



**The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation  
“Making a Difference Award”  
2020 Information and Award Criteria**

The annual San Diego Fleet Week Foundation “Making a Difference” award recognizes an enlisted member of the active duty military services who has made extraordinary contribution to the San Diego military or civilian community during the preceding year. **Service deserving of this special recognition must be well above any established standards associated with the position or billet in which the service member currently serves.**

The 2020 “Making a Difference” will be presented at the San Diego Fleet Week Foundation Annual Enlisted Recognition Lunch which will be held “Virtually” on Thursday 12 November 2020

**Making a Difference Award Criteria for nomination:**

1. A service member E-6 and below that has provided outstanding support or service to the San Diego community in a non-combat related activity or role which reflects positively on the San Diego community and his/her command in any of the following areas:
  - Improves the quality of life for military members and their families in the San Diego area.
  - Improves the quality of life for civilian members of the San Diego area.
  - Enhances the traditions, heritage, public image and reputation of the military in the San Diego area.
  - Supports the execution of the military mission in the San Diego area.
2. Nominations must be received in the format below NLT COB Friday 16 October 2020, Submit nominations via E-mail to [judy@fleetweeksandiego.org](mailto:judy@fleetweeksandiego.org)
3. The “Making a Difference Award” finalist from each branch will be notified through his/her chain of command NLT COB Friday 30 Oct 2020. **All nominees should be prepared to attend a video filming of the “Virtual Awards Luncheon” during the week of 1 November at a location TBD.**



4. The “Making a Difference Award” Winner will be announced after the video filming.

**Format for submission:**

**Include the term: “Making a Difference Award” in the subject line of the E-mail**

**Full Name, Rank, Branch of Service and Command of nominee**

**Justification for Nomination: (Not to exceed two pages)**

**Name, Rank, and Title of person submitting the nomination**

**Include E-mail address and Tel# for Command POC.**

**Examples of types of support/service by previous Awardees:**

- **Personal acts of heroism in the community**
- **Volunteerism in the community**
- **Leadership roles outside the work environment**

**Sample of previous award submission:**

“Over the past 7 years [REDACTED] professionalism, leadership, and contributions have extended beyond his duty obligations. He has been an active Scout Leader for Boy Scouts of America Troop [REDACTED]. During this time, he has volunteered close to 2000 hours teaching classes, organizing and running fundraising events, organizing and running community service events, as well as leading extended weekend campouts. He has been out front, not only in the way he has led his troop, but in the way he has inspired each of the scouts he is responsible for. All of the hard work that [REDACTED] zier has put in has not only fostered an environment of positive growth for the young men of San Diego, but the projects he has run have truly made a difference for the community as well.

[REDACTED] has facilitated and personally taught 770 hours of classes on wilderness survival, swimming, woodworking, first aid, physical fitness, cooking, emergency preparedness, fishing, personal management, firearm safety, and home repairs. Not only have these classes been absolutely instrumental in preparing these young men for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, but also fostering an appreciation of the many outdoor activities available in Southern California. Through his hard work and dedication [REDACTED] has facilitated over 20 boy scouts from the San Diego community being able to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. This hard earned title is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. Additionally in order to become an Eagle Scout each individual must plan, develop, and lead an Eagle



Project that demonstrates both leadership and a commitment to duty. The Eagle Scouts taught by [REDACTED] have routinely chose to plant trees, plant bushes, install fence post, and work with different schools to assist in repairs. All of these different Eagle Projects greatly contribute to the San Diego community and have ensured the preservation of the outdoors.

Outside of the many service projects [REDACTED] Eagle Scouts have done, himself and his Troop have consistently volunteered throughout the San Diego community. [REDACTED] has personally led his troop in volunteer projects such as repairing homes, helping at various soup kitchens, and environmental upkeep. The invaluable lessons learned through community service truly has had a positive and long lasting impact on these young men. [REDACTED] commitment to imbuing his Troop with a sense of honor, duty, and courage has led them to consistently seek out opportunities to help the people of San Diego.

In addition to the many service projects that [REDACTED] has led, he has also planned, coordinated, and executed over 900 hours of weekend and adventure campouts for his troop. The weekend campouts consist of everything from mountaineering and hiking to basic survival skills. During these campouts, [REDACTED] ties in lessons of responsibility, leadership, and character so that his troop is not only developing the skills they need to be successful outdoors but also in life. The adventure campouts require a lot of coordination, supervision, and time. These campouts consist of deep sea fishing, white water rafting, and multi-day backpacking. They have previously been done at Catalina Island, Havasupai Falls, Zions, and the American River. Through his tireless efforts, [REDACTED] was able to make all of these trips successful and give the scouts in his troop an not only an opportunity to put all of their skills to use but also give them a long lasting, unique experience. What is not captured in the listed volunteer hours that [REDACTED] has for these campouts is the amount of time it takes to organize, coordinate, and plan these events. [REDACTED] spends endless hours outside of work ensuring that everything for these trips was taken care from food and water to permits and safety. He is responsible for all of these things and the parents of the scouts in his troop have complete confidence in not only his ability to lead and mentor their children but also to ensure their safety and well-being at all times.”