



We mourn the loss of the brave crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia and ask that you keep their families in your prayers. All four of the American men of the Space Shuttle Columbia were involved in Scouting in their youth, with pilot William McCool achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Richard Husband earned the rank of 2nd Class. Michael Anderson was a Webelos Scout. David Brown was a Life Scout as a youth. Laurel Salton Clark was a Girl Scout. The National BSA Council has a news release explaining more at:

<http://www.scouting.org/media/press/030203/index.html>

- Henry Aaron - Baseball player, home run king - the *Mobile Press Register* quoted Henry as saying that the greatest positive influence in his life was his involvement in scouting
- Gary L. Ackerman - U.S. Representative from NY
- Bill Alexander - U.S. Representative from Arkansas
- Lamar Alexander - Lawyer, Governor of Tennessee, Secretary of Education, presidential candidate
- Neil Armstrong - astronaut, first man on moon, from Wapakoneta, OH
- Willie Banks - Olympic & world record holding track star
- Albert Belle - baseball player
- Charles E. Bennett - U.S. Representative from Florida
- William Bennett - Secretary of Education
- Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. - Treasury Secretary & U.S. Representative from Texas
- Michael Bloomberg - Mayor of New York City, founder of Bloomberg News
- Bill Bradley - Pro basketball star and U.S. Senator from NJ
- James Brady - Former Press Secretary to President Reagan
- Milton A. Caniff - Comic strip artist "Steve Canyon"
- Barber B. Conable - President, World Bank
- John W. Creighton, Jr. - President & CEO of Weyerhaeuser Company
- William E. Dannemeyer - U.S. Representative from Cal.
- William Devries - M.D., transplanted first artificial heart
- Michael Dukakis - Governor of Massachusetts, presidential candidate
- Arthur Eldred - First Eagle Scout
- David Farabee - Texas State Representative
- Thomas Foley - Speaker of the House and U.S. Representative from Washington
- Gerald Ford - U.S. President (1st Eagle to be President)
- Steven Fossett - Tried several times to fly solo around the world in a hot air balloon and finally did it in 2002, won the Chicago to Mackinaw boat races, competed in the Iditarod dog race, and competed in several iron man triathlons, and among other things lives the Scouting mottoes both Cub and Boy Scout by doing his best and being prepared
- Murphy J. (Mike) Foster - Governor of Louisiana
- Robert M. Gates - Director of Central Intelligence (CIA)
- Richard A. Gephardt - U.S. Representative from Missouri, Minority Leader
- Michael Kahn - stage director, Oscar winning film editor
- Dr. Alfred Kinsey - insect biologist, human behavior researcher
- John Koncak - basketball player
- Sheldon Leonard - actor, director, producer, 3 time Emmy award winner
- Steven W. Lindsey - Astronaut - He was the pilot for STS-95 when John Glenn returned to space as a Senator. He made Eagle in Troop 161 in Temple City, California.
- Gary Locke, Governor of the State of Washington, the first Chinese-American Governor in the contiguous United States, and selected as a Distinguished Eagle Scout by NESA
- James Lovell - Navy pilot and astronaut, President of National Eagle Scout Association. Flew on Gemini 7, 12 & Apollo 8, 13 At one time had seen more sunrises than any other human being

- Richard Lugar - Senator from Indiana (presidential candidate 1996)
- J. Willard Marriott, Jr. - President, Marriott Corp.
- CDR William McCool, USN - Astronaut, Pilot of U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia. [BSA Press Release](#) | [NASA Bio](#)
- W. Walter Menninger - Physician, civil servant
- Michael Moore - Author and filmmaker, nominated for an Oscar for "Bowling for Columbine"
- Jim Mora - NFL football coach
- Oswald "Ozzie" Nelson - actor
- Sam Nunn - U.S. Senator from Georgia
- Ellison Onizuka - Astronaut aboard the U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger
- Steve Oswald - Astronaut, Navy Rear Admiral
- Mitchell Paige - walked 200 miles to enlist in MARines on his 18th birthday in 1936, retired as a Colonel, Medal of honor. Presented his eagle award in 2003 after it was verified that he'd not received it in 1936 because he'd joined the Marines.
- Francis J. Parater - nominated for Sainthood by Diocese of Richmond, VA. died at age 22 in 1920 in Rome, while at seminary.
- H. Ross Perot - Self-made billionaire and presidential candidate
- Rick Perry - Governor, State of Texas
- J. J. Pickle - U.S. Representative from Texas, proudly displays his Eagle plaque inside his office
- Samuel R. Pierce - Former Sec. Housing & Urban Development
- Frederick Reines - Nobel Prize winner in Physics
- Gary Rogers - Chairman and CEO of Dreyer's Ice Cream
- Jim Rogers - CEO of Kampgrounds of America (KOA)
- Donald Rumsfeld - Secretary of Defense
- Harrison Salisbury - Pulitzer Prize winning author
- James Sanderson - Vice Admiral, US Navy (Ret), Deputy Chief US Atlantic Fleet
- Jeff Sessions - Junior Senator from Alabama is an Eagle Scout from the troop in Camden, AL.
- William Sessions - Former FBI director
- Sam Skinner - Secretary of Energy during the Bush administration and now CEO of Commonwealth Edison
- Steven Spielberg - Movie producer, from Scottsdale, AZ, made a movie of his troop while getting Photography MB. Helped to design requirements for the cinematography MB.
- Wallace Stegner - Writer and college professor, won Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for "Angle of Repose"
- Percy Sutton - Attorney, Chairman of the Board of City Broadcasting Corp.
- John Tesh - TV celebrity and pianist
- Meldrim Thomson, Jr. - 3 term governor of New Hampshire (deceased)
- Sam Walton - Founder, Wal-Mart
- Togo West - Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Edward O. Wilson - Pellegrino University Professor and curator of entomology at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University
- Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. - Admiral, Chief of Naval Operations

Eagle Facts

Only 1.2 million boys have reached Eagle in over 80 years (15,000 a year, roughly). Only 2 in 100 that joins Scouts make Eagle--that's 0.512% of the male population.

FAMOUS SCOUTS, but not Eagles

- **Richard Dean Anderson** - taught Reptile Study, actor
- **Charles F. Barber** - CEO of American Smelting & refining
- **Jimmy Buffett** - musician and singer
- **George W. Bush** - Cub Scout, President of the United States
- **Bill Clinton** - Cub Scout, President of the United States
- **Walter Cronkite** - newsman
- **Harrison Ford** - Life, taught Reptile Study, actor "Indiana Jones" & "Han Solo"
- **Bill Gates** - Life, founder of Microsoft Corp.
- **Richard Gere** - Actor
- **David Hartman** - TV personality
- **Dan Jansen** - Olympic Gold Medal - Speed Skating
- **Bruce Jenner** - Olympic Gold Medal - Decathlon
- **John F Kennedy** - First US President who was a Scout
- **Branford Marsalis** - Life Scout, Jazz musician
- **Norman Y. Mineta** - Mayor of San Jose, CA, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Commerce. Japanese-American, spent WWII in an internment camp in Wyoming, where he met Alan Simpson. (see below)
- **Paul McCartney** - Rock N Roll, Beatles (UK)
- **Jim Morrison** - Rock N Roll
- **Merlin Olson** - Pro football player and sportscaster
- **Eddie Rabbitt** - Country & Western singer
- **John Ritter** - actor, son of singer Tex Ritter (deceased)
- **Richard Roundtree** - actor
- **Nolan Ryan** - pro baseball pitcher
- **Alberto Salazar** - Life, 3 time winner NY marathon
- **John Schneider** - Actor, Dukes of Hazard
- **Alan Simpson** - US Senator from Wyoming. - Boy Scout in Cody Wyoming, where he visited fellow Scouts in a Japanese-American internment camp, and met Norman Mineta (see above), who became his life-long friend. Helped pass the Japanese-American Compensation Act.
- **Mark Spitz** - winner of 7 Olympic Gold Medals in swimming
- **James Stewart** - actor, USAF Brig. General, B-17 pilot in WWII
- **George Takei** - actor, Mr. Sulu of Star Trek
- **Joe Theisman** - Life, former QB, Washington Redskins
- **Peter Ueberroth** - Cub Scout, Commissioner of Baseball