

Flintlocks in the News

Below: Michael Hart receiving 20-year Veteran Award from Scout official Ken Mayti. Mike and his son are both Eagle Scouts. Photo on right: John Kazazis receiving 10-year Veterans Award. John has 3 sons who are all Eagles. Both men were leaders in Troop 72, Westfield, and both have been in Flintlocks for 2 years.



Flintlocks Volunteer at LEDR

Five Flintlocks volunteered to help the scouts at the LEDR Program. Joe Schott is shown helping a team construct and sail a boat made of cardboard and duct tape. Not shown, also helping other teams of scouts were Bob Germinder, Jim Van Haasteren, John Koneski, and Bob Pysher.

Scenes from the Craft Shop: Clockwise from upper left: We caught President John Koneski actually working!; Jeff Huppert making signs; Michael Hart working on Pinewood Derby cars for special needs children; Fred Midlige packaging craft kits; Chuck fixing the popcorn machine; Bob Silbernagel making stool legs; Bob Germinder making trim; Bob Carlson and Jack Trainor cutting wood; Jim VanHaasteren measuring precisely; Al Tuttle covering picnic tables; Bob Pysher carrying plywood; and Ted Marquardt loading the truck.



Join the Fun!
The Flintlocks work every Thursday at Camp Winnebago
Visitors are always welcome
We are the first building on the



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President's Message

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer of camping, treks, Philmont, Sea Base, and whatever your unit did. Now it is back to the regular Scouting year of advancements, campouts, and trips to help Scouts move forward with their Scouting adventure. If part of that includes utilizing the Patriots' Path camps and facilities, you will find a number of them have changed, for the better, thanks to efforts of the Flintlocks over the last few months. Many of the cabins have been upgraded, program areas improved, lots of new signage, and general improvements to all three of the camps. Our work continues with more improvements underway. We hope that you will take advantage of our camps and look forward to seeing you around the reservations.

John Koneski
 President, Flintlocks BSA

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Camping Hall of Fame. News Flash! Another Flintlock makes the Camping Hall of Fame. Russ Jenkins was bestowed the award for Allamuchy on July 20th at the Hall of Fame Ceremony. See page 2 for his biography. Previous Flintlock Hall of Fame winners are: Bob Germinder- 2016- Winnebago; Joe Schott-Sabattis- 2017; George Van Dyke-Winnebago-2018; and Ray Brandes (deceased) Sabattis 2016. Congratulations!

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Annual Picnic The picnic was held on Sept 19th. President John recounted the many activities the group performed this year and welcomed two new members. Rangers Curt Haak and Dave Lage thanked the group for their outstanding skills, work ethic and camaraderie.

The Flintlocks are 31 years old and average 5,000 hours of volunteer services to the Patriots' Path Council every year.



Science Corner by Jeff Huppert.

The Flintlocks make a small bird house which houses the smallest birds in New Jersey. These include warblers, pictured above. Sixteen species of Warblers live in New Jersey.

The most common habitat for Warblers in NJ is moist woodlands with lots of undergrowth. They feed on flying insects, spiders, and insect larvae. Warblers have thin, slender, pointed beaks which are ideal for catching insects in flight.

The bottom of the birdhouse is secured with two screws and may be removed. At the end of the season, you should remove the old nest inside, so it will invite a new mother to make her home there next year. The kits are available at the scout shops.

STEM Trailer Complete



This summer, scouts worked on robotics, computer, chemistry, and technology related merit badges in the new air-conditioned building. (Maybe these badges will become more popular in 90-degree heat?) Michael Hart was able to attain two grants through the generosity of The Westfield Foundation, which is commemorated on the cast bronze plaque. The trailer is completely insulated for use all year round, and is also heated. The Flintlocks team which built the trailer is seen in the top left photo: from left: George; Russ, Frank, Hal, and Al. These rugged guys worked every Wednesday through last winter. This is a significant addition to Camp Allamuchy.



Painting the Mountainside Scout Shop

At least we got more paint on the walls than on ourselves. White looks good.

Shown from the left: Michael Hart; Jim Van Haasteren; Bob Pysner; Ted Marquardt, and John Koneski.

Sabattis Camp Summer Projects

The three amigos spent a week at Sabattis building an access ramp and constructing the new Archery Range. In addition, they did projects inside buildings to bring them up to code. This building expands the programs at the camp.

From left: George Van Dyke, Chris Kennet, Frank Wallace.



Quonset Hut This is a storage facility at Camp Allamuchy which houses the ATV's. The team working on it included Ed Sharpless, George Van Dyke, Frank Wallace, Tom Molitor, Al Thomas, Chris Kennet, Randy Johnson, Hal Bork, and John Kazasis.



Getting to Know Your Flintlocks



Russ Jenkins

Russ Jenkins was recently awarded the Council Hall of Fame for Camp Allamuchy. He was born and raised in Emerson, New Jersey. He served 4 years in the Air Force, including 1 year in Vietnam and Thailand. Russ and his wife have been married 47 years, and reside Jefferson Township. Their two sons are both Eagle Scouts and are both married with children. Russ has 5 grandsons.

Russ' career as a Scout leader began with Webelos for both of his sons' dens. He continued as Troop 49 Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee member. He considers the 1997 trek to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico to be one of his highlights in Scouting.

In 1992, Russ extended his participation to the Council level with his election to the Order of the Arrow. As a Vigil member of Woapalanne Lodge #43, he has attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference four times, three on the NOAC staff as National Basketball Tournament advisor. He was the advisor to the Lodge Merger Committee which combined Miquin and Allemakewink lodges into Woapalanne. He has served as OA Lodge Advisor, Council Advancement Chairman, Council Camping Committee Chairman, VP of Outdoor Program, currently serves as Higher Awards Chairman, and is a member of the Council Executive Board. He volunteers as a member of the American Legion, Flintlocks, MACC and Camp Somers staff. He has been awarded the Lodge Founders Award, the Silver Beaver Award and the Trailblazer Award. In 2004, he was honored by having the Lodge Adult Service Award named after him.

Russ retired after 24 years as Vice President and General Manager of RSB Enterprises/ Brown's Janitorial and Equipment Supplies. His community activities included 10 years as Milton Recreation Association basketball coach, referee, league director, and Executive Board member. He also enjoys spending time outdoors, hiking and motorcycling.



Frank Wallace

When Frank Wallace's first son joined the scouts in 1977, Frank signed up too. He was active for 20 years, going to every activity until his youngest son finished in 1997. Frank has 4 children, 16 Grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Next Frank joined Troop 92 and became Scoutmaster for his grandsons in 2004. He has served continuously in that troop for the past 17 years, going to every activity. His older grandsons are Eagle Scouts, and he is determined to stay active until the youngest makes Eagle as well.

Frank started working at age 12 changing tires at his uncle's truck company. Frank became a diesel mechanic and worked for the Boonton Transport Bus Company with 42 buses in Newton, working his way up to become Manager of Operations. He has a Class A CDL driving license for driving Tractor Trailers, Flatbeds and Tankers which he keeps active. Next Frank owned a carpet business for 30 years which he sold 2 years ago.

Frank Joined the Marines and served in Vietnam for 4 years from 1960 to 1964.

Frank was coach for the little league for 8 years; was in the Volunteer Fire Department for 7 years; and built sets for his granddaughter's play. Frank's church had a food pantry, but were just storing the food on the floor. Frank decided to do something about it. They ran a fundraiser and purchased a freezer for the church; and Frank also installed cabinets.

Frank's hobbies are hunting, fishing and camping.

In April 2016, Frank was part of the team which built the new Flintlocks building.

Frank has been going to Sabattis for a work week with the Flintlocks every summer. This summer we built an archery range for the camp, and an access ramp for wheelchairs.

Frank has dedicated 37 years to Boy Scout Troop 92 and over the past 5 years has volunteered his valuable skills to the Flintlocks. Frank Wallace is a hard worker, has a high skill level, is humble, but has a good sense of humor.