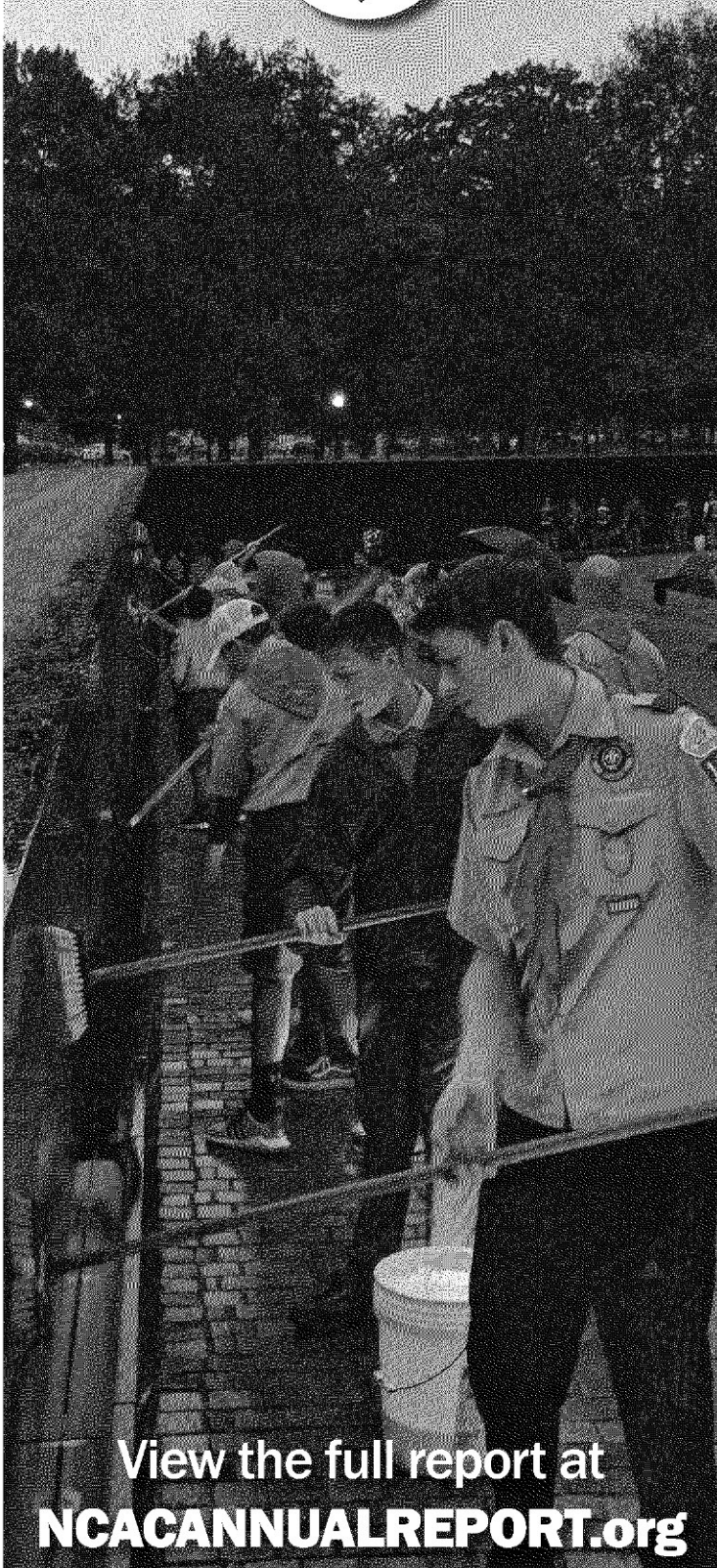


NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL, BSA 2018 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



My Fellow Scouts and Scouters,

A parent recently asked if Scouting has the same impact today it did when he was a youth. We did some investigation to see what National Capital Area Council has achieved since he was a Scout and found that over the past 40 years NCAC has delivered the Scouting program to over 2 million youth. Local Scouts have earned 1.8 million merit badges – enough to stretch from the White House to Fredericksburg, VA – and over 60,000 have earned the Eagle Scout Award, providing over 5.6 million hours of community service.

Those are impressive statistics, but are they impact? Let's think about them in a different way.

- Research has shown Scouts are more likely to graduate from school and develop stronger relationships with their family and community because of their involvement. That is impact!
- In addition to building self-esteem, by earning merit badges Scouts learn to be involved citizens, improve their physical health, save money, and save lives. That is impact!
- Eagle Scouts place more value on education and the environment, are more committed to achieving personal and professional goals, and show greater respect for diversity. Now the opportunity to become an Eagle Scout is available for young women as well. That is impact!

For over a century National Capital Area Council has been making an impact on our community by evolving to meet the needs of families. Thank you for helping make that possible.

Thank you for all you do for the Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

J. Smith
Jim Smith, Council President

RS Rogers
Rick Rogers, Council Commissioner

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Craig Polard, Scout Executive/CBO

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

57,162 youth served

81.3% youth retention rate

18,734 adult leaders

34,299 campers at local Scout camps

1,451 new Eagle Scouts

51,228 Merit Badges

419,722 service hours, worth \$13.12 million

11.78 service hours per Scout

1 million pounds of food collected

1,749 Lions – **41%** growth!

Council is now 100% debt-free!