

WHALE TALES



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Section Officer Seminar Reflection

Joshua N.

Section E19 Vice Chief

The Officers and I had a great time with all the other Sections at this year's Section Officer Seminar at Camp Alpine in the great state of New Jersey. We collaborated with the other Officers to find out why. We all had a great time learning how to better serve all of you. Saturday afternoon we wrapped up the weekend playing some kickball, odd Sections and the 2023 Region Chief Matt Carlson took home the win against the even Sections and the 2023 National Chief Zach Grinvalsky.



MESSAGE FROM A PAST CHIEF

Warm Greetings!

Arrowman of Section E19,

I hope this writing finds you well! I want to share something important with you.

We are all positioned with, and have the ability to be truly extraordinary! Having the ability to lead hundreds of people is truly a gift I am only just beginning to comprehend. Where you are matters. It only takes one person to change the world, one person to be a spark, one person to stand up when no one else will.

My challenge to you is to be extraordinary, not ordinary. As I enter into a career in the military, I am witnessing more and more people who lead for the wrong reasons, just as we see in the Boy Scouts. We have an opportunity to be a positive role model and make a positive difference. I challenge you to stand up and make yourself known, professionally fight for your ideas and your beliefs. Take your future into your own hands.

The world can be a harsh place, but we need strong leaders to stand up, take control, and who aren't afraid to ask for help and won't back down.

While you may not grasp the importance of this message now, I encourage you to reflect on it, search your own beliefs, and I hope it sparks a conversion down the road to help you be your best.

Arrowmen, all of us have the ability to be great. The President, senior military officers, judges, lawmakers, teachers, entrepreneurs, and successful businessmen were all in your place once.

Take your experiences and learn from them. I have seen many good, and some bad leaders, but it is important to note their mistakes and promise yourself to never repeat such mistakes. Learn from them, set an example, take the high road, not the easy road! Anything worth doing is not easy, but in the end, you'll be grateful you made the effort. It is an investment in character. Do the small things right, appreciate those around you and those who serve under you. Take no one for granted, learn that you're only as good as those you lead.

We lead not for ourselves, but for those we serve and those around us. Inspire others, lead by example, be a servant leader. Everyone has value and brings something to the table. The goal of leading is to leave those you serve in a better place than where they were before you started.

I hope everyone can utilize something from this, leadership is a never ending journey of self-improvement and the best leaders are continuously making alterations, seeking and striving for excellence.

I challenge you to take that step forward, no matter how uncomfortable. Make that difference, it gets easier once you start on the first step. Trust me. Be the leader you wish you had, change someone's life, possibly many lives for the better. Be a positive difference! You can do it!

Wishing you the very best,

**Johnathan Nero
Section Chief
2022 - 2023**



LODGE HIGHLIGHTS



Catamount

Jack A.
Lodge Chief

Catamount right now is just getting the ball rolling and doing well. We just had a successful LLD and the LEC selected the winner of our Camp Wanocksett 100th Anniversary Lodge Flap Design Contest. We were also privileged to have had guest speakers from other lodges, such as Chris Gardner. The LEC will have our first meeting and we had our Lodge Banquet. Our banquet will also be celebrating the fifth birthday of Catamount Lodge. We are excited to get the elections started now that it is the new year and are ready to hold some great events.

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Tantamous

**Joshua N.
Lodge Chief**



Tantamous Lodge has been busy inducting almost 200 people this year. We held our annual Lodge Banquet at the start of January where our 2024 Eastern Region Chief Cam Dalton joined us along. We honored all of our past Tantamous Lodge Chiefs. Now we look forward to our combined LLD with Abaki-Mi-Sa-Na-Ki where we can't wait to get our leaders trained so they can thrive in their roles this upcoming year.

New Officers

In December, our Section Chief Cam was elected the 2024 Eastern Region Chief. On January 21st, we held a special election to elect our new section chief and any other positions that became available at the election. Dan F. of Catamount Lodge was elected to finish the remainder of the 2023-2024 Section Chief term. With Dan's election to Chief, we now needed to elect a new section vice chief. Joshua N. of Tantamous Lodge was elected to finish out the remainder of the 2023-2024 Section Vice Chief term. With Joshua's election to section vice chief, we now needed to elect a new section secretary. Mathieu C. of Madockawanda Lodge was elected to finish out the remainder of the 2023-2024 Section Secretary term.

Congratulations to you all! We can't wait to see what you accomplish!

What's Next?

Joshua N.
Section E19 Vice Chief

Congratulations to our very own Chief Cam Dalton on his election to be the 2024 Eastern Region Chief. We can't wait to see all you accomplish this year in your new role! We wish you the best of luck!

We want you to join us for our ACT Conference on March 2nd at St. Johns Prep in Danvers, MA. If you would like to register go to <https://sectione19.oa-bsa.org/act/> to register. We can't wait to see you all there!

Also coming up is our annual New England Fellowship hosted by Madockawanda Lodge at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine. If you would like to register go to <https://sectione19.oa-bsa.org/nef/> to register.

Thank you for reading the winter edition of Whale Tales.



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