

Appendix 82 to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA
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2008 Dedication Ceremony of the Dedicated Scout Monument

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Twenty-six years later, Gerald was walking with his scouting friends Tommy Fletcher and David Allen along a trail by the Flint River on land that he had just purchased. One of them said, “This would make a great Scout Canoe Base!” Gerald’s pledge to Governor Osborn instantly came back to him. He looked at them and said, “We will make it so!” Governor Osborn’s “Giving!” sure has kept the Scouting fun and popping!

On June 16, 2008, a ceremony was held at Camp Osborn to dedicate a monument containing three flagpoles and a statute of the “Dedicated Scout.”

(The above was paraphrased from the last page of the Dedication program.)

Chehaw Council, Boy Scouts of America

**Dedication Ceremony
of the
Dedicated Scout**



**June 16, 2008
Chase S. Osborn Scout
Reservation**



The *Dedicated Scout* monument is designed to honor dedicated scouts and to inspire current scouts to stay in Scouting and hold sacred the values and ideals that scouting strives for in a young person's everyday life. Those ideals are highlighted in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



The statue on the monument is known as the Mackenzie Statue. This Statue can be found in front of many Boy Scout offices, camps, parks, and in front of the National Boy Scout Headquarters in Irving Texas. His right hand is holding his hat in a position of reverence and respect, to his God and his country. His left hand is on his axe signifying the Scout Motto, "Be Prepared". This also represents the outdoor experience that Scouting brings to all young people.



The monument was conceived of by Gerald Lawhorn, an Eagle Scout from Sylvester, and long time Scout Volunteer. Gerald Lawhorn attended a similar dedication ceremony as youth and learned of the selfless nature of a man he never met, Chase Osborn. The ceremony inspired Gerald to always keep the values of Scouting at the forefront in of his life, and if circumstances permitted, to pass along opportunities and passion to other scouts. Gerald has done exactly that! This monument is just a small part of his continued influence, and is another way to pass his dedication and passion on to other Scouters, young and old alike.



PROGRAM

Welcome..... By Master of Ceremonies
Brad Walbridge
Camp Program Director

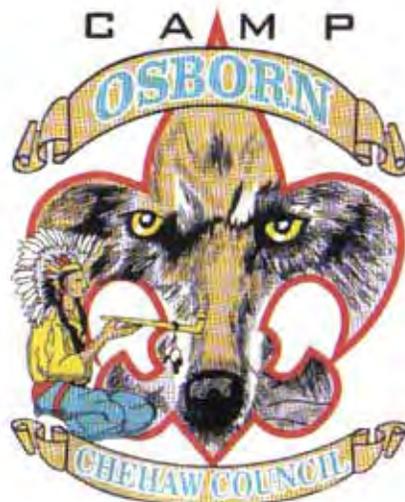
Pledge Allegiance
and Invocation Summer Camp Staff

Special Presentation Joe Najjar
Council President

Special Speaker
and Presentations Alf Tuggle
Southern Region Director

Chose to be a
Dedicated Scout Ray Allen
Scout Executive

Closing





Thank You Gerald Lawhorn
For
"Making It So!"

Plaque on Flag Pole:

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This Monument was constructed by Gerald Lawhorn in honor of "*Dedicated Scouts*".



Medallion on leather strap given to all persons attending the dedication.



View of the monument from the Eagle Pavilion.



The ceremony was held on Monday morning of the first week of summer camp. The campers lined up after breakfast







**Master of Ceremonies Brad Walbridge
(also Program Director for summer camp)**



The color guard presenting the colors.





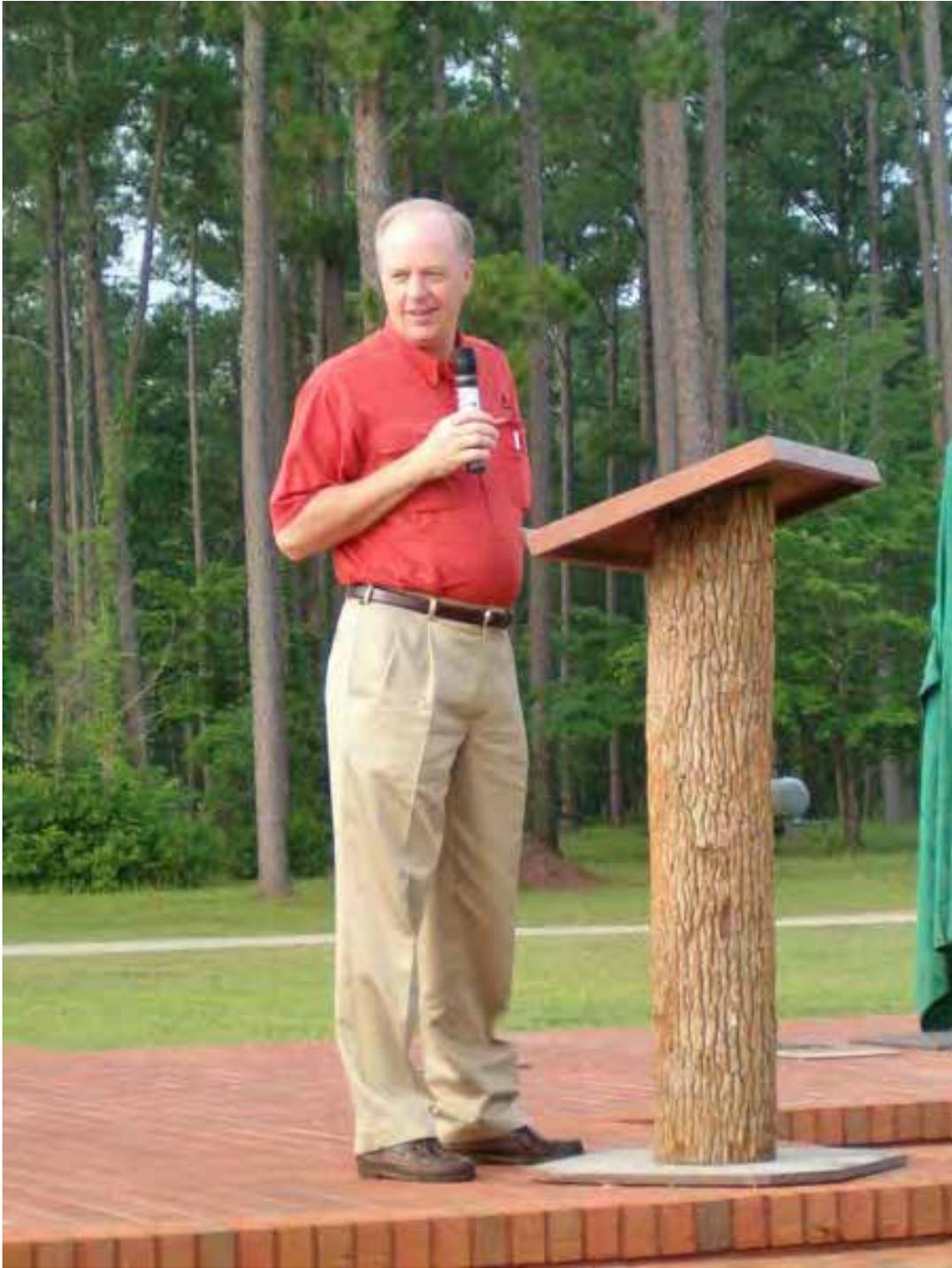




Gerald Lawhorn receiving one of his awards.



**Gerald Lawhorn being presented a certificate by
Ray Allen, Chehaw Council Scout Executive.**



Alf Tuggle, Southern Regional Director, was the speaker.



Ms. Joann Lawhorn, wife of Gerald Lawhorn, Joe Najjar, President of Chehaw Council and Jeff Lawhorn, brother of Gerald Lawhorn, unveiling the monument.





Joe Najjar, Council President