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Nebraska American Legion Names Their “2021 Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year”

(Lincoln) March 29, 2021 – Andrew Schmitz, 17, of Papillion has been selected by the Nebraska American Legion as the 2021 Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year and will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Schmitz is a junior at Papillion La Vista High School and is a member of Troop 60, where he achieved his Eagle Scout in November of 2018. He is a member of Faith Westwood United Methodist Church and he volunteers at his church and at various community events in Papillion. Schmitz has held many Scout positions and is currently the Junior Assistant Scout Master for Troop 60. He participates in varsity football, cross country, track, swim team, and band. He also is a member of the National Honor Society.

Schmitz is the son of Stephen and Shelley Schmitz.

Selected for second place and a \$300 scholarship was Samuel Baysinger of Bruning. Selected for third place and a \$200 scholarship was Aaron McClellan of Lincoln.

The selection of the National American Legion Eagle-Scout-of-the-Year will be announced in May 2021. 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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