



## Scouting Salutes the Military 2026 Prospectus

**Date & Location:** April 23, 2026 | Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA

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### Honoring Service, Celebrating Leadership

Scouting Salutes the Military returns in 2026 to honor the powerful and enduring bond between Scouting and the military community. Held during the Month of the Military Child, this meaningful event recognizes individuals whose lives exemplify the values of leadership, duty, and resilience—core tenets shared by both Scouting and military service.

We are proud to present **ten distinguished awards** honoring:

- 🏆 **Active Duty Service Member from each branch of service**
- 🏆 **Veteran**
- 🏆 **Department of Defense or Military Department Civilian**
- 🏆 **Military Defense Contractor (Individual or Company)**
- 🏆 **Military Child who is a Scout (*Honored Separately*)**

### Nominations Now Open

Help us spotlight outstanding individuals who embody the spirit of service and Scouting.

**Submit nominations by October 1, 2025 to: [alissa.deaver@scouting.org](mailto:alissa.deaver@scouting.org)**

(Detailed nomination criteria and submission guidelines are attached. Honorees will be announced on **November 1, 2025**.)

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### Event Objective

Scouting Salutes the Military underscores the alignment between Scouting's mission and military service. This event seeks to:

1. Celebrate honorees for their service and civic contributions.
2. Strengthen connections between Scouting and the military community.

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3. Highlight shared values of leadership, integrity, and service.
4. Raise **\$100,000** to support the **National Capital Area Council, Scouting America**, ensuring more youth—especially from military families—benefit from Scouting’s life-changing programs.

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### Why Support Scouting Salutes the Military?

- **Celebrate Leadership:** Recognize exemplary individuals who serve with distinction.
- **Empower Future Leaders:** Your support funds local Scouting programs that develop resilient youth in military families.
- **Connect with Purpose:** Network with military leaders, policymakers, and corporate partners in a prestigious and mission-driven setting.

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### 2026 Event Goals

1. Honor and uplift the achievements and sacrifices of our awardees and their families.
2. Spotlight the impact of Scouting on military communities.
3. Showcase and appreciate sponsor contributions.
4. Create an engaging and memorable experience for all attendees.
5. Reach the \$100,000 fundraising goal to fund key Scouting initiatives.

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### The Enduring Connection Between Scouting and the Military

For over a century, Scouting has helped shape the character and leadership skills of America’s youth—qualities vital to military service.

#### By the numbers:

- **57%** of NASA astronauts participated in Scouting
- **20%** of Air Force Academy cadets were Scouts

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- **36%** of West Point cadets were Scouts
- **14%** of U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen were Scouts

From space to service, Scouting builds tomorrow's leaders—and supports today's military families with programs that provide structure, community, and adventure.



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### Sponsorship Opportunities

Your sponsorship affirms the values of service and leadership while directly supporting the next generation of changemakers.

To learn more or secure your support:

 **Alissa Deaver, Director of Corporate Relations and Events**

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### Past Honorees & Keynote Speakers

We've been honored to recognize national leaders and heroes, including:

- **Brigadier General Charles McGee**, Tuskegee Airman
- **General David L. Goldfein**, Retired Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
- **Captain John Rotruck**, Commander, USNS Mercy
- **The Honorable Joe Manchin III**, U.S. Senator

Past emcees and keynote speakers include:

- **The Honorable Togo D. West**
  - **The Honorable Louis Caldera**
  - **Vice Admiral Rick Williamson (USN Retired)**
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### Join Us

Celebrate the extraordinary commitment of the military community. Support Scouting Salutes the Military and invest in the leaders of tomorrow.

**Make a Difference. Support Leadership. Celebrate Success.**

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