

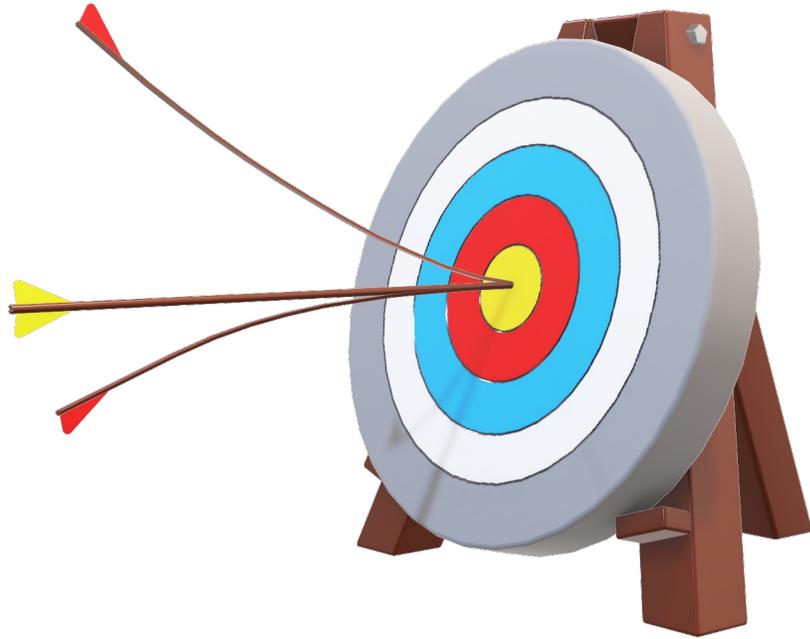
Unit Service

Understanding how Unit Commissioners support your unit through service





Objectives



- **Explain the Purpose of Unit Service**
 - Clearly explain the concept of unit service and its significance.
- **The Role of a Unit Commissioner:**
 - Gain an understanding of the responsibilities and functions of a Unit Commissioner.
- **Getting Support from Unit Commissioners:**
 - As a unit leader, learn how to access the support available to you and your unit.
- **How to join the District Commission Staff:**
 - Learn how you can take your passion for scouting to support our unit.



What is Unit Service

Unit service is a concept and model of how scouting ensures that units have the **resources**, **knowledge**, and **assistance** they need to deliver a high-quality Scouting program to youth members.





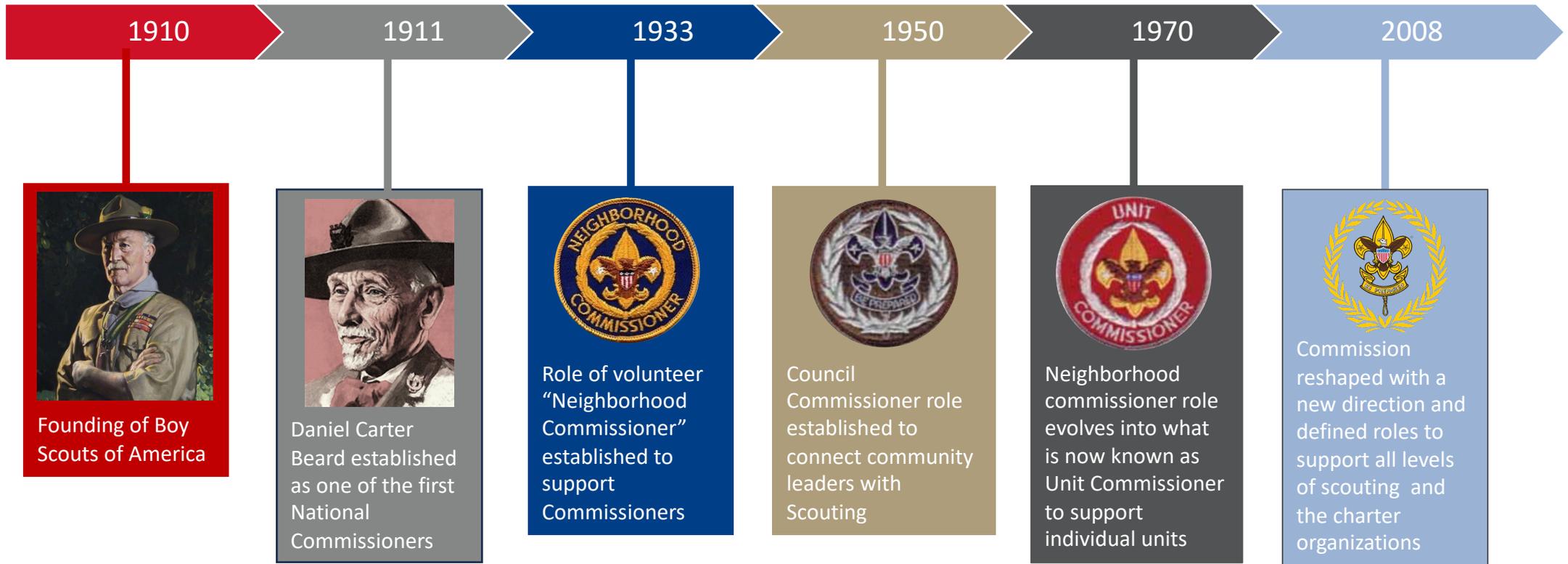
Unit Service Goals

- Enable an increased number of units.
- Enable the retention rate of units.
- Establish and maintain an ongoing connect with units.





Evolution of unit service in scouting





Unit service focuses on supporting **your unit**

- **Charter organizations** provide a place to meet, provide dedicated adult leaders, and adopts the policies and guidelines of the BSA.
- **Districts** bring units and charter orgs closer to the local council through volunteerism.
- **Local councils** develop and maintain the program and policies within the geographic area.





Three Key Service Methods

Roundtables

Roundtables provide unit leaders with the **skill to do** and the **will to do** what is needed to ensure that every member of every unit has a great Scouting experience.



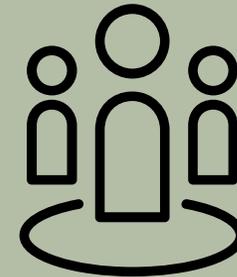
Unit Service Plans

A Unit Service Plan provides a **road map** for unit leaders to develop and deliver a quality program.



Unit Commissioners

The unit commissioner is a **Scouting generalist** whose passionate overriding mission in Scouting is to help units better serve more youth.



Starts with a
person who
cares to do
something
more!





The role of a unit commissioner

is to be a

- Coach
- Liaison
- Doctor
- Consultant
- Diplomat
- Friend

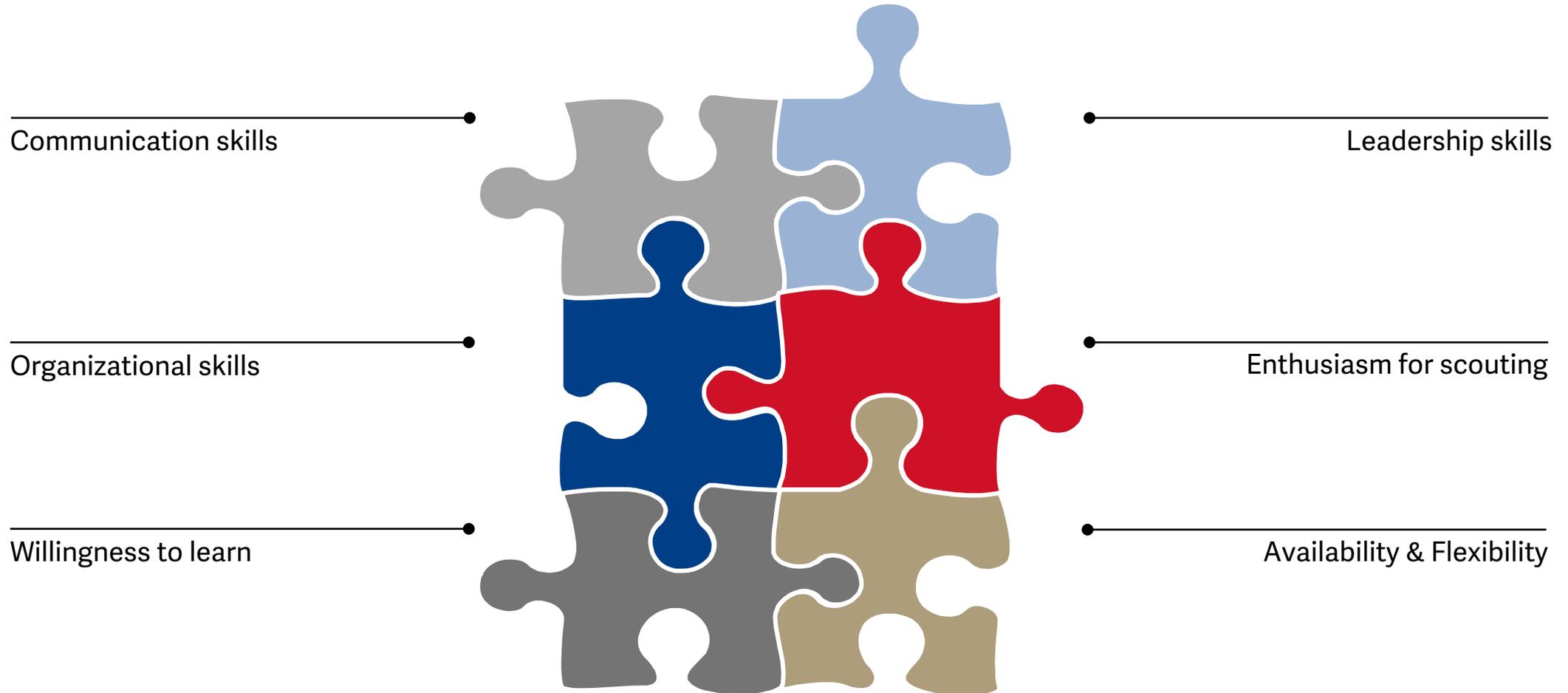
is not to be a

- Auditor
- Police Officer
- Enemy
- Judge
- Spy
- Unit Leader





Qualities of Unit Commissioner



Is your friendly neighborhood scouter.



“When you are sick, you go to the doctor, and he diagnoses you and prescribes a plan for you to get better,” He doesn’t wave a magic wand and you magically get better. When a unit is sick, a unit commissioner comes in, makes a diagnosis, and prescribes a plan to get the unit healthy again.

To help from getting sick, you see a doctor for regular checkups. In the same way, a unit commissioner will regularly check up on their units.”

– Larry Chase, the chair of the BSA’s national commissioners service team.





Accessing Support

- Visit Territory Service Area webpages
- Contact your District Commissioner to learn who your assigned unit commissioner is.
- Contact your District Executive if you don't know who your District Commissioner is.



Chief Seattle Council > About > [Territory Service Areas](#)

Chief Seattle Council is composed of five **Territory Service Areas**. Each territory covers a specific region in the greater Seattle area. Each unit in Chief Seattle Council is assigned to one of these five territories which also has a committee dedicated to that territory. Visit each territory page to see their activities, advancement, contacts and other information, and see a list of all activities across territories below.

Grand Columbia

[Visit Grand Columbia](#)

Adams, Grant, and Kittitas counties plus parts of Chelan and Douglas (Basalt Coulee)

Ferry and Okanogan counties plus parts of Chelan and Douglas (Highlands)

Yakima county plus parts of Benton and Klickitat (Simcoe Mountain)

Lake Trails

[Visit Lake Trails](#)

Bellevue, Juanita, Kirkland, and Mercer Island. (Lake Shores)

Bothell, Carnation, Duvall, Kenmore, Redmond, Woodinville. (Northern Trails)

Mountain

Fall City, Issaquah, North Bend, Sammamish, Snoqualmie, portions of Newcastle, and the Renton Highlands. (Albine)





Why become a Unit Commissioner

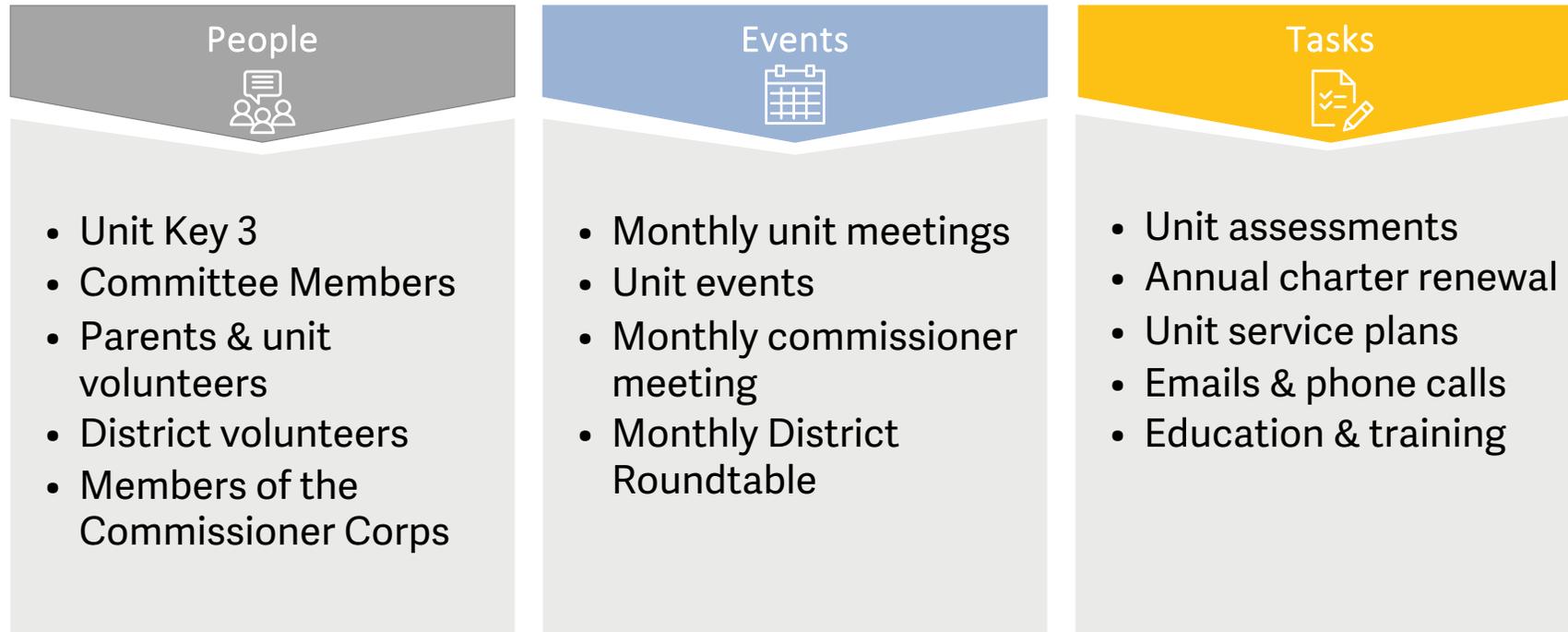
- Make a positive impact on the lives of youth in your community.
- Help scouting units run efficiently and effectively, ensuring a great experience for every scout.
- Build relationships with other adult leaders and volunteers.
- Develop valuable leadership skills.
- Find satisfaction in shaping the future leaders of your community.





Time Commitment

Unit Commissioners typically spend a few hours each month on their duties, including attending unit meetings and events, communicating with unit leaders, and completing administrative tasks.





Training

Training is a key component of the Unit Commissioner role and is designed to provide volunteers with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to be effective in their role.

Required

Position-Specific Training



Youth Protection



Optional

College of
Commissioner Science



Wood Badge



IOLS



BALOO





Personal reward through service



Arrowhead Honor



Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service



Distinguished Commissioner Service Award



Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award



Commissioner's Key

Through your time serving units and by becoming trained. Commissioner staff have the opportunity to earn several awards and recognitions during their time of service.



Joining the Unit Service Team

Becoming a Unit Commissioner starts with a conversation

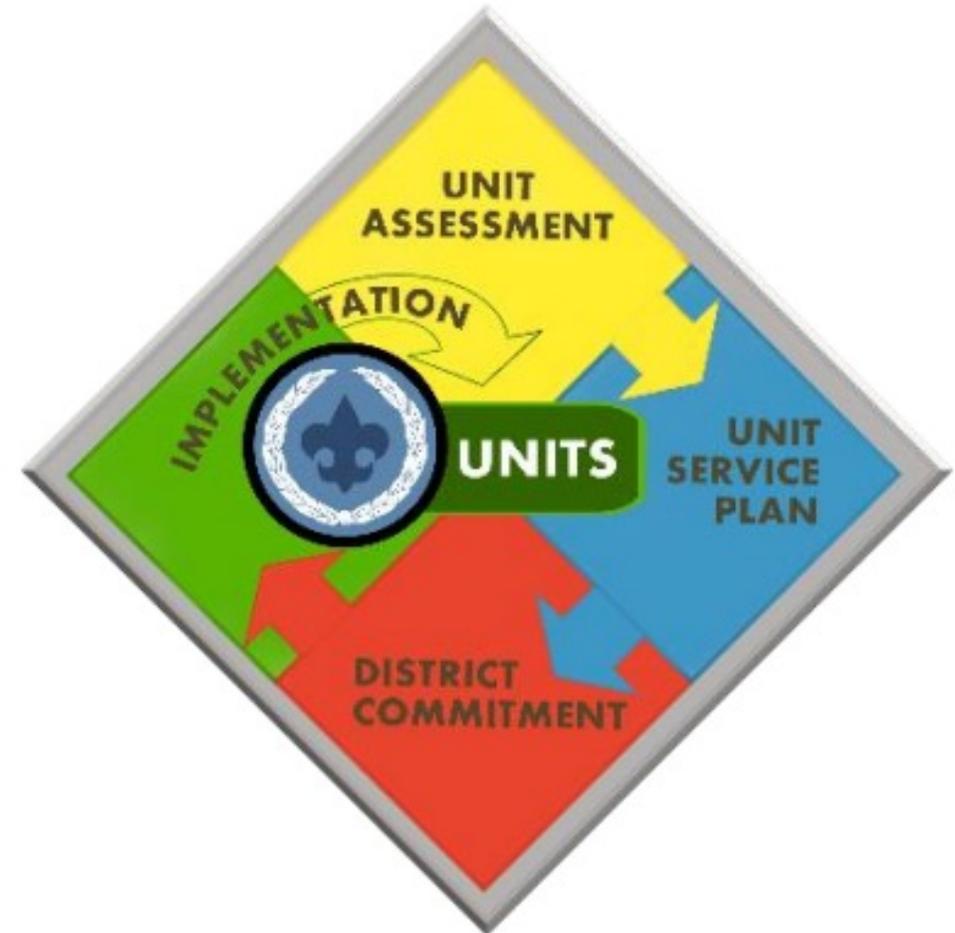


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about Scouting in Puget Sound Region



Summary

- Unit service is about your unit.
- Unit Commissioners serve as volunteer facilitators of unit service concept & model.
- Unit Commissioners are passionate scouters that **LOVE** to help other scouters.
- **Everything we do is about providing a quality program to youth members.**





Thank You!