

SQUARE KNOTS WORN BY VENTURERS

My “other” mom, Sharon Aycock, secretary to National Director of Venturing Division, Charles Holmes, prompted this resource with her gentle reminder that in Venturing, medals are typically worn only for formal events. Our Web Site team developed this list of square knots worn by Venturers.

“Generally, embroidered square knots are representative of pin-on medals or around-the-neck awards and are designed for the greater convenience of the wearer.” *scouting.org*

Arrow of Light – The highest rank in Cub Scouting and the only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout or Venturing uniform. When a Venturer turns 18, he can choose to wear the knot or continue to wear the Arrow of Light badge. Sometimes the wearing of this square knot is decided by the Crew.



Eagle – The highest rank for Boy Scouts. When a Venturer turns 18, he can choose to wear the Eagle knot or the Eagle badge. Sometimes the wearing of this square knot is decided by the Crew.



Heroism Award – A lifesaving award presented by the BSA National Court of Honor to a registered Scout or leader who has saved a life at some risk to his or her own.



Honor Medal – A lifesaving award presented by the BSA National Court of Honor to a registered Scout or leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism in saving or attempting to save a life at extreme personal risk.



Hornaday Award – Conferred by the National Council available to recognize a Venturer for distinguished service in conservation.



James E. West – This award is given to individuals donating \$1,000 or more in cash or securities. Councils, districts, or other groups or individuals can bestow this honor on a Venturer by presenting him/her with a James E. West.



Leadership Award – Available to youth and adult volunteers registered and involved in Venturing. The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas/regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adult volunteers who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath. The Leadership Award Emblem Square Knot represents all levels.



Council: Blue and White Ribbon with Pendant

Regional: Green and White Ribbon with Pendant

National: Red and White Ribbon with Pendant

Medal of Merit – Awarded by the National Court of Honor to a registered Scout or leader for meritorious action of an exceptional character, not necessarily involving risk to life.



OA Distinguished Service Award – Awarded by the National Order of the Arrow committee to those Arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, area, regional, or national basis.



Religious Emblems Programs – The religious emblem square knot is worn to indicate earning of the following:



- Ararat
 - Armenian Church of America
- Alpha Omega
 - Eastern Orthodox
- Compassionate Father
 - Meher Baba
- Dharma
 - Hindu
- Etz Chaim
 - Jewish
- Exploring Community Together
 - Community of Christ
- God and Country
 - Church of Christ, Scientist
 - Moravian
 - Polish National Catholic Church
- God and Life
 - African Methodist Episcopal Church
 - African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
 - Baptist
 - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 - Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 - Episcopal
 - Lutheran
 - Presbyterian Church in America
 - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 - Protestant and Independent Christian Churches
 - The Salvation Army
 - United Church of Christ
 - United Methodist
 - United Pentecostal Church International
- Good Life
 - Zoroastrian
- Good Servant
 - Churches of Christ

In the Name of God

Islamic

Karma

Hindu

On My Honor

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Open Word Award

General Church of the New Jerusalem

Pope Pius XII

Catholic, Eastern

Catholic, Roman

Saint Mesrob

Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Western Prelacy)

Sangha

Buddhist

Spirit of Truth

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Unity of Mankind

Baha'i

Quartermaster – The highest rank in Sea Scouting



Silver Award – The highest award in Venturing, recognizing the high level of achievement of Venturers who acquire Venturing skills. Candidates must achieve the Venturing Gold Award and at least one Venturing Bronze Award.

