Tonight, we celebrate Anthony “TJ” Fasulo, Jr, as Troop Four’s 19th Eagle Scout. Anthony has a long scouting career that began with Pack 32 in Milford. His pack was sponsored by the Maspennoc Rod and Gun Club, and his den was led by his dad, Tony, and Ron Cole. TJ’s most memorable Cub Scout experience was his den’s sleepover on the Battleship USS Massachusetts. He also fondly remembers his den’s construction of a winning snow sled, which they made extra fast with a heavy dose of scouting’s most useful material; duct tape.

TJ crossed over to Troop 4 in February 2003. His favorite troop activities include the Troop’s signature games of koosh, kill the carrier, and commando raid. He also enjoyed working with his patrol on the construction of large pioneering projects such as signal towers and bridges. TJ frequently participated in troop camping trips. He enjoyed his high adventure trip to Colorado’s Indian Peak Wilderness the best. From a base camp elevation of 9000 feet his patrol backpacked 50 miles into the wilderness, cresting the continental divide on their way to 13000 foot peaks and across numerous snowfields. The most memorable day of the trip had TJ rising at 2AM in order to make it to the summit in time to see the sunrise. TJ says that his Troop 4 experience was special because his troop undertook challenges and adventures that few other Boy Scout troops attempt.

Outside of scouting, TJ enjoys improving his computers skills on the Milford High School technology team. His team travels around town diagnosing and repairing computer and printer failures in school and town offices. After high school, TJ plans to further his technology skills by pursuing a degree in computer science.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, TJ led an ambitious project to restore a deteriorating floor on the ground level of Middle School East. After repairing and preparing the cement floor, his team applied industrial floor paint to give the area a like-new appearance. The improvements were so attractive, that the Middle School moved offices to this restored area. To further brighten the area, TJ led his team to construct and install a display case to showcase student awards and artwork. His team also constructed a landscaped walkway to connect the entrance to the school parking lot. During his project, TJ learned how to manage a diverse work crew ranging from 11 year old scouts to adults that aren’t used to taking direction from a scout. His tactful management approach and hard working example inspired his crew to meet tight deadlines imposed by the school.

TJ’s advice to younger scouts: “Few people decide to become Scouts and even fewer follow it all the way to Eagle. It is up to each and every one of you to get the most out of your scouting journey. If you stay involved in the Troop’s activities you will learn many skills that will help you throughout your life. You will also make friendships that last forever. Troop 4 is one of the few troops that always has something going, including high adventure trips. If I wasn’t a Boy Scout, I would never have had these types of opportunities.”