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# The Cachalotter

News, Information, & Memories for and for the Members of the Camp Cachalot Alumni Association

*Stuart Fraser Morgan and the First World Jamboree • Homecoming on July 8<sup>th</sup>*

**Robert "Bob" Richard Named to Wall of Fame**

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**On the cover:** Cachalot's Totem Pole, under the awning at Noquochoke Lodge. Photo courtesy Dennis J. Wilkinson, II

## The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association

The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association was founded in 2004 with the express purpose of supporting Camp Cachalot and being a social organization for the extended family of the Camp. Anyone who has ever had any involvement with Camp Cachalot, the former Moby Dick Council, or any of the predecessor camps or Councils is eligible for membership. It is a not-for-profit organization operated under the auspices of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Our membership year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, and all membership fees contribute directly to our endowment fund, the proceeds of which go directly towards the support of Camp Cachalot.

More information about the Alumni Association, including membership forms, back issues of *The Cachalletter*, Camp history, and online discussion forums, can be found online at our web site:

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## Bring a Friend!

Brian Bastarache, Association Chairman

It has been a cool and rainy spring. Memorial Day has passed. The rain has raised Five Mile Pond back to a more typical level. Another season of weekend camping trips is winding down and preparations for the 2017 summer camp season are ramping up. The excitement is growing and so is the list of things that need to be done. Summer is always busy as we try to fit in all of the chores and fun we can in order to "make hay while the sun shines."

Cachalot is, and has been, a busy place. Cachalot summer camp attendance has increased every year since 2012. (Ours is one of the few camps in the region who can make this claim.) Over 100 (30%) more campers attended summer camp at Cachalot in 2016 than did in 2012. This success is not only due to the crystal clear lakes, hungry bass, forested hills, and whip-poor-wills that sing us to sleep. Much of the credit must be given to the friendly, outgoing and dedicated customer-service attitude of the camp administration and staff. You can be part of the continued success of Cachalot through our organization. Here's how.

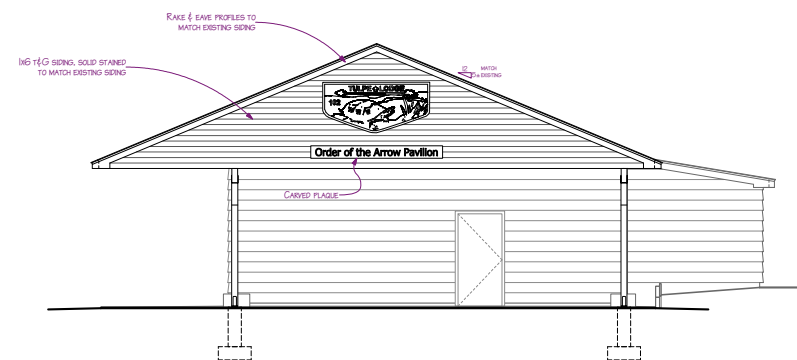
**Join us on July 8th for the Annual Cachalot Homecoming.** This is a day to enjoy a cookout with old friends and walk around camp. Even more importantly you can help honor the recognition and induction of Robert Richard onto the Cachalot Wall of Fame for his years of service to Cachalot. It is people like Mr. Richard that make Cachalot so special. You can also take a more active role in the Cachalot Wall of Fame.

While the entire Camp Cachalot Alumni Association membership has the opportunity to vote for Wall of Fame nominees, it pains me to report that most of the nominations come from our Association's executive committee. There are many, many people who have contributed to the success and magic of Cachalot, both during and outside of summer camp. The board members will not remember all of them. You may have some great ideas for those who deserve consideration. We cannot guarantee that a nominee will win, but one must first be nominated to have a chance.

We want your input. **I challenge you to write one nomination for the Cachalot Wall of Fame Class of 2018.** Please put on your thinking caps. Flip through your old photographs. Come up with some ideas. Homecoming is a great time to remember all of those that made your camp experiences so great. (You can find information about Wall of Fame nominations on the Camp Cachalot Alumni Association website.) Nominations for 2018 are already open, and there is no time like the present to get something started.

More hands make lighter work. Call those old friends from camp. **Come to Homecoming. Bring a friend!** They can join the Association at Homecoming. We want their ideas for Wall of Fame nominations. We want them to vote for the 2018 nominees. (Anyone can nominate. Only members can vote.) We want all of you to join us at future Association events. We want all of us to show our support for the camp upon the lakeside, our favorite place, our most special place, Cachalot.

Let's all be part of another great year at Cachalot. 🏡



North elevation of Noquochoke Lodge with the addition of the Order of the Arrow Pavilion

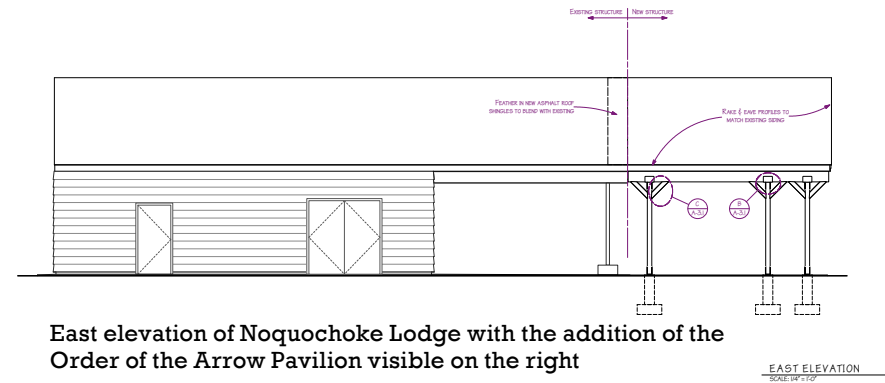
NORTH ELEVATION  
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" ①



## Stay Involved

Joe Livingston, Camp Director

As summer camp continues to approach there are plenty of opportunities to stay involved with "the best camp." Want to come chat with the scouts one afternoon about your specialty? Put on a demonstration? Come sing a song? How about taking in one of the beautiful sunsets over Five Mile? Cachalot continues to thrive as a camp with a personality and family atmosphere. As part of the Cachalot family please feel free to come visit and take part in another amazing summer of Scouting adventures! 🏡



East elevation of Noquochoke Lodge with the addition of the Order of the Arrow Pavilion visible on the right

EAST ELEVATION  
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" ②



## The Order of the Arrow Pavilion: Help is Needed

Dave Paulson, Tulpe Lodge Adviser

In 2017, Tulpe Lodge was awarded an OA Service Grant from the National Order of the Arrow to construct a covered pavilion/multipurpose program area at Cachalot Scout Reservation. In addition to the Service Grant, the Lodge has received financial support from the Alumni Association and private donations to make the project possible.

As the camp continues to grow, one of its greatest needs is covered program areas. Besides program, covered structures serve as shelter during inclement weather and emergencies. The goal of the project is to create a program area in order to increase capacity, improve accessibility, and continue to meet the needs of the Scouting program. It will serve as a resource for our National Youth Leadership Trainings, summer camp Scoutmaster meetings/BBQ, and off-season programs including council and service area events. The Pavilion will be an addition off of Noquochoke Lodge. It will be known as the Order of the Arrow Pavilion and constructed in honor of Robert LeComte, the long-time Noquochoke and Neemat Lodge Lay Adviser.

Tulpe Lodge is pleased to announce that we will be breaking ground in August and would like to reach out to the members of the Association and any friend of camp to help. Construction of the pavilion will take place August 19-27<sup>th</sup>. Whether you can help for multiple days, or just for an afternoon, your cheerful service will be greatly appreciated.

We are currently building the work schedule for the project. If you are able to help, please email David Paulson at [david.paulson.245@gmail.com](mailto:david.paulson.245@gmail.com) with your availability. Once identified, your information will be shared with the construction team leads and you will be included on their communications. This is an exciting opportunity and the OA looks forward to partnering with the Alumni Association. If you have any questions about the project do not hesitate to reach out. 🏡

*Editor's Note: the Camp Cachalot Alumni Association has contributed \$3,000 from our Project Fund towards the completion of the Order of the Arrow Pavilion project.*

## 2017 Cachalot Alumni Events

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
11:00AM - 5:00PM  
**Homecoming 2017**  
Cachalot Scout Reservation  
Plymouth, MA

August 19<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Tulpe Lodge Pavilion Construction Days**  
Cachalot Scout Reservation  
Plymouth, MA

September 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Labor Day Family Camping Weekend**  
Cachalot Scout Reservation  
Plymouth, MA

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# Perseverance Resolved

## Stuart Fraser Morgan and the First World Jamboree

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It is probably safe to assume that none of you have ever heard of Stuart Morgan. His name does not appear on the Eagle roster, there is no plaque to him gathering dust in a building and he does not go down in the annals of our beloved Camp Cachalot. However, back in the spring and summer of 1920 Stuart Morgan was the most famous Scout in New Bedford and among 300 of the most select Scouts in the entire nation.

Stuart Fraser Morgan was born August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1902 in Adams, MA to William T. Morgan an immigrant from Wales who worked as an overseer in a blanket factory and Laura Ross Morgan of Scottish decent who emigrated from Nova Scotia. The Morgan family moved to New Bedford while Stuart was still very young and took up residence at 601 Coggeshall Street.

The Boy Scout movement was still very much in its fledgling stages when Stuart Morgan joined Scouting's ranks. Although Scouting units can be traced back as early as 1910 in New Bedford, locally administered Scouting was not introduced until 1916 with the incorporation of the New Bedford, Bristol County Council. Stuart Morgan joined Scouting in December of 1917 and achieved Tenderfoot rank on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1918. He earned Second Class on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918 and First Class on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1918. By 1920 he had earned merit badges in camping, public health and cooking. He was a member of Troop 27 sponsored by the First Primitive Methodist Church of New Bedford.

Morgan was a student at New Bedford High School and a graduate of the class of 1920. Until this point his Scouting adventures were really not all that out of the ordinary. However, by June of 1920 he would be thrust into the limelight as one of an elite group of Scouts nationwide and the international representative of the New Bedford, Bristol County Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The world was still recovering from four years of horrific bloodshed and loss in the wake of World War I when Scouting's founder, Sir. Robert Baden-Powell announced the first international gathering of Scouts or what we've come to know as the World Jamboree. Baden-Powell's announcement read as follows:

*"It is my hope to bring together representatives of all the Scouts of the World in a demonstration which, after an example of the North American Indians, we call a Jamboree."*

*I want to make this Jamboree as occasion as one to mark our appreciation of the restoration of peace towards which Scouts, past and present, have done their considerable bit; and also to fulfill the objects given below. I, therefore, want to invite the support and help of all Commissioners and Scoutmasters to make the Jamboree a really outstanding success and a distinct forward step in the history of our Movement.*

*The Objects of the Jamboree are:*

*To stimulate energy among the Troops.*

*To makes our aims and methods better understood among Educators, Parents, Clergy and the Public.*

*To recruit Scoutmasters and workers.*

*To bring Oversea and Foreign Scouts in closer touch with us.*

*To push forward our organization in the densely populated Industrial centers where moral and physical training is so badly needed for the boys.*

*It is for these objects that I venture to ask for your kind help and support."*



Stuart Fraser Morgan, as pictured in the June 6, 1920 New Bedford Standard

It is unknown where Stuart Morgan first heard about the World Jamboree. It was announced in the January 1920 issue of Boy's Life and by the February issue it was made clear that each individual council would have the opportunity to select and send one boy to the Jamboree at the council's expense. All interested Scouts were directed to contact their local councils for further information. By the

April issue of 1920 clear guidelines as to the selection process were beginning to come out. The article makes clear that the selection of the Scout representative should be based solely on merit but that the ultimate selection is the final judgment of the local council. Suggested criteria included:

- Progress in passing Scout rank requirements and merit badges.
- Intensive activity in civic and individual good turns and general Scout-like spirit in conduct.
- Excellence in appearance and proper uniforming.
- He must be a First Class Scout and have written permission from his parents to participate in the Jamboree.
- He must pass a medical examination.
- His local council must pay his expenses.
- He must commit to 10 days of pre-Jamboree training before departure to the event.

A June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1920 article in the New Bedford Evening Standard announced that Stuart Fraser Morgan had, after thorough examination, been selected by the Jamboree Committee as the representative of the council to the World Jamboree. It was further announced that one of the requirements for selection was an unqualified endorsement by the officers of the Scout's Troop and according to the article Morgan's Scoutmaster James W. Wilde gave this endorsement in most emphatic terms.

The delegation was scheduled to leave July 6<sup>th</sup> from New York. Prior to departure they all gathered at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, NY for pre-Jamboree training. Leadership of the US delegation to the Jamboree was given to Colonel L.R. Gignilliat, President of the local Council in Culver, IN and a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America. Colonel Gignilliat was one of the early members of the Boy Scouts of America and Superintendent of the Culver Military Academy.

The US War Department announced that special transportation had been arranged for the American contingent aboard the USS *Pocahontas*. The *Pocahontas* was originally a German ocean liner that had been confiscated by the United States at the outbreak of World War I and refitted as a troop transport vessel during the War. During the War she made eighteen round trips across the Atlantic transporting more than 24,500 soldiers over and 23,296 back to the States after the armistice.

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Stuart and his fellow Jamboree delegates arrived in NY on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and were directed to Fort Hamilton. Inspection was the first order of the day followed by thorough medical examinations. The Sigmund Eisner Company, official outfitters of the Boy Scouts of America provided each Jamboree delegate with a brand new complete Scout uniform insuring our Scouts would look sharp and be uniform in their appearance. On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> the Scouts were all taken to Coney Island for entertainment, a swim in the ocean and a lovely dinner on the shore. Sunday morning the Scouts attended chapel. Afterwards about 100 Scouts were granted leave to spend time with their parents while the remaining 200 or so Scouts were taken on a sight-seeing trip through Manhattan on busses, which included stops at the Boy Scout headquarters. A farewell reception was held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> in Central Park. At 4:00PM that day the Scouts joined by local NYC Scouts gathered at Madison Square and formed a parade procession replete with flags and banners to Sheep Meadow in Central Park where a crowd had gathered. Afterwards a dinner was held for Scouts and their parents at the Hotel Pennsylvania. While it was an informal affair reports commented that Scouts filled every "chink and corner" of the program with songs and patrol calls.

The USS *Pocahontas* was scheduled to depart at 1:00PM on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from Pier 3 at Hoboken. At 9:30AM the delegation departed Fort Hamilton and boarded a cutter bound for Pier 3. By 12:30 the Scouts were marching up the gang-planks with their duffel bags and valises in hand. Promptly at 1:00PM the final whistle blew, ropes were cast off and the tugs began to push the *Pocahontas* out of the harbor as Stuart Fraser Morgan of Troop 27 New Bedford took his final glances at "Lady Liberty" and set his sights on the adventure of a lifetime still to come.

301 American Scouts and 54 adult leaders representing 103 communities in 34 States comprised the US delegation to the first World Jamboree. While there were a handful of Scouts from Massachusetts attending the event, Morgan was the only member of his council in attendance and in fact, with the exception of John Langdon of Providence, RI was the only Scout from the modern-day Narragansett Council to participate in this first international gathering of world Scouting.

The *Pocahontas* arrived in port at Southampton a day ahead of schedule dashing all plans for a festive welcome from British Scouts. The delegation put ashore in the dark and

boarded trains for London. They arrived at midnight at Midway Park where they set up camp and bunked down for their first night's sleep on foreign soil. Coincidentally, Midway Park was the



of their stay. Richmond camp also included between 4,000 and 5,000 other Scouts from 23 separate nations. While much of the stay in England was rainy, Scouts were well prepared and did not let the weather diminish their Scout spirit. On July 30<sup>th</sup> the Duke of Connaught opened the International Boy Scout Jamboree that officially opened the following day in the Olympia Hall.

In order to accommodate all the Scouts in the limited space of the Olympia arena a regular schedule was instituted. From 11:00AM-2:00PM there was free time for all competition open for public viewing. From 2:00PM-5:00PM and again from 7:00PM-9:00PM the real competitions took place. Competitions included everything from first aid, fire building, tug-o-war, bugling, shelter building, physical fitness, obstacle courses and more. While the Americans didn't win all the competitions they did win the pageant category for their impressive drill performances. In fact, their presentation was so captivating the closing program of the Jamboree was changed to accommodate an encore of the American performance. The performance included Indian scenes, the erection of a teepee, smoking of the peace pipe, dancing and a prayer.

As the Jamboree closed and the pressure of competition finally behind them, Morgan and the rest of the American delegation were

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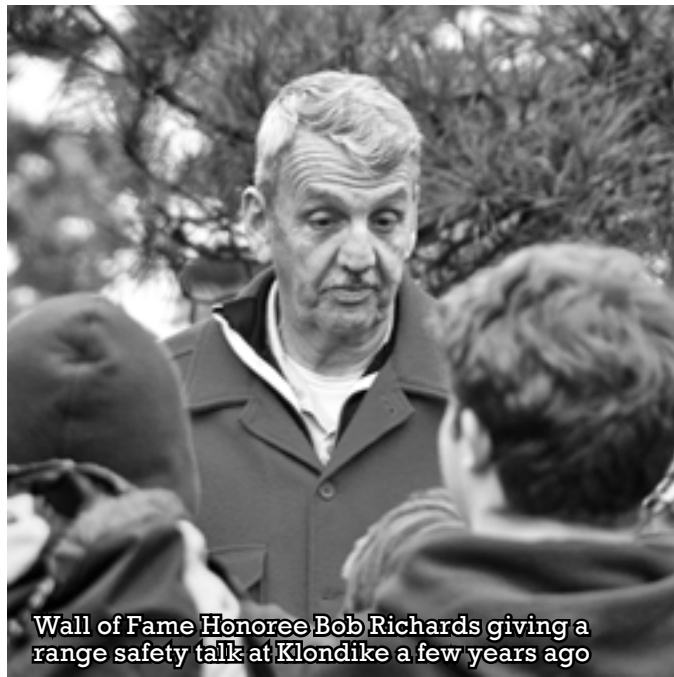
**Dennis J. Wilkinson, II** is a founding member of the Camp Cachalot Alumni Association, currently serving as the Minister of Propaganda Communications Chairman and archivist. An Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor recipient, he has been involved with Camp Cachalot in various capacities for nearly 40 years. He holds a BS in Computer and Information Sciences from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, which serves him well as a software developer and engineering manager for The MathWorks.



# Homecoming Soon (to a Camp Near You!)

*Robert "Bob" Richard to be Inducted Onto the Cachalot Wall of Fame at This Year's Event*

There are few things better than time spent at camp, so please come and join us for the day on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, beginning at noon, for our annual Homecoming out at Cachalot. It's also an opportunity to join us in celebrating the contributions of this year's Camp Cachalot Wall of Fame Honoree, long-time summer camp shooting sports director and prolific volunteer Robert "Bob" Richard.



Wall of Fame Honoree Bob Richards giving a range safety talk at Klondike a few years ago

After checking in at the camp's Welcome Center in the boat-house, join us under the awning at Noquochoke Lodge across from Tom Cullen Field for a cookout with your fellow alumni. You'll be able to catch up with camp friends old and new as well as see the site of the to-be-constructed Order of the Arrow Pavilion. While you're there, feel free to pop inside of Noquochoke Lodge to check out the collection of building plaques saved from Camp Noquochoke, along with the newly-restored Camp Noquochoke sign (many thanks to George Styke for his work doing that restoration!) We'll also hold a brief annual meeting of the Association, so you can stay informed of what we've been up to over the past year and what we're looking to accomplish next year.

We'll head over to the Bill Joyce Memorial Flag Field and the Wall of Fame at about 1:30PM for our Wall of Fame Induction ceremony. As usual, we will have limited seating by the Wall of Fame for the inductee and his family. If you'd like to sit during the ceremony, bringing a camp chair is advised. The ceremony will run for roughly a half hour. Once it has concluded, camp will remain open until 5:00PM, to give you some time to visit your favorite places or check out the improvements made to camp since you last visited, including the recent expansion of the Dining Hall. Members of the Association will be on hand to help you navigate, if the terrain has changed a bit from your last visit.

If you do plan to join us for lunch, we'd appreciate an RSVP letting us know how many will be partaking, either via our web site, email, or on the event's page in our Facebook group, so we can plan amounts accordingly. In addition, we'll also have a selection of Alumni Association merchandise available for sale, including polo shirts, T-shirts, and photo prints, and the camp's Trading Post will be open for a portion of the day.

Please spread the word! Like all of our other events, Homecoming is open to members and non-members alike, and we'd love to see other old friends who haven't yet found the time to join our Association!

### About This Year's Honoree

Robert "Bob" Richard is most well-known to Scouts and Scouters as a summer camp fixture, having served 14 years as the rifle range instructor, Shooting Sports and Field Sports Director, a role for which he happily volunteered, never taking a paycheck for his services. In that role he was responsible for the first nationally inspected and approved paint ball range. But that's only a part of Bob's contributions to Cachalot.

He paid his first visit to camp in 1996 as adult supervision for his step son's troop, camping in the 21 Club. In the years since, he has the aforementioned 14 years on the rifle range during Boy Scout summer camp, 7 years on the Cub Scout Day Camp staff as the range safety officer, many years as a Campmaster, and has helped staff various district and council events out at camp, including Powder Horn, Klondike Derbies, and many camporees, even chairing the 2005 Fall Camporee. He was also active in other areas of Scouting, including service on the commissioner staff, the Popcorn committee, as the advancement chair for Troop 27 in Fall River, and as an Elangomat for the Order of the Arrow. He is the recipient of numerous Scouting awards, including the Bronze Pelican, Wood Badge, the Vigil honor, and the Silver Beaver.

Bob also has a long history of service projects at Cachalot. He would head to camp for the summer in early June each year, to assist the Ranger in getting camp ready for summer camp in advance of the rest of the staff. Projects included new back stops for the rifle range; demolition work for the renovation of

Prescott Dining Hall, then helping with screen installation, concrete work, and exterior painting for that renovation; urethaning the interior of the Trading Post; helping with alterations of the Handicraft area at Noquochoke Lodge including the construction of a new gun locker; prefab work on the wash house at Site 3; staining and siding work at the 21 Club; improvements to the Duplex; and drainage and septic work. When not working directly with the Ranger, Bob would make repairs to tents, platforms, cradles, trim trees, chip wood, and keep the grass mowed (not to mention keeping the mower, the string trimmers, and the golf carts running, including donating a riding mower to camp.) He was at camp every other Thursday for many years, helping the Ranger keep things running.

Our Ranger goes so far as to say "He played some small part in almost every major project but his major help to me was getting so many of the annual things done so I could focus on the major stuff. He really did so much and I was spoiled to have him around. He loved the camp and thought of it as his second home."

For all of these contributions to Camp's well-being, you and your fellow Association members saw fit to elevate him to the Wall of Fame. 🍷

## Homecoming 2017 Information

### Where & When

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
12:00PM-5:00PM

Cachalot Scout Reservation  
Plymouth, Massachusetts

### More Info

Free admission for members  
and non-members

\$5 suggested donation for lunch

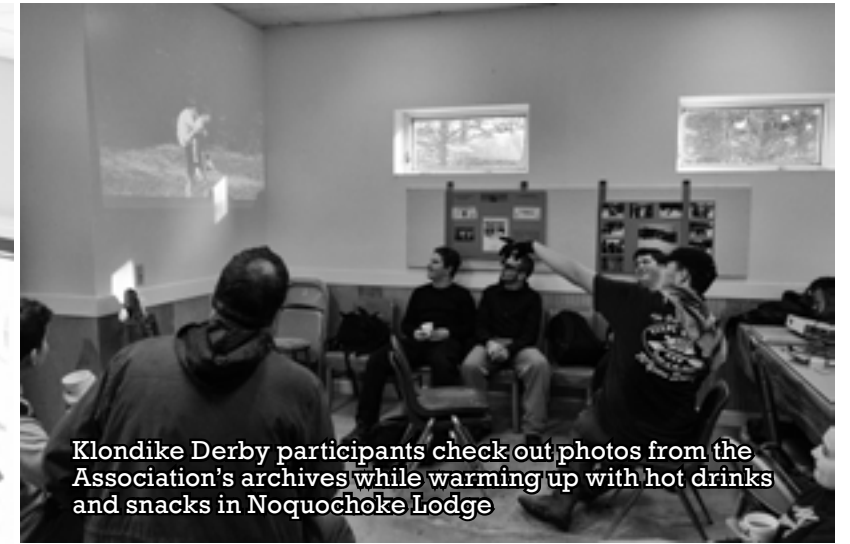
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or to RSVP

# A Few Moments from Our Events



Tulpe Lodge Chief Liam Roessler describing the lodge's Pavilion project to attendees at Winter Gathering 2017



Klondike Derby participants check out photos from the Association's archives while warming up with hot drinks and snacks in Noquochoke Lodge



Andy Novick horsing around with alumni kids on the waterfront on Five Mile Pond during our Memorial Day Family Camping weekend

## In Memoriam

We've lost several members of the Cachalot family in the first half of 2017. Our thoughts go out to their families and friends, including those who knew them best from their times at Cachalot.



**Rev. Richard C. Brodeur**, 68, passed away on March 23. Mr. Brodeur was well-known as a Scouting volunteer and merit badge counselor, in addition to significant work in the community as a Freemason and Shriner. He is survived by his son Matthew, brother, sister, sister-in-law, great aunt, god son, and many nieces and nephews.



**Jerome Gamache**, 64, passed away on March 18. A thirty-year veteran of the Fall River Police Department, Jerry served on the staffs of both Camp Noquochoke and Camp Cachalot during his Scouting career. He is

survived by his wife, Annette, and his caregiver John Costa, Jr.



**Robert Edward Gaw**, 89, passed away on March 6. He served honorably in the US Navy during the second World War, and went on to a long career as an inspector with the Fall River Water Department. He was proud of his work as the Scoutmaster of Troop 5, where he graduated 4 Eagle Scouts. He is survived by his wife Jean Sally, his son Robert, his daughters Cathy and Barbara, nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.



**Bruce Messier**, 56, passed away unexpectedly on May 12. He was a dispatcher for the New Bedford Police Department for 18 years, as well as an auxiliary police officer. Bruce volunteered his time at Cachalot and

with several New Bedford and Dartmouth troops during his Scouting career. He is survived by his wife Michelle, his son Allen, his daughter Laura, his brothers Scott and Mark, and several nieces and nephews.



**Roger Ouellette**, 71, passed away on January 23. Roger was a member of the US Marine Corps, having served two tours in Vietnam as a field radio operator and military police supervisor. He went on to serve for over 20 years on the New Bedford Police Department, retiring as a Juvenile Detective. He served as a unit leader with Troop 12, and as a volunteer for several district and council activities in the 1980s. He is survived by his wife Michelle, his son Scott, two grandchildren, a sister, and several nieces and nephews. 🍷

*May the Great Scoutmaster of all great Scouts be with us until we meet again.*

## Perseverance Resolved

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able to relax and prepare for some incredible touring of the European continent. They left England and headed for France. In Paris Morgan and the Americans marched under the Arc de Triomphe, performed an encore of their prize-winning pageant from the Jamboree, and then visited the battlefields of World War I. In an impressive ceremony they lay bronze wreaths at the graves of the American fallen at both Belleau-Wood and Chateau Thierry. From Paris they headed to Brussels as official guests of the Belgian Government. They were quartered at a military academy and enjoyed their first hot baths and a dip in a swimming pool since their arrival at the Jamboree. Again, Morgan and his fellow Scouts performed their pageant this time to a crowd of over 20,000 in a park outside Brussels, Bois de la Cambrai.

The Scouts left Brussels and headed to Antwerp where the 1920 Olympic games were in full swing. The Scouts visited the Olympics and at the request of King Albert of Belgium served as his honor guard as he approached the Olympic arena. On Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> the American delegation departed aboard the US transport *Princess Matoika* bound for home. One can only imagine what

must have been going through the mind of young Stuart Fraser Morgan after nearly two months surrounded by the largest melting pot of young people perhaps ever convened to that date. He had been in the presence of monarchs, the founder of Scouting himself, brother Scouts from near and far, visited the Olympic games and stood at the graves of the American heroes of World War I.

At the closing ceremonies of the Jamboree Baden-Powell challenged the Scouts of the world with this charge:

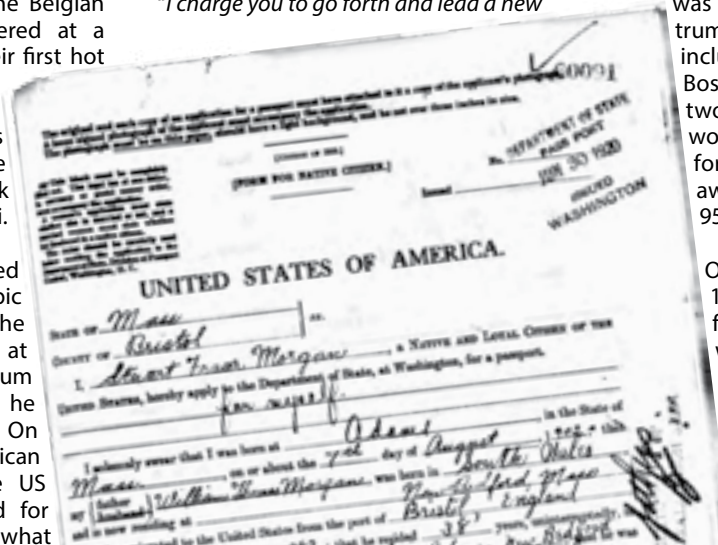
*"I charge you to go forth and lead a new*

*life. Make the world worthy of those that have fallen. I want you to go back resolved to keep that peace with your brother Scouts bought with their lives. Will you do this thing?"*

A resounding, "I will do my best" bellowed from the throats of thousands of gathered Scouts.

Stuart Fraser Morgan would go on graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He became an engineer by profession. According to his obituary he was an accomplished musician playing trumpet or coronet throughout his life including with the MIT Band and the Boston Symphony. He married and had two daughters and a son and lived and worked in southeastern Massachusetts for the remainder of his life. He passed away on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1998 at the age of 95.

Over the course of two months in 1920 Stuart Morgan was the most famous Scout in New Bedford...who will be next to follow in his footsteps of achievement and perseverance? Who will be next to pickup the mantle of Baden-Powell's charge and make a world worthy of those who perished for it? "Will you do this thing?"



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