

Famous Eagle Scouts

A

- [Gary Ackerman](#), politician (U.S. representative from [New York](#))
- [James C. Adamson](#), test pilot and astronaut, flew on shuttle missions [STS-28](#) and [STS-43](#)
- [Peter Agre, MD](#), [Nobel Prize in Chemistry](#) in 2003, both of his brothers are also MDs and Eagle Scouts
- [Bill Alexander](#), politician (former U.S. representative from [Arkansas](#))
- [Lamar A. Alexander](#), *DESA*, politician (former governor of [Tennessee](#), former secretary of education, U.S. senator)
- [Neil Armstrong](#), *DESA*, astronaut, first man to walk on the [Moon](#)
- [Norman Ralph Augustine](#), *DESA*, businessman, CEO of [Martin Marietta Aerospace](#)

B

- [Willie Banks](#), athlete ([Olympic](#) and world-record-holding track star)
- [Marion S. Barry](#), politician ([Washington D.C.](#) mayor), disgraced by scandal
- [Harry Brinkley Bass](#), Lt Cmdr, [US Navy](#), [Navy Cross](#), [Silver Star](#), killed in action during [World War II](#), the [USS Brinkley Bass \(DD-887\)](#) was named after him.^[1]
- [Albert Belle](#), [Baseball](#) player ([outfielder](#))
- [Charles E. Bennett](#), *DESA*, politician (U.S. representative from [Florida](#))
- [William Bennett](#), politician (former [Secretary of Education](#))
- [Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr.](#), *DESA*, politician (U.S. [Senator](#) from [Texas](#)), [Secretary of Treasury](#) ([Clinton administration](#))
- [Jeff Bingaman](#), junior [US Senator](#) from [New Mexico](#)
- [Arthur Gary Bishop](#), serial killer
- [Sanford Bishop](#), *DESA*, U.S. Representative from [Georgia](#)
- [Michael Bloomberg](#), [Mayor of New York](#), founder of [Bloomberg News](#)
- [Guy Bluford](#), astronaut, first African American in space
- [Charles Bonesteel](#), [US Army](#) general, Commander of US Forces in [Korea](#) 1966–1969
- [Ken Bowersox](#), astronaut
- [William W. Bradley](#), *DESA*, athlete (played basketball for the [New York Knicks](#)), politician (U.S. [Senator](#) from [New Jersey](#))
- [Charles E. Brady, Jr.](#), *DESA*, astronaut
- [James Brady](#), *DESA*, press secretary ([Reagan Administration](#)), gun control activist (paralyzed during [Reagan assassination attempt](#))
- [Michael William Brescia](#), bank robber.
- [Stephen Breyer](#), American attorney, political figure, [jurist](#), Associate Justice of the [US Supreme Court](#).
- [Beverly Briley](#), was the first mayor of the Metropolitan Government of [Nashville](#) and [Davidson County, Tennessee](#)
- [Sherrod Brown](#), politician ([Ohio](#) congressman, currently running for Senate)

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- [Russell Adam Burnham](#), U.S. Army Soldier of the Year 2003. Great-grandson of father of the international Scouting movement, [Frederick Russell Burnham](#) (1861-1947), [D.S.O.](#).

C

- [Milton Caniff](#), *DESA*, cartoonist ("Steve Canyon")
- [Russ Carnahan](#), US Representative from [Missouri](#)
- [Gerald P. Carr](#), *DESA*, astronaut
- [Roger B. Chaffee](#), astronaut ([Apollo 1](#))
- [Thad Cochran](#), Senator from [Mississippi](#)
- [George Thomas Coker](#), *DESA*, US Navy bombardier-navigator in [Vietnam War](#), key leader of POW resistance movement
- [Barber Conable](#), *DESA*, politician (U.S. representative from [New York](#)), former president of the [World Bank](#)
- [Richard O. Covey](#), *DESA*, astronaut, pilot for the first "Return To Space" flight ([STS-26](#))
- [Mike Crapo](#), *DESA*, politician; served as U.S. Senator, [Idaho](#), 1998-present; served three terms as the U.S. Representative, 2nd District, Idaho, 1992-1998.
- [John W. Creighton, Jr.](#), *DESA*, Civilian Aide to the [Secretary of the Army](#); former CEO of [Weyerhaeuser Co.](#), [United Air Lines](#); former National President, [BSA](#)
- [Edgar V. Cunningham](#), quite possibly the first African American Eagle Scout 1926 ^[2]

D

- [James Dale](#), litigant in [Boy Scouts of America v. Dale](#)
- [William E. Dannemeyer](#), *DESA*, politician (U.S. representative from [California](#))
- [William deVries](#), physician (transplanted first artificial heart)
- [Michael S. Dukakis](#), *DESA*, politician (governor of [Massachusetts](#), [Democrat](#) presidential candidate)
- [Charles Moss Duke, Jr.](#), *DESA*, astronaut
- [Aquilla J. Dyess](#), United States Marine Corps, World War II [Medal of Honor](#) recipient, killed in action in [World War II](#)

E

- [Ronnie Earle](#), Texas district attorney uncovered the [Jack Abramoff lobbying and corruption scandal](#) & indicted [Tom DeLay](#)
- [Donn F. Eisele](#), astronaut
- [Arthur Rose Eldred](#), earned first ever Eagle Scout Award in [1912](#), also awarded [Honor Medal](#), (son Willard G. Eldred and grandson are Eagle Scouts)
- [Mike Enzi](#), *DESA* United States Senator from Wyoming
- [Daniel J. Evans](#), *DESA*, governor ([Washington](#), [1965-1977](#))

Famous Eagle Scouts

F

- [David Farabee](#), politician ([Texas House of Representatives](#)) ^[3]
- [Jay Fawcett](#) decorated combat veteran and co-founder of [Veterans for a Secure America](#), currently running for Congress.
- [Robert Edward Femoyer](#), [US Army Air Forces](#) navigator, [WWII](#), [Medal of Honor](#) recipient
- [Lawrence Ferlinghetti](#), poet, publisher ([City Lights Bookstore](#) of San Francisco) catalyst of the [beat social revolution](#)
- [Steve Filson](#), [US Navy fighter pilot](#) (20 years), currently running for [Congress](#)
- [Alva Revista Fitch](#), former [Lieutenant General](#) in the [U.S. Army](#), former Deputy Director of [Defense Intelligence Agency](#)
- [Eugene Fluckey](#), [US Navy submarine commander](#), [WWII](#), [Medal of Honor](#) recipient
- [Thomas S. Foley](#), politician (U.S. representative from [Washington](#), speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives)
- [Gerald R. Ford Jr.](#), [DESA](#), 38th [President](#) of the [United States of America](#)
- [Dave Foreman](#), co-founder of environmental activist group [Earth First](#)
- [Steve Fossett](#), [DESA](#), aviator (first solo flight around world in hot air balloon, first solo around the world flight, longest solo unrefueled flight)
- [Michael E. Fossum](#), astronaut
- [Mike Foster](#), politician (former [Louisiana](#) governor)

G

- [Thomas Chandler \(Chan\) Gailey, Jr.](#), college and professional football coach
- [Robert Gates](#), [DESA](#), former [CIA](#) director, president of Texas A&M University
- [William H. Gates, Sr.](#), [DESA](#), father of [Bill Gates](#), CEO of [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#), distinguished lawyer.
- [Richard A. "Dick" Gephardt](#), [DESA](#), former [Majority Leader](#) of the [United States House of Representatives](#), former Presidential candidate
- [Louie Gohmert](#), US Representative from Texas
- [Matt Gonzalez](#), politician ([Green Party](#)), [San Francisco](#) Board of Supervisors
- [William G. Gregory](#), astronaut
- [Glenn J. Greubel Sr.](#), Scoutmaster of Troop 123 North Merrick, NY
- [S. David Griggs](#), admiral, astronaut

H

- [David Hahn](#), "Radioactive Boy Scout", attempted to build a [nuclear reactor](#) at age 17 (with some success).
- [H. R. Haldeman](#), former [White House Chief of Staff](#)
- [William Hanna](#), [DESA](#), an animator, director, producer, cartoon artist, and co-founder of [Hanna-Barbera](#)
- [Mark Hass](#), State Representative in [Oregon](#) ^[4]
- [J. D. Hayworth](#), U.S. Representative from [Arizona](#)

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- [Bobby Henderson](#), inventor of [Flying Spaghetti Monsterism](#) (a satirical parody religion and Internet phenomenon)
- [Russell Henderson](#), murderer of [Matthew Shepard](#)^[5] ^[6]
- [Jeb Hensarling](#), U.S. Representative from [Texas](#)
- [Jeffrey A. Hoffman](#), astronaut
- [Mark Hofmann](#), forger, convicted of manslaughter
- [Frank Reed Horton](#) ^[7]
- [L. Ron Hubbard](#), author, founder of the [Church of Scientology](#)
- [Howard W. Hunter](#), *DESA*, fourteenth [President](#) of [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) (1994-1995)

J

- [E. Fay Jones](#), noted American architect and designer
- [Darwin Judge](#), US Marine ([embassy security guard](#)), one of the last two US servicemen killed in [Vietnam](#)
- [Mike Judge](#), cartoonist, actor, writer, & producer of [Beavis and Butt-head](#) & [King of the Hill](#)

K

- [Michael Kahn](#), stage director, [Oscar](#) winner
- [Alfred Kinsey](#), [Insect](#) biologist, [sex](#) and human behavior researcher
- [Harry Knowles](#), [Internet](#) film critic

L

- [I. Beverly Lake](#), chief justice of the [North Carolina Supreme Court](#)
- [Mark C. Lee](#), astronaut
- [Sheldon Leonard](#), actor, director, producer, [Emmy](#) winner
- [Howard Charles Lincoln](#) *DESA*, CEO of [Seattle Mariners](#) baseball team, posed for *The Scoutmaster* painting by [Norman Rockwell](#)
- [Steven W. Lindsey](#), astronaut
- [Gary Locke](#), *DESA*, politician (governor of Washington (1997-2005), first Asian-American state governor in the contiguous United States)
- [Andrew Looney](#), award-winning game designer, writer, cartoonist, photographer, computer programmer and activist
- [James Lovell](#), *DESA*, astronaut (Geminis 7 & 12 and Apollos 8 & 13)
- [Richard G. Lugar](#), *DESA*, politician (U.S. senator from Indiana)
- [David Lynch](#), actor, director ([Palme d'Or](#) recipient)

M

- [J.W. "Bill" Marriott, Jr.](#), *DESA*, businessman (president of [Marriott International](#))
- [Wynton Marsalis](#), [Pulitzer Prize](#) winning musician
- [William C. McCool](#), astronaut (died in the [Columbia](#) disaster)

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- [Michael J. McCulley](#), astronaut, Chief Executive Officer of [United Space Alliance](#)
- [Rob McKenna](#), Washington State [Attorney General](#)
- [Sid McMath](#), [U.S. Marine](#) hero, [civil rights](#) champion [governor](#) of [Arkansas](#) (1949–1953)
- [Robert McNamara](#), U.S. [Secretary of Defense](#)
- [Michael R. McNulty](#), US representative from [New York](#)
- [Richards Miller](#), *DESA*, *Doc Miller*, dentist; one of the founders of [Venturing \(Boy Scouts of America\)](#), one of the authors of [Wood Badge](#) in the 21st Century and the 2003 Boy Scout Field Book ^[8]
- [Tony Miller](#), [California](#) politician, Chief Deputy [Secretary of State](#) from 1981-1994
- [Lloyd Monserratt](#), political and community leader in California
- [Michael Moore](#), social/political commentator, author, director ([Palme d'Or](#) & [Academy Award](#) recipient)
- [Jim Mora](#), *DESA*, [NFL](#) football coach of [New Orleans Saints](#) and [Indianapolis Colts](#)
- [John "Jack" Murtha](#), politician (U.S. representative from [Pennsylvania](#)), decorated veteran ([Bronze Star](#), [Purple Hearts](#))

N

- [Ben Nelson](#) U.S. Senator from [Nebraska](#)
- [Oswald "Ozzie" Nelson](#), *DESA*, actor, band leader
- [Henry Joseph Nicols](#), [AIDS](#) activist ^[9]
- [Sam Nunn](#), *DESA*, politician (U.S. senator from [Georgia](#))

O

- [Ellison Onizuka](#), [USAF Lt. Colonel](#), astronaut ([Challenger](#))
- [Stephen S. Oswald](#), *DESA*, astronaut, [U.S. Navy](#) rear admiral

P

- [Mitchell Paige](#), *DESA*, [U.S. Marine](#)-Platoon Sergeant in [WWII](#) (later Colonel), [Medal of Honor](#) (MOH) recipient, tracked down fake MOH recipients once retired
- [Francis J. Parater](#), nominated for [sainthood](#) by Diocese of Richmond, Va.
- [Ross Perot Sr.](#), *DESA*, businessman, politician (independent presidential candidate)
- [Rick Perry](#), politician (Texas governor)
- [Fred Phelps](#), minister and noted anti-gay activist
- [J.J. Pickle](#), *DESA*, politician (U.S. representative from Texas)
- [Samuel Pierce](#), *DESA*, politician, former [HUD](#) secretary

R

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- [Kenneth S. Reightler, Jr.](#), astronaut
- [Frederick Reines](#), physicist, [Nobel Prize](#) winner
- [Robert Coleman Richardson](#), physicist, Nobel Prize winner
- [Manuel Rivera](#), Marine captain, first death in the [Gulf War](#)
- [John Edward Robinson](#), serial killer
- [Gary Rogers](#), *DESA*, businessman (Chairman and CEO of Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream); related to Jim Rogers
- [Jim Rogers](#), *DESA*, businessman (CEO of [Kampgrounds of America](#), KOA); related to Gary Rogers
- [Donald Rumsfeld](#), *DESA*, politician ([Secretary of Defense](#))

S

- [Harrison Salisbury](#), *DESA*, author ([Pulitzer prize](#) winner)
- [James Sanderson](#), *DESA*, [U.S. Navy Vice Admiral](#)
- [Richard A. Searfoss](#), astronaut
- [Jefferson B. Sessions III](#), *DESA*, politician, (U.S. senator from [Alabama](#))
- [Pete Sessions](#), *DESA*, US representative from [Texas](#)
- [William Sessions](#), *DESA*, former [FBI](#) director
- [Raymond P. Shafer](#), *DESA*, lawyer, Lt. Governor and [Governor of Pennsylvania](#)
- [Casey Sheehan](#), [U.S. Army Specialist](#) (killed by enemy action during the [Iraq War](#), son of activist [Cindy Sheehan](#))
- [Paul Siple](#), arctic explorer
- [Ike Skelton](#), US representative from [Missouri](#)
- [Sam Skinner](#), *DESA*, politician (former Secretary of Transportation), businessman (CEO of Commonwealth Edison and US Freightways)
- [Michael Smith](#), Captain, US Air Force, president of Evergreen Ventures, Inc., and Evergreen Air Venture Museum
- [Stephan Smith](#), singer/songwriter, political activist
- [Steven Spielberg](#), *DESA*, director/producer and the most financially successful filmmaker in history.
- [Wallace Stegner](#), author ([Pulitzer prize](#) winner)
- [Ryan Stout](#), [stand-up comedian](#)
- [Ray Suarez](#), journalist, author
- [Percy Sutton](#), *DESA*, attorney, businessman (chairman of [Inner City Broadcasting Corporation](#))

T

- [John Tesh](#), musician (piano), TV celebrity, radio show host
- [Meldrim Thomson, Jr.](#), politician (governor of [New Hampshire](#))
- [Richard H. Truly](#), *DESA*, Decorated former US Navy Vice Admiral, former astronaut, head of [NASA](#) 1989-92, first former astronaut to head agency.

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W

- [Charles Walker](#), NASA Payload Specialist astronaut
- [Sam Walton](#), *DESA*, businessman (founder of Wal-Mart)
- [Togo D. West, Jr.](#), *DESA*, politician (former Veteran's Affairs secretary, Army secretary)
- [William Westmoreland](#), *DESA*, former U.S. Army General
- [Charles Whitman](#), spree killer (Univ. of Texas tower sniper) and marksman (had brain tumor)
- [Edward Osborne Wilson](#), biologist, author
- [David W. Wolfe](#), New Jersey General Assembly member

Z

- [Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.](#), *DESA*, admiral, [Chief of Naval Operations](#)

Incorrectly regarded as Eagle Scout

These persons, while notable in themselves, are sometimes incorrectly listed as having earned the award:

- [Henry "Hank" Aaron](#), athlete (baseball), [Silver Buffalo Award](#); Is often thought to be an Eagle because of an advertisement he did for the BSA.
- [Walter Cronkite](#) journalist, T.V. commentator but not an Eagle ^[10]
- [Henry Fonda](#), actor, [Academy Award](#) winner, was a Scout and Scoutmaster and even thought to be an Eagle by his estranged daughter, but was in fact not an Eagle ^[10]
- [Harrison Ford](#): a Life Scout; Ford also played [Indiana Jones](#), a fictional [Life Scout](#) in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*
- [Bill Gates](#), Life Scout and richest man in the world, see entry on his father [William H. Gates, Sr.](#) in Eagle Scout list
- [George Hooks](#), politician ([Georgia State Senate](#))
- [Jimmy Stewart](#), Second Class Scout, actor, [Brigadier General](#), [Silver Buffalo Award](#), [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#); Is often thought to be an Eagle because of an advertisement he did for the BSA. ^[10]