



TROOP 314 NEWS

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<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>

BSA Troop 314 - Orange Frontier District
Westminster, (Midway City) California

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Scoutmaster's Corner

Excellence

We are what we
repeatedly do.
Excellence is
therefore NOT an act but a HABIT.

You should always strive for
EXCELLENCE. But be careful not to
confuse excellence with perfection.

Excellence is something that you can
strive for, however, perfection is
God's business.

T-314 Tower above the rest!

Cyrus Bess, Scoutmaster Troop 314



SPL's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

Hello fellow scouts. I know that school
has arrived, but our troop meetings will not
be affected by these school days, and we
can wear class B uniforms except at Court
of Honors.

If school or sports does affect your
scouting schedule, you do not have to
come to the meetings, but please try to
come if you think that you can.

I hope we can put the same amount of
effort that we put in during the summer for
Boy Scouts, now that we are back into the
school year.

Think of what you need to do to advance
in your rank, and try completing
requirements even though school has
started. I believe that our troop can
function as its best during this school year.

Thank you, Your SPL, Viet T.



August 7-9 American Legion Camporee



August 11 Sports meeting day at El Dorado Park



Aug 22nd Troop 314 distributing flyers for neighborhood watch meeting.



August 29

Movie Night With Cubs



Long's Eagle Project Update

Gun Racks for NJROTC

Dear Scouts, Scouts and Scouters,

This is my latest update of my Eagle Scout Project. The two rifle racks were recently being delivered to the NJROTC Dept. at Troy High School. Commander Stubblefield, First Sergeant Lyon, First Sergeant Barnes, and Chief King are very pleased and satisfied with the positive outcome of my Eagle Project.

Each gun is laid upward position to each space slot in the rack. See pictures below.



I'm with Commander Stubblefield.



**I'm with one of my advisors
- Mr. Quang Phan.**



Also, on behalf of NJROTC Dept., Commander Stubblefield would like to sincerely thanks to the Scouts, Scouters, and Parents of Troop 314 who helped and supported in my Eagle Project. Now the cadets have a new gun rack where they can store their rifles!

Last but not least, I would like to thank Troop 314 Scouts, Scouters, and Parents in supporting me in my Eagle Project. I appreciate very much of your help in the construction of the rifle racks and helping me to achieve my goal.

Yours in Scouting, Long T.



Here is the outcome of the Project.



Eagle Scout Project Benefits Grateful Hearts

Ian Marubayashi officially presented the completed benches to Grateful Hearts Founder and CEO Blair Pietrini.

Los Alamitos teenager Ian Marubayashi, a member of Boy Scout Troop 314 of Midway City, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project benefiting the Grateful Hearts Storehouse in Los Alamitos.

Grateful Hearts is a nonprofit that helps homeless and low-income families get back on their feet.

Ian's project transformed six wooden bedframes from unused space wasters in the Grateful Hearts storage facility into attractive benches. They will be used to promote the organization's "Bench Hunger" campaign.

The project took three workdays involving the participation of youth and adults.



**Accept the things to which fate
binds you, and love the people with
whom fate brings you together, but
do so with all your heart.**

Marcus Aurelius



New Scouting Website:

<http://scoutingwire.org/>



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Troop 314 Scribe – JLC Meeting September 1, 2015

Leaders in Attendance: Gabe Bess, Christian D'Alessandro, Jon Fieffer, Martin Lee, Ian Marubayashi, Owen Marubayashi, Michael Milan, Robert Pearson, Long Tran, Viet Tran, Mr. Bess, Mrs. Knighton, Mr. Marubayashi, and Mr. Pearson.



Schedule: Theme for September is Theater/storytelling.

September 8th- Blue Phoenix: Skill
Autobots: Game

September 13th- Bolsa Chica Wetland Clean Up
Location: Bolsa Chica Wetlands

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00a.m. (boy scouts must be there by 8:45 a.m. Bring Water, gloves, trashbags)

September 15th- Autobots: Skill
Blue Phoenix: Game
Popcorn kickoff

September 19th- Robert and Noel's Eagle Court of Honor

September 22nd- Court of Honor at Post
(come to post by 6:30 p.m.)

Schedule: Theme for October is not decided yet.

October 2-4- Webelos Woods
Location: El Dorado Park

October 24th- Volunteer at Cub Scout Camp Oso Lake.

October 29th - Halloween Party at Post

November 7th- Hike to Hollywood Sign
Free Parking
Time: not determined yet

November 7th- Also, there is Scouting for Food
Time: not determined yet

Long T., Troop Scribe



Coming Up, The 2017 National Jamboree!

IF YOU WANT TO GO -
NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER...

**National Scout Jamboree will be held
from July 19 to July 28, 2017**

If you weren't able to jet over to Japan for the World Scout Jamboree 2015 - you can still attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree right here in the U.S.! Taking place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 19 through July 28 in West Virginia, plans for the 2017 Jamboree are moving fast. Stay ahead of the curve by registering to attend as a [participant](#) or [staff volunteer](#) for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree today!

To learn more about the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, please visit


www.bsajamboree.org

or <https://summit.scouting.org>.



Order of the Arrow Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter News



OA Santee Chapter Meeting - Chapter Meetings are held on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church 

<http://www.ocbsa.org/resources/order-of-the-arrow/>



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Viet T.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader:
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader:
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Webmaster – Open.
- Troop Guide – Noel J.
- Quartermaster: Christian D
- Librarian:
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Diego M.
- Historian:
- Den Chief - Christian D'A.
- **Den Chief #2 – Open Position**
- Troop Guide: Noel J.
- Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster: Robert P.

Patrol Advisors

Patrol Advisors help the Patrol Leader guide the patrol and improve their leadership skills.

The patrol leader should check with their advisor to plan patrol meetings and activities. If possible, the advisor should be present at patrol breakouts during the meeting to help plans go smoothly, and to oversee menus and other scout planning events.

Blue Phoenix Patrol

– Mr. M. / Mrs. Hight

AUTOBOTS

- / Mr. Feiffer

Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure different levels of Skills should be worked out, are appropriate to the theme, and that everyone is (and can be) involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.***

Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – read back of the message to ensure understanding might be good idea too.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them. **ASK YOUR PL or SPL BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.

"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."

**- Lord
Baden
Powell**



ATTENTION LIFE SCOUTS on ROAD TO EAGLE!

If you are Life Scout, or Parents, if your Scout is at Life rank - here are some useful links with downloadable documents needed for Life to Eagle Rank Advancement:

<http://www.ocbsa.org/lifetoeaglepacket/>

<http://www.ocbsa.org/advancement-documents/>

....and please be aware that "Letters of recommendation" are to be sent to Orange Frontier Advancement Chair at his home address.

You can contact Mr. Hess at 714 828 0138 or hessc41@hotmail.com



The Outdoor Code

***As an American,
I will do my best to -***

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

***Be considerate in the outdoors.
and***

Be conservation minded



Scout Oath

***On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my
country and to obey the Scout
Law;***

To help other people at all times;

***To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally
straight.***

Note that the Boy Scout Oath has traditionally been considered to have three promises. Those three promises are delineated by the semicolons in the Oath, which divide it into three clauses. The three promises of the Scout Oath are, therefore:

- **Duty to God and country,**
- **Duty to other people, and**
- **Duty to self**

DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY: Your family and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following these teachings, you do your duty to God. Men and women of the past worked to make America great, and many gave their lives for their country. By being a good family member and a good citizen, by working for your country's good and obeying its laws, you do your duty to your country. Obeying the Scout Law means living by its 12 points.

DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE: Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when you're needed, you prove yourself a Scout and do your part to make this a better world.

DUTY TO SELF: Keeping yourself physically strong means taking care of your body. Eat the right foods and build your strength. Staying mentally awake means learn all you can, be curious, and ask questions. Being morally straight means to live your life with honesty, to be clean in your speech and actions, and to be a person of strong character.



Personal Mess kits: Troop 314 is Camping Green!

Personal Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, buy one and bring yours!



TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com

FYI - A Google search of “BSA Troop 314” gets you this link:

Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage
www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/

You have found the home page of Troop 314 of Midway City, California. Sponsored by American Legion Albert E. Schwab Post 555, 14582 Beach Blvd.



The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to
make some serious fun happen!**

**Just talk to Mr. Fieffer to get the ball
rolling on one of these great activities,
and while you are at it - step up to be
Scout in Charge. The Troop Committee
will hook you up with the parents and
resources to make it happen!**

Possible Activities:

Archery

Deep Sea Fishing - boat Trip

Ocean fishing – Pier trip / Surf.

Beach party

Annual Homework Burn Bonfire (June)

Bowling

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Hiking Trip

Backpacking - Hike in camp in wilderness
of Orange County or our mountain
backcountry

Snow Day – Grassy Hollow Visitors
Center – Out of Wrightwood.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball (Family)

Shooting Range Could be a family or
scout event depending what guns we want
to shoot.

**BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert
Shoot** – High powered Rifles / Pistols /
and Shotgun skeet shooting (Family
event)

Rock climbing - Indoor Rock walls or natural climbs all work as we have BSA Climb Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!



Angel's Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting

Swim – Pool Time or a Summer Laguna Beach Trip

Scuba Instruction

Snorkeling / Beach Trip

White water rafting

Canoe River Trip

Annual Mistletoe Trip

Annual Homework Burn!

Usually June at Bolsa Chica State beach

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ



Bring on the Adventure!

- Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair

Get Out Your Calendars and mark these dates!

T314 EVENTS FOR September 2015:

No First Friday Dinner this month at Post 555

**1st Junior Leadership Council
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

**2nd Executive Committee
Meeting American Legion Post 555 Starting at 7PM**

**8th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

Please show up a bit earlier to help with setup and so meeting can start at 6:30.

**10th Orange Frontier District
Scouters' Roundtable**

**7 PM at LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave.,
Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each month)**



September 11th Patriot Day



We Will Never Forget

On September 11, 2001, Islamic fundamentalist terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners to strike targets in the United States. Nearly 3,000 people died as a result of the attacks.



By presidential proclamation, Americans are called on to observe Patriot Day each September 11 with a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 AM Eastern Daylight Time.

Flags should be displayed at half-staff in honor of those who lost their lives.

**13th Sunday Bolsa Chica
Wetlands area cleanup 9am-12pm**

**Will meet in the parking lot at the
wetlands at 8:45 AM.**

**15th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

- Please show up a bit earlier to help with setup and so meeting can start at 6:30.
- Popcorn Kickoff

**17th Order of Arrow
Meeting Third Thursday (7:00pm at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church)**

19th Saturday, from 2 to 5 PM

**Robert and Noel's
Eagle Court of Honor**



**20th , 26th and 27th Popcorn Sales
dates at Staters Bros in Long
Beach**

**22nd Troop 314 Court of Honor
6:30 Start, Candle Ceremony.
Please bring in food a little early
so we can set up.**



- **Martin and Christian are MCs.**
- **Autobots bring dessert goodies.**
- **Blue Phoenix brings finger food.**

**29th Junior Leadership Meeting to
plan the year's activities
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

**As ever, Webelos Scouts
and Parents are welcome
to attend any meeting night
as our guests!**

Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- **Executive Committee Meeting is now on the Wednesday Following JLC. Still starts at 7 PM.**
- **First meeting Month is now time for Committee Chair Parents Meeting.**
- **The Second Tuesday is usual time for Scoutmaster Conferences.**
- **The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement when not a COH.**
- **Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if can get the Scoutmaster to come early or close late.**
- **No meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.**

Court of Honor is held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September COH** Scouts are honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and parents are given pins. This tends to be a long ceremony, so no dinners.

In **June** and **December**, our **COH** does not have candles and rank advancement pins for parents, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional potluck in Dec. but usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).



UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Oct 2nd to 4th Webelos Woods
Eldorado Park -We may be training
in orienteering**

**Oct 5th Junior Leadership
Council (JLC) Meeting at 6:30 at
American Legion Post 555**

**Oct 6th Exec. Committee Meeting
at American Legion Post 555 7 PM
(NEW DAY!)**

**Oct 20th Turn in your Popcorn
orders sheet.**

**Oct 24th Support Pack 314 on
Saturday at the Oso Lake Cub
Scout event.**

**Oct 27th Scouts hold Halloween
party – Packs invited.
We need to work on planning this
event.**

Nov 7th Hollywood Sign Hike.

**Nov 17th Popcorn Orders
Delivered.**

**Nov 24th No Meeting Thanksgiving
week.**

**Dec 12th Mistletoe Picking and
give away.**

Tour and Activity Plans – Online

Council will no longer readily accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. They want them on line. Sign into MyScouting.org.

Online, you no longer have to collect signatures. Complete the plan and certify that any missing requirements will be completed before the trip begins. When you submit, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and designated emergency contact.

File Tour Activity Plan if the following apply:

- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of Orange Co. Council borders.
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting any the following activities:
 - Aquatics activities (swim, boat, float, scuba, etc.)
 - Climbing and rappelling
 - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
 - Shooting sports
 - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
 - Any overnight camping



Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

If you would like to have an event at the Post – from a training day, a car wash or an Eagle Court of Honor, please e-mail Mrs. Daly early at dalyracing@verizon.net to confirm the hall is available and to make reservations.

Mrs. Daly is our troop Chartered Organization Rep. She is also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Post 555. Her phone is (714) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.



HEROES

Many days will stand out in our lives
But not all we wish to recall
like the day when terror entered
And made the towers fall

We watched as heroes
entered
most never came back
home
they saved many others
lives
without a thought for
their own



They rushed into hell's inferno
knowing full well what they'd face
and sacrificed their own lives
So others could flee that place

Those people who were lucky enough
To escape death's door that day
Should never forget the heroes that died
So they may live today

So when you say your prayers tonight
And thank God for his love and bread
Remember those heroes who rushed in
Where angels feared to tread

By William A Predeau

Chaplain's Aide's Wisdom of the month:



Courage is an inner
resolution to go forward despite
obstacles.

Cowardice is submissive surrender to
circumstances.

Courage breeds creativity; Cowardice
represses fear and is mastered by it.

Cowardice asks the question, is it safe?
Expediency ask the question, is it politic?
Vanity asks the question, is it popular?

But, conscience ask the question, is it
right?

And there comes a time when we must
take a position that is neither safe, nor
politic, nor popular, but one must take it
because it is right."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

Have you heard these?

Q: How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

A: Concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Q: How can a man go eight days without sleep?

A: He sleeps at night.

Q: What gets wet while it's drying?

A: A towel.

Q: What happened when the wheel was invented?

A: It caused a revolution.

Q: Why is it easy to weigh a fish?

A: It comes with its own scales!

Q: The Bay of Bengal is in which state?

A: Liquid.

Q: Why is it impossible to send a telegram to Washington today?

A: Because he's dead.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

*trustworthy,
loyal,
helpful,
friendly,
courteous,
kind,
obedient,
cheerful,
thrifty,
brave,
clean,
and reverent.*



TROOP 314

TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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send me a note at T314news@live.com -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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DEN CHIEF PACK 314 UPDATE

In this past month the pack held their monthly committee meeting, where Mr Bess, Ms Knighton, and I attended. At the meeting, we tried to set up a schedule where the pack and the troop could have more contact so that we would build a relationship with the boys. I am going to be working on a way to get the troop to help out with some of their events, then trying to find more den chiefs. I am in high hopes that the pack and the troop will make a strong impact on each other.

QUARTER MASTER UPDATE

As Quartermaster there has been no significant changes to the shed. Mrs. Hight did clean all the supplies in the two patrol boxes, 1 and 3. 3 is now restocked and ready to go with some cool new dishwashing tubs. After I finish with my Den Chief duties, I will be working towards a day where the troop can re organize the shed.

-Christian D'A