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Troop One's 35th Eagle Scout

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What you are doing now?

After three years enlisted in the Navy, I'm now in my first year at the United States Naval Academy.



Are you married?

Nope.

Kids (names and ages)

None.

Favorite Troop One Memory

I don't know if it's my favorite but it's definitely

my most memorable. At Bosque del Apache, on my first campout with Troop 1, I was sent to get all the spaghetti for my patrol. It was already dark and I had to trek about 100 yards through a section of forest to get to the Old Goats who had cooked our meal. Along the way, I came across Jordan DiMaggio and immediately proceeded to shine a laser pointer at him. Neglecting my path, I tripped over a shrub that had been chain-sawed at the base. I stood up and Jordan pointed out that a branch had broken off into the pants below my knee. Upon further inspection, we found that the stick went well into the meat of my leg. Jordan carried me to the Old Goats, and Mr. Meyer and Mr. Ruane drove me to the nearest emergency room. The doctor eventually got the stick out of my leg after several hours, and I went home early. Mr. Meyer later presented Jordan with a plastic spoon as an award for bravery.

Words of Wisdom (to new/existing scouts, up and coming Eagles), how Eagle has helped you in life, etc.

Stick with scouting. Just learning how to finish something that takes years to do and requires a lot of work is an incredible feat itself. Build the habits of accomplishing goals, like attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Not everyone has the dedication and commitment it takes, but for those who do, it's worth it. The principles of critical thinking, peer leadership, and the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law can be applied to anything you ever do.