



Robert "Bob" Connelly

Patch Description

The "One Hundred" celebrates the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America . The white cross represents Bob's contribution to over 50 years of assisting Scouts in their quest to obtain their faith's religious award. It also recognizes his vision to initiate annual religious Scouting retreats that are still held today almost 50 years later. The Scout symbol in the center of the patch is a reminder of his 70 + years of Scouting. Finally, the purple "knot" worn by millions of Scouters will be a lasting reminder of his innovative effort to propose and have the BSA adopt a religious knot for Scouters.

BIO

Robert "Bob" Connelly joined Troop 11 at age 12 in Bellefontaine, Ohio and has never been far from Scouting ever since. From 1930 to present day, Bob has found time to raise a family of 8 kids, managed several family moves and created a legacy in Scouting that can only be equaled by very few. He attained Eagle Scout, started a Boy Scout Troop, and went to college before military service called on him. Bob and sons were active in Boy Scouts in Lockport (New York) and Springfield (Ohio) before the family settled in Fort Worth , Texas during 1961. Since then, Bob became Pack 97 Cubmaster, Troop 97 Committeeman, Troop 497 Committeeman, and had several positions at the District and Council level. Mr. Connelly believed in Scouts obtaining their religious awards so he became a religious awards counselor, co-founded a Boy Scout Retreat, and was the Scouter who proposed a religious knot for adults. Bob was awarded the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award and the St George Award.