



## PHOTO/STORY OPPORTUNITY

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### 11 EAGLES TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

**Who:** More than 4,600 Scouts and Scouters will be on hand to recognize 11 Eagle Scouts for a lifetime of service to their communities. These individuals: Michael Avery, Rick Boeshaar, Cliff Illig, Mark Jorgenson, Leo Long, Henry Lyons, Carl Mesle, Neal Paterson, Ike Skelton, Brant Tidwell and Larry Winn III, are the inaugural class of the Ewing M. Kauffman Adult Eagle Scout Award. (See following pages for bios.)

**What:** The “Royal Gathering of Eagles” is a gathering of 4,500 Scouts and Scouters. To recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in the United States, the Heart of America Council recognized 11 individuals to receive the new Ewing M. Kauffman Adult Eagle Scout Award. This is a local award named in honor of one Kansas City’s most prominent Eagles, Ewing M. Kauffman. Mr. Kauffman earned his Eagle Badge in 1932 and credited his Scouting experience with his safe return from three years of active sea duty during WWII. He was active in Scouting throughout his life.

**Where:** **The Hall of Fame, Kauffman Stadium.** There will be a short ceremony to recognize the Kauffman Eagles and to commemorate the Kauffman Eagle Award plaque being placed there. The group also will be recognized **on the field during the pregame ceremonies** before the start of the August 30 Royals game. **Carl Mesle**, our oldest Eagle Scout at 95 and one of the Kauffman honorees will throw out the first pitch.

**When:** **5:45 p.m. August 30, 2010.** Public presentation - Pregame before the 7:05 p.m. Royal baseball game.

**Why:** The Heart of America Council, is honored to have played a role in the formative years of Ewing M. Kauffman – a great businessman, a great Kansas Citian and a great human being. The Ewing M. Kauffman Eagle Award will be used to recognize the influence and positive impact that more than 44,000 Eagle Scouts have made on our community, just as Mr. K did throughout his life. The “Royal Gathering of Eagles” is held to recognize the Kauffman Eagles and Scouting’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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The Boy Scouts’ Heart of America Council encompasses 19 counties in and around Kansas City. More than 46,000 youth and 19,000 adult volunteers participate in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and more. For more information: [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org).

The Heart of America Council is pleased to announce the inaugural recipients of The Ewing M. Kauffman Adult Eagle Scout Award. These Eagle Scouts have distinguished themselves in service to the Kansas City Region.

**Michael Avery** – Michael received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri in St. Louis and his Master of Business Administration from St. Louis University. He is President and Chief Investment Officer of Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. and Executive Vice President, CIO, Portfolio Manager for Waddell & Reed Investment Management Company/Ivy Investment Management Company. He is a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Michael achieved Eagle in 1969 and was elevated to Honorary Warrior in 1991.

**Rick Boeshaar** - Rick earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and attended the U.S. Naval Nuclear Propulsion School before earning a master of business administration degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business. He has served as a board member of the Country Club Christian Church, a council commissioner for Boy Scouts of America, and president of Tomahawk Roads Homes Association. Rick was elected to the Council of Mission Hills, KS in 2003, reelected in 2007 and elected as Mayor in 2009. He achieved the rank of Eagle on October 1, 1964 and elevated to Chieftain in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1999 and became Vigil in Order of the Arrow in 2004.

**Cliff Illig** - Cliff is the vice chairman and co-founder of Cerner Corporation. Currently, Cliff serves as a member of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and the Executive Committee of the Heart of America Council of Boy Scouts of America. In addition, he and Cerner Chairman and CEO Neal Patterson, along with others, are co-owners of the Kansas City Wizards. In 1991, the Ernst & Young accounting firm honored Illig and Patterson as Entrepreneurs of the Year. Prior to co-founding Cerner in 1979, he was a system consultant and manager with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Kansas City, Mo. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a degree in accounting and business administration. Cliff earned the rank of Eagle on September 27, 1966 and was elevated to Chieftain in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 2001.

**Mark Jorgenson** – Mark graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors, with Economics and Business double major. He received his Masters in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis. Professionally, Mark is the President and CEO of Kansas City markets of US Bank. Mark has been involved in many activities, including coaching and co-chairing the 2003 Celebrate Success event with his wife, Mary. Mark was elevated to Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 2005.

**Leo Long** – Leo's scouting career started in Cub Scouting and his Boy Scout years were spent at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. He was a financial supporter of Boy Scout Troop 106 in Kansas City's Hispanic community and joined the Heart of America Council's Executive Board. Besides being a faithful volunteer, he also believed in the importance of financially supporting Scouting. Mr. Long provided funding for the development of the Fort Long campsite in Piercing Arrow at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. This campsite was designed to provide a

prototype for all future campsites at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Leo served on numerous boards including the Brotherhood Bank and Trust, Citizens Bank & Trust, Derrick Thomas' Third and Long Foundation, El Centro Community Center, Inc., Guadalupe Community Center, Inc. and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Leo was elevated to Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1957.

**Henry Lyons** – Henry is the President of Henry E. Lyons and Company, a successful real estate development firm that has been in business for over 25 years. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He is a passionate supporter of UMKC and is a life member of the Alumni Association and was one of the founders of the Bloch School Alumni Association. Henry has been, and continues to be, involved in many organizations, which has led to awards and having several articles published. Henry achieved Eagle September 13, 1960 and was elevated to Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1960.

**Carl Mesle** – Carl grew up in Sherill, NY and graduated in 1937 with a B.A. in History. Mesle would continue working in professional scouting until he became the pastor for the Community of Christ Stone Church in Independence from 1970-79. At 95, Carl is the oldest Eagle in the Heart of America Council and is still active in troop 1223 at Community of Christ Stone Church. Carl achieved Eagle on September 15, 1929 and was elevated to Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say in 1961.

**Neal Patterson** - Neal Patterson, chairman of the board, chief executive officer and co-founder of Cerner, grew up on his family's farm near Manchester, Okla. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance and his master's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University. In 1973, Neal began his professional career as an information system consultant with Arthur Andersen & Co. Neal is co-founder and serves on the executive board of the First Hand Foundation, Cerner's non-profit foundation that provides financial assistance to children with critical healthcare needs. Outside of healthcare, Neal is co-owner of the Kansas City Wizards Major League Soccer team, and he serves as a lifetime director for the 111-year-old American Royal livestock, horse show and rodeo.

**Ike Skelton** - Ike, a native of Lexington, achieved the rank of Eagle on March 19, 1948 and is a Chieftain in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He is a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy and the University of Missouri at Columbia where he received A.B. and L.L.B. degrees. He was named as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Law Review. Prior to his election to Congress, Ike served as Lafayette County Prosecuting Attorney and as a Missouri State Senator. He has represented Missouri's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1977. Skelton is a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity, a Lions Club member, and vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

**Brant Tidwell** – Brant achieved the rank of Eagle on March 31, 1975 and became Brotherhood in Order of the Arrow in 2002. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop 91, a troop of more than 100 boys, affiliated with Village Presbyterian Church, until his retirement in 2006. Brant was awarded the Good Neighbor Award in 2006 by the Kansas Association of Realtors for his

service to scouting. He has served on several prominent boards over his career, including Board of Directors for the Kansas City CCIM Chapter, Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Kansas City Board of Realtors, Board of Directors of the Johnson County Board of Realtors. Among other achievements, Tidwell was awarded the "Chairman's Award for Distinguished Service" from KCRAR in 2008. He was honored as "Commercial Realtor of the Year" in 1996 by the Johnson County Board of Realtors.

**Larry Winn III** - For more than 60 years, Larry Winn III has lived, worked and been intimately involved in public service in Johnson County. Larry attended University of Kansas and the University of Kansas Law School. He served nine years as a member of the Johnson County Airport Commission, three of those as Chairman. These include his service as the past-president of the 19-county Heart of America Council of Boy Scouts; a current director and co-chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee for the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce; and a past-chairman of the Third District Republican Party. Larry achieved Eagle on December 19, 1959 and was elevated to Honorary Warrior in 1989.