



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Youth Activities - Partnerships



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
PAST CHIEF COMMANDER
RAYMOND A. FINLEY, JR., SN
SEA SCOUT SERVICE AWARD



Purpose:

The USPS “Finley Sea Scout Service Award” recognizes those members and honorees of the United States Power Squadrons who are also youth or adult Sea Scout leaders, and who have provided outstanding civic, educational, and fraternal leadership to both the Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons, through civic involvement, educational achievement, and active participation in both programs.

This Service Award is named for Past Chief Commander Raymond A. Finley, Jr., who became a Sea Scout in 1935, and earned the highest achievement recognition in Sea Scouting, the Quartermaster Award, in 1939. Upon entering the Navy during World War II, Finley’s Sea Scouting background and his engineering training at Rutgers University helped him to become an Instructor at Midshipman School, teaching engineering, knots, and basic seamanship. During 1982-83, he served as Chief Commander of the United States Power Squadrons.

P/C/C Finley became the first adult recipient of this USPS Sea Scout Service Award during the USPS Annual Meeting in 2004, seventy years after his first civic, educational, and social Sea Scout activities. By unanimous resolution at that presentation, the award was named in his honor.

Recognitions:

At each USPS National Meeting, all qualifying recipients will be individually recognized during the Open Administrative Department meeting, and will be presented with a Plaque and Certificate of Recognition, together with a USPS Sea Scout Service Award medal in the likeness shown above. The ribbon design is based upon the vertical blue and white striping of the USPS Ensign, with the medal fashioned after the USPS ensign and ship’s wheel registered logo.

Awardees must be present at a USPS National Meeting in order to be recognized. Once recognized at a USPS National Meeting, similar recognition – in person -- at the recipient’s District Conference and Squadron Change of Watch awards ceremony, is also appropriate.

Additionally, it is intended that each recipient will also be similarly recognized at the immediately following BSA National Meeting, with presentation of the Community Service Award Certificate and uniform knot (with the USPS membership pin device), during the National Sea Scout and Venturing Bridge of Honor and Reception.

The Finley Sea Scout Service Award medal and/or the Community Service Award knot with USPS device, once approved by the BSA Relationships Division, will be worn centered on the top of the left breast pocket of the Sea Scout "Class A" dress uniform (either Navy or white), in accordance with the current edition of the Sea Scout Manual, the www.seascout.org website, and the BSA Insignia Guide.

Requirements:

Quartermaster (Youth) Recipients:

1. USPS Requirements
 - a. USPS Apprentice Sea Scout Membership (or, Active Membership, if between the ages of 18 and 21).
 - b. Attain Advanced Grade of Seamanship (S)
 - c. Earn at least one Merit Mark for Service to USPS
2. Sea Scouting Requirements
 - a. Quartermaster Award Recipient
 - b. Serve in a Leadership position as a Sea Scout or Venturer
 - c. Participate in a USPS / Sea Scout joint civic, educational, boating, and/or social activity

Adult Leader Recipients (no Quartermaster earned as a youth):

1. USPS Requirements
 - a. USPS Active Membership
 - b. Attain Advanced Grade of Pilot (P)
 - c. Earn at least three Merit Marks for Service to USPS
 - d. Participate in a joint USPS / Sea Scout civic, educational, boating, and/or social activity
2. Sea Scouting Requirements
 - a. Earn the Sea Scout Adult Leader Training Award
 - b. Attend and complete SEABADGE Conference requirements
 - c. Serve in an active leader capacity in Sea Scouting for a minimum of three years, as a Registered Adult Leader
 - i. Ship, Council, or Regional Committee member
 - ii. Skipper or Mate of a Sea Scout Ship
 - iii. Active Consultant, with Ship Committee proposal and letter of recommendation
 - d. Participate in a USPS / Sea Scout joint activity

USPS Honoree Recipients:

1. Upon the request of the National Administrative Officer (NAO), as ratified by the Operating Committee and the Governing Board, a maximum of three Awards per year may be presented by the Chief Commander to honorary USPS members and/or honored guests of the National Bridge during the USPS National Annual Meeting, or during USPS National Governing Board meetings.

Applications: An Application Form is attached. All qualifying USPS members are urged to complete the Form, and forward it via mail or fax to the USPS Membership Committee Chairman, whose contact information is listed on the inside back cover of the ENSIGN Magazine. A Finley Award Review Committee, comprised of a group of previous Finley Award recipients, USPS Membership Committee and Youth Activities Team members, and USPS District Sea Scout Liaisons has been established to review all applications and nominations submitted. Awardees will be notified in advance of the USPS National Governing Board Meeting or Annual National Meeting where their presentation will take place, and asked to confirm their attendance.

Summary: The Finley Sea Scout Service Award is not intended to be an easy award for USPS members or Sea Scouting Leaders to obtain. It is meant to give special recognition to those persons who have given active and extraordinary service to the Community and to the USPS, in furtherance of the Partnership that has been formed between the United States Power Squadrons and the Sea Scouts, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was executed in 2002.



District 8 Lt. Commander and USPS National Sea Scout Liaison Lee Popham, AP, with 2004 Finley Sea Scout Service Award Recipients: National Director, Sea Scouts and Venturing Division Charles J. Holmes; National Sea Scout Commodore Jimmie Homburg; Past Chief Commander Raymond A. Finley, Jr., SN; Past Chief Commander Theodore H. Smith, SN; and Staff Commander, USPS Membership Committee -- Youth Activities Chair Roberta L. Dougherty, AP. Not pictured: District 23 Lt. Commander and USPS Youth Partnerships Team Leader Donald C. Clark, JN.



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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

USPS Information:

USPS Certificate No. _____ Advanced Grade _____ Merit Marks _____

District _____ Squadron _____

Rank _____ Position(s) _____

Brief history of USPS service to Sea Scouting: _____

Sea Scouting Information:

I am a: _____ Quartermaster Sea Scout _____ Sea Scout Adult Leader

BSA Region _____ Council _____ Council # _____

SHIP _____ Position _____

Sea Scouter Training Award earned (date) _____ SEABADGE earned (date) _____

Years Registered _____ Brief history of Sea Scout service to USPS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Note: Mail or Fax to Rear Commander, USPS Membership Committee (Fax 888-304-0813).