Hill Scout Reservation on a regular basis, donating many dozens of weekends assisting Scout units camping there. David was also a member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

Besides his dedication to Scouting, his other hobbies in which he made many friends included Woodworking and Blacksmithing, in association with organizations at “The Historic Village at Allaire.”

David Alan Wolverton received many honors and recognitions in the Boy Scouts of America including Monmouth Council Scoutmaster of the Year in 1988, the Scouter’s Key, Scouter’s Training Award, Wood Badge Beads, Wood Badge Staff, District Award of Merit, Twin



Lights Volunteer of the Year in 2006, OA National Lodge Advisor's Training seminar at Philmont Scout Ranch, NM in 2002, OA National Leadership Seminar in 2000, Twin Lights Good Scout Award in 2002, Twin Lights Silver Scout Award in 1986, and the George Engledrum Award in 1991, the James E. West Fellowship Award in 1995, as well as the Silver Beaver Award in 1997, for his distinguished service to youth. He passed away suddenly on June 1, 2007. He was honored twice by the Order of the Arrow with the "Broken Arrow Ceremony" with hundreds of Arrowmen present.

Updates for the New Jersey Scout Museum's Website

Randy Holden

As you are reading this newsletter, new sections are being continuously added to the NJSM's website. Much of this new information

comes from myself, a long time friend of Dave Wolverton. I am a veteran memorabilia collector and historian of sorts, and am sharing all of the lists I have kept over the years. There were plans to add these to the museum's reference library and create a virtual collection of which would be displayed from time to time.

At the untimely passing of Dave, he was working with myself and David Crow to set up links in the website to, not only have the listings of the New Jersey Order of the Arrow, New Jersey Councils, New Jersey Section Conclaves, and New Jersey Camps, but, to also include images reflected in those links.

The **New Jersey Camps** link was the first addition the website with an image from each of the camps that ever existed during the nearly 100 years of Boy Scouts in New Jersey. There were more than 125 different camps (with nearly 240 different names) that were owned or operated by the more than 100 councils over that period of time. This will be an ongoing project that will extend into 2008 and will be an asset when the new national Camp Book comes out (Randy is the regional editor for New Jersey).

The **New Jersey Section Conclave** link is a comprehensive listing all the memorabilia for the annual gathering of OA brothers from the lodges in New Jersey, and at times from the neighboring states. The Order of the Arrow was accepted as an official part of the Boy Scout program in the late 1940s. Shortly thereafter, the 12 Regions were divided into Areas to facilitate localized gatherings of

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Level	Cost	Annual Benefits
FRIEND (Family)	\$20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Limited-edition patch ◆ Invitation to "Friends Only" events for all family members ◆ Subscription to the Museum newsletter
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lodges. The purpose of these gatherings, called Area Conclaves, were to promote Indian traditions through Dance Team and Ceremonies competitions, offer training sessions for lodge development, promote scout camping, and create fellowship among the lodges and its brothers. These conclaves are usually held at the host lodge's main camp. This link will likely be complete by the time you are reading this.

The **New Jersey Council** link will be added late summer, early fall. It is presently being reformatted to make it easily manageable for the Webmaster. This link will provide all the known issues from the councils in New Jersey, but unlike the comprehensiveness of Dave's Monmouth Council listing, it will not be showing any of the activity memorabilia. This will provide images not given with the reference book on Council Shoulder Patches.

The **New Jersey Order of the Arrow** link will be a reference site for more accurate listing of the memorabilia issued from its lodges. Although I serve as the regional editor for the Blue Book series (OA Reference books), the national editors had taken information provided and rearranged it, rendering it incorrect. Despite numerous tries to correct the listings, the Blue Book remains incorrect for most of the NJ lodges. This link will also provide more accurate images than the present national site.

[Editors Note: For those unfamiliar with Randy Holden, he is an Eagle Scout with three palms, Vigil Honor OA brother, earned his Woodbadge beads (and served on staff), Silver Beaver recipient, veteran Philmont Trek

leader, veteran Jamboree leader (and staffer), former lodge advisor (twice), National OA Conference contingent leader, and has held many pack, troop, district and council level positions. A father of three daughters and grandfather to five grandchildren (Tiger Cubs next year!) enjoys the outdoor program and volunteers a majority of his time to several camps, coordinating Beaver Days to help maintain the camps for our future generations to enjoy. In his spare time, he continues to collect all New Jersey Boy Scout memorabilia and related historical artifacts.]

Brief History of the NJSM

Steve Buckley, Curator

As of June 2007 we have been in existence and open to the public officially for three years. In order to understand our progress to date you need a summary of where we have come from. The three years of existence is a little misleading. In some respects the idea of a museum in some form goes back decades by those of us in Monmouth Council BSA that value the traditions of Scouting that are represented by the various artifacts you can see in the Museum today. Many folks all across Monmouth Council BSA had their own collections at their own homes and we felt an urge to find a way to display and share our collections but we had no way to do that.

Reality started taking form when Monmouth Council was considering a relocation of their main office complex in 2002 from Oakhurst to a larger more suitable location. When that

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building was found in Morganville the Scout Executive, Matt Thornton, knowing of this need and the desire by many of us, determined that there might be some space available on the second floor of the new building and he contacted Dave Wolverton in 2003.



Plans were started to form a Monmouth Council Scout Museum & Library. A group was brought together on January 7, 2004 and we started planning under Dave Wolverton's guidance. Quickly it was determined that we needed to be an independent organization, we wanted to include the Girl Scout movement, and needed to be a non-profit organization in New Jersey along with Federal 501(C)-3 status so people who made gifts could at least get a little tax break. We wanted all Scouters in the state of New Jersey to feel that this was their museum and join us.

Well with that background where do we stand today? Many of the original goals have been accomplished, some modified based on things we learned as we went along and many additional tasks that we never considered have been accomplished or they are now on our current things to do list.



The NJSM is an independent non-profit museum organization recognized by both the State of New Jersey October 2004 and the Federal Government in 2007.

We are representing both Girl and Boy Scout history as part of our planning and in our collection. We have received hundreds or may I say thousands of scouting artifacts so far and with so many more coming in the future it is daunting. In light of this we have purchased a professional software package called "Past Perfect" to provide us with many organizational tools to run the museum, not the least of which is a data base of all our artifacts. This software is used by many scouting groups including the National Boy Scout Museum in Texas.

We recently received from the estate of Dave Wolverton his complete collection(s) of Scouting related items. At this time all I can say is that we filled 159 boxes along with furniture that was given to us. With this acquisition I would say that our assets have increased at least by a factor of 7 to 10. As Curator I'm aware of other collections that we hope will be given to us in time. The size of the Museums Collection is growing rapidly and this is wonderful and as Curator I'm looking forward to larger and better Museum facility were we can do a



much better job of displaying these wonderful artifacts.



We have a Board of eight Trustees that meets several times a year to set policy and attend to all the legal matters. The day to day operation is carried out by an operating committee of about 15 people that meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 Pm at the office of Monmouth Council BSA. All positions at this time are staffed by volunteers.



We have another important group and that is our docents. These are the folks that are present every Wednesday evening from mid September through mid June from 6 to 8 P.M. at the museum to greet visitors and answer questions. To date we have had over 400 visitors.

We raise funds from a wide variety of places but our "Friends of the Museum" group is our base with gifts starting at \$20 (Friend / Family), \$100 Century and going up to our patron level at \$250. Our yearly budget so far has been about \$3,000.00. We expect this to rise significantly in the future as our needs increase.



We have begun the task of trying to find a larger facility to house and better display our growing collection. We need a location that provides increased numbers of visitors.

We have started to be more focused on widening our group to include many of the fine collectors across the State of New Jersey.

We participate at activities around the state as time and opportunities come up or allow. We have a news letter, a webpage www.njscoutmuseum.org, have hosted a series of open house events and sponsored a class for the Collections merit badge for Boy Scouts in 2006.



In 2005 the New Jersey Historical Commission awarded us a CAPES (Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service) grant. The grant covered the cost of having the museum's archival collection evaluated by a professional archivist. A report was prepared and an evaluation provided.

We encourage giving Scouting Memorabilia to the NJ Scout Museum. We would be very happy to discuss Donations and Loans to our collection. We also will provide a service of assistance with the selling of memorabilia. "What is needed?" is often asked and the answer simply stated is "Anything related to the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts that help tell the story of Scouting in general and New Jersey in particular" are of special interest.

The museum started with a few people in January 2004, no physical location, and just a dream to guide us. So much has changed after our first three plus years of operation as can be seen by visiting our museum. What was once only a dream is now a reality although we are still in our infancy. With the untimely passing of my personal friend Dave Wolverton we have a new sense of determination to see the effort started by Dave flourish and expand. Please consider how you might fit into this effort it is a lot of work and a lot of fun.

OUR MISSION

To preserve artifacts relating to the history of Both Boy and Girl Scouting in New Jersey and to educate the public about Scouting's role in our communities and nation in developing young people into responsible citizens and leaders.

Urgent Donation Need: Two 24" x 72" (6 shelf) shelves for new Scout Books!



Photo of Current Museum space
Greg Crow

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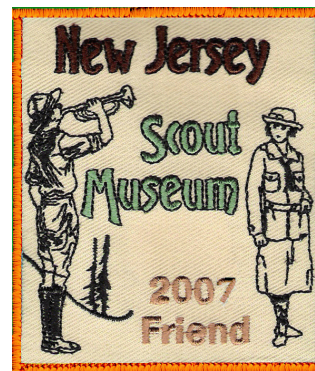


Monmouth Council the Oldest BSA Council in New Jersey

Lee Marconi – MC Scout Executive

During 2007 the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America, is celebrating 90 years of service to youth and families, a proud tradition of participating citizenship, character development and community service throughout Monmouth County. Monmouth Council serves over 7,000 youth in all ranges and including young women in the co-ed Venturing and Exploring programs, and has over 2,800 men and women as dedicated volunteer leaders. The Council also owns and operates two year-round camping facilities, Quail Hill Scout Reservation, Manalapan, NJ, and Forestburg Scout Reservation, Forestburgh, NY.

As part of the 90th Anniversary many special events were celebrated and included Scouting Anniversary Week, February 4-10, the BSA Report to the State of New Jersey, February 8, the 2007 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, March 29, and the Monmouth Council 90th Anniversary Recognition Dinner, June 21. Additional activities and special events are being planned throughout the year. Monmouth Council attained a balanced Operating Budget in 2006 and will be rolling out a new 2007-2011 Strategic Plan in early 2007.



A look at the "New" 2007 Patch