



## THE POST SCOUTING CHAIR / CHARTERED ORG REP

In the **Post Scouting Chair** role, a Post Legionnaire serves as the Scouting advisor to the Americanism Chair, but ultimately to the Post Commander, on all issues related to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and Scouting.

These responsibilities will vary depending on the level of your Post's involvement in Scouting. While not every Post has the resources to charter or sponsor Scouting units, this should not be a deterrent to your Post's and your involvement in Scouting. There are many Scout units in every community that will benefit from the support of the Legion. You may involve your Post in the BSA and Scouting in many ways, such as:

- inviting neighboring Scout units to march in veteran and patriotic parades
- providing instruction in flag handling and respect
- encouraging Legionnaires to be merit badge counselors
- allowing Scout units to use Post facilities for meetings or fundraising events
- donating equipment directly to Scout units (but not funds)
- donating funds to the local Scout council through Friends of Scouting
- presenting Eagle Scout certificates (downloadable from TAL national website)

The **Post Scouting Chair** typically also serves as the **Chartered Organization Representative (COR)**...a BSA position...if your Post charters a BSA Scouting unit. Thus, your Post Scouting Chair should be prepared to assume a BSA Unit level position as the COR if you have a formal charter agreement with a BSA unit or units. The COR is a registered Scout leader, should wear the BSA Field uniform when representing the Scouts, must comply with and enforce all BSA rules and regulations, and must take the required BSA training.

The COR is both the Post's Human Resources and Quality Control manager of their Scouting unit(s). The COR is part of the BSA unit Key 3 leadership (COR, unit Committee Chair, Unit Leader). The COR is the only registered Scouter (adult volunteer) in the Post's Scouting units who may approve adult volunteers for unit leadership positions. If it ever were to become necessary, the COR is the only one authorized to remove an adult leader from a position. The COR approves fundraising activities and liaisons with the Post Finance Officer for periodic reviews of the Scout units' financial activities. Additionally, since the CORs are registered Scout leaders, they are also voting members on both the local BSA Council's Executive Board and the BSA District Committee. The COR is responsible for representing the American Legion's interests in a proactive manner at both of these two local levels.

For these reasons, the Legionnaire filling the Post Scouting Chair/COR position ideally does so on a long-term basis. With Post Commanders frequently changing, it is important for the Scouting units to have a consistent point of contact and advocate at the Post. The COR should report the status of their Scouting units to the Post Commander, Executive Board, and general membership frequently, and optimally on a monthly basis.

Although the COR is a registered Scout leader, their position does not require them to take an active role in the day to day delivery of the Scout program in their units. Many other Scout leaders will be required in order to do this.

Ref: Troop Committee Guidebook, BSA; Cub Scout Leader Book; The Chartered Organization Representative; Chartered Organization Training