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### **Nebraska American Legion Names Their “2018 Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year”**

(Lincoln) April 3, 2018 – Jacob Sykora, 18, of Papillion has been, selected as the 2018 Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year by the Nebraska American Legion and has received a \$500 cash award.

Sykora is a senior at Papillion La-Vista and member of Troop 60 where he achieved his Eagle Scout in December of 2014. He is an active member of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 32 and attended The American Legion’s Cornhusker Boys’ State program in 2017. Sykora is a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is in the National Honor Society. He participates in soccer, cross country, track, and is on the swim team. Sykora has held many Scout positions and is currently the Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 60.

Sykora plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Mechanical Engineering and Architecture. He is the son of Randall and Karen Sykora.

Selected for Second place and a \$300 cash award was David King of Omaha. Third place and a \$200 cash award was Joshua Cyboron of Broken Bow.

The selection of the national American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will be announced at the Spring meetings of The American Legion, held in Indianapolis, Indiana in May 2017. The National Eagle Scout of the Year receives a \$10,000 scholarship.

American Legion Department Commander Jim Costello and the Department of Nebraska offer congratulations to this year's recipients and applaud all those who attained Eagle Scout.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans’ benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today’s armed forces.

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