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## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY RECOGNIZES JOHN AHLERS AT EAGLE COURT OF HONOR



*Pictured: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey presents a citation to Eagle Scout John Ahlers.*

Lindenhurst, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently participated in the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 1421's John Francis Louis Ahlers. The ceremony took place at Moose Lodge 1421, and was widely attended by John's proud family and fellow Scouts, in addition to officials and representatives from various levels of government.

Earning the prestigious Eagle Scout rank is an accomplishment that involves a tremendous amount of time, dedication, and the ability to overcome many personal challenges. Reaching this rank is not only a milestone in a young man's Scouting career, but serves as a reminder that a Scout's commitment to his community lasts a lifetime.

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A significant requirement every Eagle Scout candidate has to fulfill is the service project, which is intended to be a lasting contribution to the community. This project puts all the skillsets that the candidate has honed over the years to the test. For example, a need in the community must be identified, resources have to be acquired – both human and material – and ultimately the execution of the overall project is managed by the candidate. Simply put, scouting aims to make leaders of young men, and projects such as these clearly exemplify that end.

For his project, John chose to renovate the coat room at Moose Lodge 1421. The Lodge building sustained heavy damage during Superstorm Sandy, and John was involved with the recovery process long before his own project began. After all, Moose Lodge 1421 is near and dear to John and his fellow Scouts, as it charts various Scouting units and serves a number of other community-based organizations.

“In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, John was there for his community,” said McCaffrey. “I am proud to see that John has continued his commitment to service through both Scouting, and now in the New York Army National Guard. John truly embodies everything an Eagle Scout is, and he is a role model for young and old alike.”

To learn more about Boy Scouting, those interested are encouraged to visit the Boy Scouts of America’s website at: <http://www.scouting.org/>.

*Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County’s 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon’s barrier beach communities.*