



TROOP 314 NEWS

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Scoutmaster's Corner

"Be Prepared"



It's the scout motto, and a rule to live by, not just during Scouting activities, but in everyday life. And not just for Scouts, but for adults as well.

Sometimes we adults need to be reminded of this. Recently I took a bike ride with a group of scouts, as part of their Cycling Merit Badge work.

This was "the big one", a 55-mile ride, and with only 12 miles to go, one of the scouts got a flat tire. Now, a flat tire normally does not worry me, because I always carry what I need to fix it -- a patch kit, and a pump.

But this time, when I pulled out the patch kit, I found that the glue had all dried up in the tube. What's worse, I had forgotten my pump (though you can often get air from a passing cyclist -- a prepared one, anyway!). So my mistakes were not checking the patch kit, and forgetting my pump.

We walked to the nearest street (we were on the San Gabriel River Bikeway), and called a parent, and he came right away and fixed us up.

We finished the ride within the required 8 hours, so the story has a happy ending, and weren't ever in any real danger, but the lesson was clear. I hadn't had a flat in a long time, so I had become somewhat complacent.

None of the Scouts called me on the Scout Motto thing, but they could have.

Good Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi,
Scoutmaster, Troop 314



SPL's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

At the end of last month, we had our traditional Halloween Carnival; however, I think that this year, it was much more successful than I've ever seen it.

I hope in the future this event can be even more successful, though I unfortunately will be aging out before next time.

An event to look forward to right now, though, would be mistletoe picking, which is, personally, my favorite event of the year. I'm sure there will be announcements about it at the meetings, but we need people in charge of it.

Ian M.

Senior Patrol Leader



Great time was had at Webelos Woods at El Dorado Park Oct 25th to 26th .



We taught dozens of Webelos knots, and our guys Owen, Robert and Christian acted as Troop Guides to help escort Webelos throughout the day. We got a lot of good feedback of the good jobs they did from adult leaders in Packs and Troops.



We love this park!

THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO THIS MONTH:

- ➡ **The Blue Phoenix has a patrol meeting every second Sunday at 3PM. - Thanks, Martin L., Patrol Leader**



- ➡ **Give Thanks! Enjoy Thanksgiving with Family and Friends!**



Too Much Sun.



Banded.



Mr. M. is his usual calm, composed self.



Another pack learns the ropes.



Webelos learn Knots from Troop 314!



Viet and Martin help out.



Guide, Rob leads his Pack of Webelos

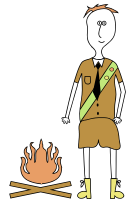


And helped out - again and again.





Ian and Jon teach Webelos and Webelos leaders at the hitching post.



Popcorn Sales Success!

On Oct 11th and 12th Popcorn Sales were held at Stater Brothers 6501 East Spring Street. 8-Noon. Sales were great this year.

Thanks to Mr. Milan and Kathy Hight for their good work.

Michael M. personally was able to sell \$781 dollars worth of popcorn!!!



Camp was a bustling operation all morning.

Halloween Party a Scary Big Success!

Thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters that made this year's party better than ever!



We had more Webelos than we could handle.





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Troop 314 Historian's Report

The daylight saving had ended and the darkness had begun at the early time around 5:30 PM in October.

There were only two big events that held so close together. First, Webelos Woods Camp was held at El Dorado Park from October 24th through October 26th. The T314 scouts helped the Webelos Scouts learned scout skills and had fun. We taught them different knots tying, and they were fascinated and had a great time with the knots' skills. Not only did we teach them knots tying, this was also a chance for us to promote our troop.

Second, T314 hosted a Halloween Party and Fest on October 28th. The Webelos Scouts from Pack 314 were invited and dressed in costume. There were games and foods being served. The Webelos Scouts liked to play the pumpkin pong game, a cake walk game, and other games, too.

Besides playing games, they also earned the goodies and prizes. Overall, they had an awesome time, and the Halloween Party and Fest was a success! Well done job to the scouts and adults to pull it off with two events.

Your Troop Historian, Viet T.



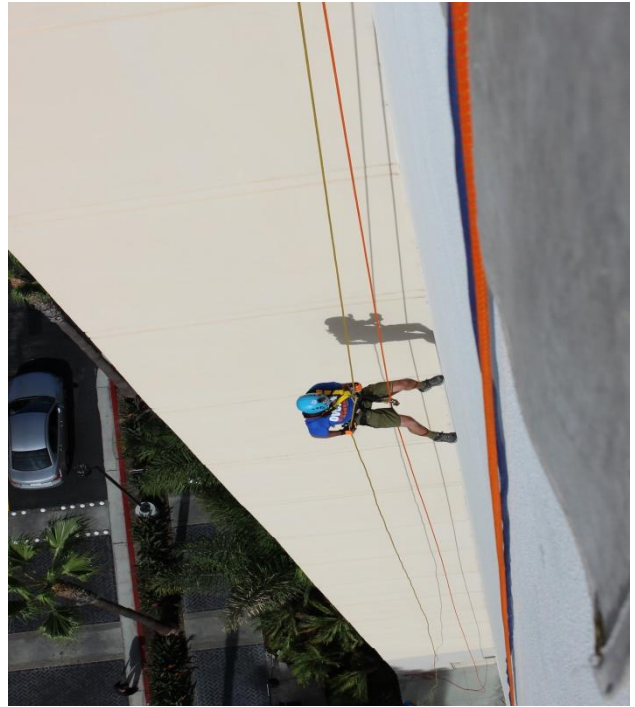
Is that ... BATMAN?

Ever wonder what it would be like to repel down the vertical face a towering building like Batman or Spiderman?

Well a very interesting fundraiser was held at the Marriot Hotel in Irvine on the third weekend in October.

Those who participated were able to repel down the building (17 stories!!!) just like superheroes in the comics. Those who participated plunged themselves “over the edge” to raise funds for the Scouting organization as a whole.

Our Scoutmaster, Mr. M., who volunteered to help out at the event, was as a climb instructor, also able to experience going over the edge.



On way down and down and down.



Over the edge – not looking too worried.



Mr. Marubayashi and Gary McKinney the BSA OC Council Climb Director.

Troop 314 Service Projects:

The Troop has an open position for an Adult Service Project coordinator –

Parents - If you can help out to plan and file a tour activity plan, please let Mr. Hilton know!



Nov. 16th – Robert Pearson's Eagle Project.
Location: 8586 Cedar Drive, Buena Park
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Nov 22nd Roberts Eagle Project 1 to 3 PM

Nov. 25th – No meeting

Dec. 7th – Mistletoe picking
Need an adult and a scout in charge.

Dec. 23rd – No meeting

Long T., Troop Scribe

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

Steven Y. the OA, Representative T314



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES for October 2014:

Long T. 17th 14 years old



Troop 314 Scribe – Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for Oct 7th 2014 AD

Leaders in attendance:

Martin Lee, Ian Marubayashi, Owen Marubayashi, Michael Milan, Robert Pearson, Viet Tran, Mr. Bess, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Marubayashi, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Milan and Mr. Pearson

Viet T. acted as Troop Scribe at this meeting.

Events:

The theme of the month of November is fishing.

Nov. 7th – Dishwashing at the Post

Nov. 8th – Movie night at Caspers Wilderness Park; "Pacific Rim" and "Captain America 2" will be shown at the movie night.

Nov. 11th – Flag retirement Cub Scout Pack 314 Invited.

Nov. 18th – Fishing MB Day

Have a Great Birthday, Scout!

*Associate yourself with men
of good quality if you esteem
your own reputation for 'tis
better to be alone than in
bad company.*

- George Washington



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Own M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Scorpion Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Bull Sharks Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Quartermaster: Gabe B.
- Librarian: Elijah B.
- OA Representative: Steven Y..
- Chaplain's Aide: Robert P.
- Historian: Viet T.

Open Positions in Leadership

- Troop Guide



“It’s the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man.”



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 /
Road To First Class (RTFC)**

– Mr. Bess / Mrs. Hight



AUTOBOTS

– Mr. Hallman / Mr. Feiffer

Meeting Night Patrols

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



The patrol that has flag ceremony /setup / cleanup should show up by 6:45pm (earlier if it's a court of honor). 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 message 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.

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

The Outdoor Code

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

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

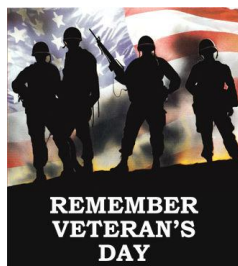
Be careful with fire.

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

Be conservation minded

In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11th. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities – between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. This brutal war was called the “war to end all wars”.

Veterans Day is a time to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am.



So honor this day and the men and women who were willing to stand in the breach and protect America and what she stands for. Thank a Vet for your freedom!

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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.***

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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:

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

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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 get it done!**

Activities:

Archery

Deep Sea Fishing - Commercial ½
day Boat

Ocean fishing — Pier trip / Surf
fishing – San Clemente has a good pier.

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

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

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Lazer 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 / Desert Shoot – High
powered Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun
shoot (Family event)

Rock climbing - Indoor
Rock walls or natural climbs all
work as we have 4 BSA Climb
Instructors in this troop and our
own climb gear/rope!



Angel's Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting

Swim – Pool or Summer Beach
Trip

Scuba Instruction

Snorkeling / Beach Trip

White water rafting

Canoe River Trip

Annual Mistletoe Trip

Annual Homework Burn!

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ



***Bring on the
Adventure!***

Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair

The Buddy System

The buddy system is an important part of Scouting that provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two!



**Get out your Calendars
and mark these dates!**

TROOP 314 EVENTS FOR November 2014:

**3rd Executive Council Meeting at
Cypress Public Library at 7PM to
8:45.**

**4th VOTE! / JLC
Junior Leadership Council (JLC)
Meeting held at AL Post 555 at
6:30 PM.**

**7th (first) Friday night dinner at
Post 555.**

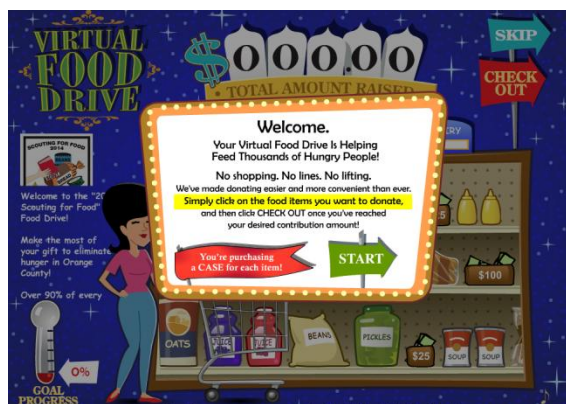
**8th Scouting for Food Drop off at
the Post.**



Scouting for Food Continued:

Filled bags can also be dropped off at your local Smart & Final store between November 4th and November 10th or on November 8th between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

You can also participate in our **Virtual Scouting for Food Drive** until 12/31/2014.



**8th and 9th (Sat / Sun)
Movie Night Camp at Caspers
Wilderness Park**

**(Great Movies! And
Great food, Christian!)**



**11th Veteran's Day
MEETING IS A FLAG
RETIREMENT ARRIVE
EARLY – 6PM Set up!!!**



**13th LOOK E LOO for Webelos at
the Orange Frontier District
Roundtable 7 PM.**

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



**16th (Sunday) Robert P.
Eagle Service Project -
11am to 3pm – Sanding
and sealing wood with
multiple coats. Lunch
will be served.**



**18th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555 starting
at 7PM**

**We were Lucky to able to get
Second Talk by Jerry Lewicki
(Eagle/ASM/Sea-Scout/Sea Base
Counselor) - on Fishing and the
Fishing Merit Badge!**



**Set up, Flag and Oath - Everyone
Blue Phoenix – Game if time
Autobots – No Skill.**

Also, Popcorn orders distributed.

**22nd Robert P's Eagle Service
Project Sunday from 1pm to 3pm –
final Sanding and sealing wood.**

25th NO Meeting.

27th HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Troop 314 Meeting Notes:

- The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.
- Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting, and Patrol meetings these days.
- No meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.

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

In **March** and **September** 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. usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).

Mistletoe picking and distribution / Crystal Lake Recreation Area.

**Pack 314 welcome to Join us!!
Will be meeting at the Post 555
on Sunday AM! Exact time To
be determined**

↗ **December 16th
Troop 314
Court of Honor
(We are having Secret Santa
again this year!)**

**Hanukkah begins 16
December**



↗ **No Meeting on 23rd of
December**

↗ **December 25th
Merry Christmas!**

↗ **Troop Snow Sport Day –
Date and place depends on
SNOW!**

**Troop Recruitment:
Webelos Activity Pin Day –
TBD We are moving out - as
too busy a schedule.**

**Summer Camp 2015
www.chawanakee.com/
Camp Chawanakee. 56 Merit
Badges in 9 Weeks for the
summer of 2015.**



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Christmas Caroling in December - date and place TBD

↗ **December 5th
First Friday Dinner – Scout
volunteers needed.**

↗ **December 7th SUNDAY**

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.

When 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 the plan, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and your designated emergency contact.



Scout Law

A Scout is:

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



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.



Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:



In honor of those who did not return.

**Greater love has no one than this,
that he lay down his life for his
friends.**

John 15:13

- **Robert P. Chaplin's Aide**



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES
Have you heard these?



What was the turkey suspected of?

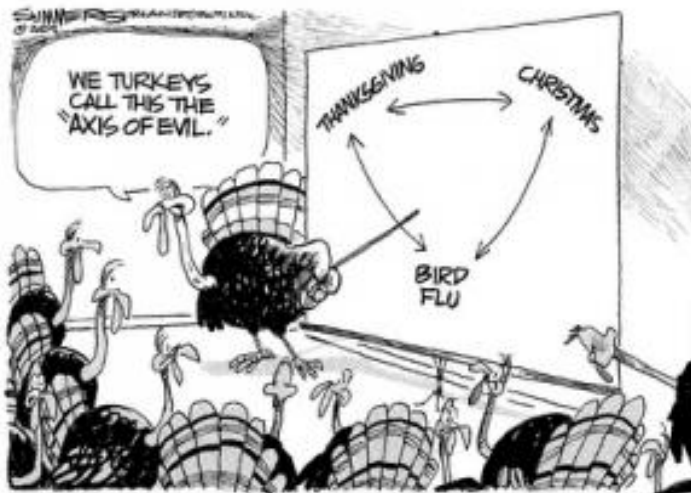
Fowl Play.

Why did the orange start to use suntan lotion?

Because he started to peel!

What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter?

An irrelephant.



Scout Trail Cooking:

Mary Ruth's Honeymoon Chili Recipe

Ingredients:

1 to 1¼ pounds lean ground beef or turkey
½ cup bread crumbs, finely ground
1 large onion
1 – 2 cloves garlic
3 Tbsp Chili Powder
1 15 oz. can kidney or red beans, drained
1 10 oz. can tomato puree
1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes



In the kitchen:

Work bread crumbs into ground meat with your fingers and set aside for a moment. I add bread crumbs because dehydrated meat infused with bread crumbs rehydrates better on the trail. Also, the bread crumbs absorb and lock in more of the chili flavor. If you are not planning on dehydrating this chili recipe for backpacking, there is no need to add bread crumbs to the meat. You can [make your own bread crumbs](#) by dehydrating bread and crushing with the smooth edge of a meat tenderizing mallet.

Sautee onions and garlic in a little olive oil using just enough to coat the pan. It really helps to use a non-stick pan. Add ground meat and cook for about ten minutes until browned, stirring continuously. Add chili powder and cook for one more minute. Add tomato puree, diced tomatoes, and drained beans. Cook until bubbling and then reduce heat to a simmer for one hour.



Dehydrate:

Have a taste and put the rest in the refrigerator overnight. The extra time enhances the flavor. Hitting the trail in the morning? Start dehydrating immediately.

Spread chili out on dehydrator trays covered with non-stick Paraflexx® Sheets or parchment paper. Dehydrate at 125° for 8 – 10 hours. This recipe took up three 15 x 15 Excalibur Dehydrator trays. After about four hours in the dehydrator, break up any meat and beans that might be stuck together with a spoon or your fingers to expose pieces to more air circulation.

Once dry, divide dehydrated chili into one cup or larger servings and pack in plastic zip-lock bags. Yield: Five cups weighing about 12 ounces dry.

On the Trail:

Combine one cup chili with one cup water and let sit for about five minutes. If you are cooking a larger serving, just add an equal part of water to your dried chili. Light stove, bring to a boil and continue cooking for one minute. Remove from stove and place pot inside insulating [pot cozy](#) for ten minutes. Stir and enjoy. Garnish with crackers or dried pita bread chips.

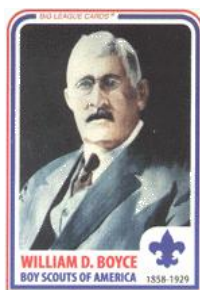


- Courtesy of [backpackingchef.com](#)

In the Beginning

The Boy Scouts of America is an organization founded on the principles of service to others. The story of how it was actually founded is a heartwarming story.

One day in 1909 in London, England, an American visitor, Chicago newspaper publisher William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was.



A boy approached and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

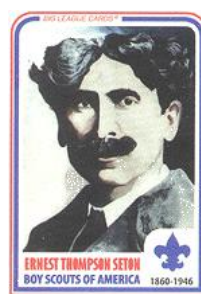
When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him.

"No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce. The boy told the American about himself and his brother Scouts. Boyce became very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office Boyce met Lord Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce, with the help of Edgar M. Robinson (YMCA) and Ernest Thompson Seton (Woodcraft Indians) founded the Boy Scouts of America.



Robinson and the YMCA ran summer camps with outdoor activities. Seton had a fascination with the wilderness that led him to become a naturalist, an artist and an author. His many volumes of Scoutcraft became an integral part of Scouting and made nature study an important part of the Scouting

program. He was the first Chief Scout of the BSA in 1910.

Daniel Carter Beard (Sons of Daniel Boone) soon became a founder when he merged his own boy's organization with the BSA. As the first Scout Commissioner, Beard helped to design the original Scout uniform and introduced the elements of the First Class Badge.

Every year since 1961, the Wall Street Journal has posted the same editorial at Thanksgiving, a uniquely American cultural tradition:

This is indeed a big country, a rich country, in a way no array of figures can measure and so in a way past belief of those who have not seen it. Even those who journey through its Northeastern complex, into the Southern lands, across the central plains and to its Western slopes can only glimpse a measure of the bounty of America.

His countrymen cannot forget the savage face of war. Too often they have been asked to fight in strange and distant places, for no clear purpose they could see and for no accomplishment they can measure. Their spirits are not quieted by the thought that the good and pleasant bounty that surrounds them can be destroyed in an instant by a single bomb. Yet they find no escape, for their survival and comfort now depend on unpredictable strangers in far-off corners of the globe.

.....But we can all remind ourselves that the richness of this country was not born in the resources of the earth, though they be plentiful, but in the men that took its measure. For that reminder is everywhere--in the cities, towns, farms, roads, factories, homes, hospitals, schools that spread everywhere over that wilderness.

We can remind ourselves that for all our social discord we yet remain the longest enduring society of free men governing themselves without benefit of kings or dictators. Being so, we are the marvel and the mystery of the world, for that enduring liberty is no less a blessing than the abundance of the earth.



Norman Rockwell, Freedom from Want

March 6, 1943

**Happy
Thanksgiving
Troop 314!**

TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

To contact the Newsletter Editor or
for more information about Troop 314
Send me a note at T314news@live.com
-Thanks, Mr. Pearson

