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Nebraska American Legion Names Their “2020 Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year”

(Lincoln) April 7, 2020 – James Simpson, 18, of Wayne has been selected by the Nebraska American Legion as the 2020 Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year and will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Simpson is a senior at Breeze Hill Academy – Home School and member of Troop 174 where he achieved his Eagle Scout in September of 2017. He is a member of the Wayne County Sharp Shooter 4-H Club and he placed seventh overall at the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Competition in the Sporter category. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church and he volunteers at his church and at various community events in Wayne. Simpson has held many Scout positions and is currently the Assistant Scout Master for Troop 174.

Simpson is a member of the Winside Sons of The American Legion Squadron 252. He is the son of Jeffrey and Colleen Simpson.

Selected for second place and a \$300 scholarship was Andrew Schmitz of Papillion.

The selection of the national American Legion Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year will be announced in May 2020. The National Eagle Scout of the Year receives a \$10,000 scholarship.

American Legion Department Commander Gary Wooten 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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