

# **National Quarterdeck Trimester 1 Report**



**June 1 - September 30, 2023**

## **Scout Law**

A scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

## **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.

## **Sea Promise**

As a Sea Scout, I promise to do my best: To guard against water accidents, to know the location and proper use of lifesaving devices on every boat I board, to be prepared to render aid to those in need, to let those less able come first.

## **2023 NQD Vision Statement**

To grow, promote, and develop our program and its resources to best support councils and unit Sea Scout activities and work to enhance Sea Scout presence at the local and national level by improving communication, showcasing our value, and exploring new ideas.

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# The National Quarterdeck



## National Boatswain and Boatswain's Mates



# The National Quarterdeck

## Western Sea Scout Support Leads



## Eastern Sea Scout Support Leads



# National Quarterdeck Goals

## Completed

- [Monthly Newsletter](#)
- Presented at council events, Jamboree, Seabadge, and National Roundtables
- [Event Promotion Form](#)
- [Quartermaster Recognition Form](#)
- [Event Article Form](#)
- [Helped a council towards hosting the National Virtual Sea Scout Academy \(NVSSA\)](#)
- Initial contact with council quarterdecks

## Ongoing

- Attending council and scouting events
- Form council quarterdecks and support existing ones
- Showcasing Ships in Action on our Instagram
- Improve and increase communication between the council level and national level
- Working to start new ships



# The National Quarterdeck at Jamboree

At the 2023 National Jamboree, we had several NQD members The National Boatswain, the National Boatswain's Mate (NBM) of Administration, Communication, and Eastern Support respectively; along with the National Sea Scout Support Lead for NST's 1-2. They participated in a Scout Chat Live promoting Sea Scouts and answered questions. The officers were also staffing different areas of Jamboree and had lots of fun with scouts and scouters across the country. The officers also met with the National VOA for the first time in person. All of the testimonials from each officer were positive and they cannot wait to see all the scouts again at NOAC and the following National Jamboree!





# The National Quarterdeck at The USCG Barque Eagle

This past summer 6 Sea Scouts including the National Sea Scout Support Lead for NST's 14-16 were selected to be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; they sailed on the USCG Barque Eagle. Sailing on this vessel is a wonderful experience as they were able to meet other Sea Scouts and Coast Guard Cadets. The scouts on the cruise viewed amazing sunsets, dolphins, and waves as they learned together!





# The VESSI Booth

The Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scout, and International (VESSI) staff had an extraordinary time at the 2023 National Jamboree. VESSI was an opportunity to showcase to scouts and scouters that there are further opportunities in Scouting. VESSI worked together to highlight our older youth programs to scouts by offering engaging themed events and prizes. This was a great success and showcased the strength of our older youth programs!



# New Members of the Fleet



Ships 8, 98, and 300  
Great Smoky Mountain Council



Ship 1510  
Patriots' Path Council



Ship 19  
Blue Mountain Council



Ships 1777 and 1776  
Southwest Florida Council



Ship 5177  
Aloha Council



Ship 831  
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council



# New Members of the Fleet



Ship 132  
Norwela Council



Ship 79  
South Texas Council



Ship 5412  
Central Florida Council



Ship 533  
Long Beach Council



Ship 1926  
Three Fires Council



Ship 482  
Transatlantic Council

# New Members of the Fleet



Ship 2556  
Cherokee Area Council



Ship 9339  
Northern Star Council



Ship 13  
Natchez Trace Council



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