

History of Netawatwees Lodge #424

The Order of the Arrow first came to our Council in October 1949, when Amochol Lodge #424 was first chartered to the Zane Trace Area Council #467, located in Zanesville, OH. Amochol when translated to English means canoe. Thus totem of the lodge became the canoe, and its camp was Camp Zane.

Wapagoklos Lodge #448 was chartered in 1950 to the Tomahawk Council #442, located in Coshocton, OH. The lodge totem was the white owl, and its camp was Camp Frederickson.

In 1956, the two councils and lodges merged to form the Muskingum Valley Council #467, and Netawatamass Lodge #424. The lodge totem became Chief Netawatwees standing over two adjoining rivers (the Tuscarawrus and the Walhonding, which form the Muskingum River at Coshocton). The new council operated both camps until the end of the 1960 camp season when Camp Zane closed. Camp Frederickson remained as the council summer camp until the 1968 camp season, when the newly built Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation opened for summer camping. In 1975, the lodge Executive Committee voted to change the name of the lodge to Netawatwees.

The Netawatwees Lodge has had the honor of having four section Chiefs for EC6A: Richard Armstrong (1974-75); Jeffery Ross (1976-77); Mark G Eyn (1977-78) and Edgar LeBenne (1983-85). Charles R Snyder, became advisor of section EC6A.

Chief Netawatwees

Chief Netawatwees was a Delaware chief of the Turtle subtribe. His name, meaning skilled advisor, appears in the colonial records as Netawatwees, Netahutquemaed, Netodwehement, and Netautwhalemund. In English, he was known as the Newcomer.

Probably born in the Delaware River Valley around 1678, the young Netawatwees was forced to move west with other members of his tribe due to white pressures. In July of 1758, he was living in a Delaware Indian settlement at the mouth of Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Ohio River below Pittsburgh, where records identify him as “ye great man of the Unami nation.”

Netawatwees moved to Ohio with other migrant Delaware during the French & Indian War and established a village near present-day Cuyahoga Falls. From there, he moved to the Tuscarawas, a tributary of the Muskingum, where he became chieftain of the Delaware town called Gekelukpechink, meaning —still water. In this town, which became known as Newcomer’s Town, was on the north bank of the Tuscarawas on the eastern outskirts of present-day Newcomerstown. The Great Council met here until the Delaware population was consolidated at nearby Coshocton.

Netawatwees was instrumental in inviting the Moravian missionaries (Particularly David Zeisberger) to the area. Though Netawatwees never converted to Christianity, the Moravian missionaries made a strong impression on him. Infirm in his old age, he was succeeded by White Eyes in 1776. His dying words on October 31, 1776, implored the Delaware to give up their native practices and follow the teachings of the Moravian pastors.

Scouting in the Muskingum River Valley

In 1911 Russell H Reed of Zanesville Ohio is believed to be the first registered Boy Scout in Ohio. Since 1918 Scouting has been active in the Muskingum Valley area. In 1919 Zanesville and Cambridge areas joined together to become the Zane Trace Council. In 1923 Knox, Coshocton, Holmes and Tuscarawas Counties organized and became the Kno-Co-Ho-Tus Council. The name was later changed to the Tomahawk Council. A merger of the Zane Trace and the Tomahawk Councils in 1957 resulted in what is now known as the Muskingum Valley Council. Camp Zane was located six mile south of the Muskingum River and was the summer camp for the Muskingum Valley council.

After the merger of the councils Camp Zane wasn't used as a summer camp any longer. It was however used as a camping area for local troops from time to time. In 1957 the first camp for the Muskingum Valley council was Camp Frederickson, a 130 acre plot of land was donated by the late Charles R Frederickson. The camp was used until 1967. Camp Frederickson was located on State Route 83 between New Concord and Coshocton. Camp Frederickson was used as the summer camp for the council until it was sold to Columbus Southern Power. Columbus Southern then exchanged the deed for this site for the deed of a plot of land consisting of 515 acres. Located behind the power plant in Conesville, this plot of land became what is known today as the Muskingum Valley Scout reservation.

In 1966 Muskingum Valley Council conducted a financial campaign which produced \$580,000. The money raised was used to build the service center in Zanesville and start construction on the new summer camp. The first summer camp was held in 1968 at M.V.S.R. The campers had to be bused to the Conesville School for meals because the dining hall wouldn't be finished till later that year. Physical improvements would be added to the camp quickly. An eight acres boating lake was added in 1975, a Cub Scout shelter was added in 1981. The Netami shelter and the Eco-Con Shelter was added in 1984. In the fall of 1989 two Adirondacks were added to the Appleseed camp site. At the end of the 1990 camping season an Adirondack was added to the Walnut camp Site.

In 1990 a new COPE course was opened at MVSR. A new north camp shower house was added in 1991. By this time there were 11 camp sites; Hopewell, Delaware, Friendship, Zane, Eagle, Walnut, Locust, Frederickson, Buckeye, Whiteyes and Appleseed. The capacity of the camp at that time was 200 campers per week. The camp continued to expand over the years. In the 1990s another capital campaign was organized and funds were raised for the construction of an Olympic size

swimming pool along with a new shower house for the pool and south camp. In 2007 a new Welcome Center was constructed at the entrance to the camp. In 2008 a new handicraft building was built in south camp. In 2013 a new STEM building was constructed known as the Straker Cabin, \$50,000 was donated by the Straker Company for the construction of the building. The building was first used for the STEM program in 2014. In 2012 the showers in north camp were expanded and improved. Through the fall of 2014 and winter of 2015 the dining hall was expanded to nearly double the dining area. One unique item of MVSR would be a term known as the KYBO. I believe that MVSR is the only Scout camp that uses this acronym. Most camps would refer to this facility as a latrine. I'll let you figure out what the acronym actually means.

If one person needs recognized for his dedication to MVSR it would be the recently retired camp director Rev. Tim Lehman. Rev. Tim was the recipient of the Founders Award in 2000 as well as a member of the Lifetime Membership Society. He is known by all the campers over the years as Reverend Tim. He has served the camp for 43 years. First as camp Chaplain, then Commissioner, and finally as camp director from 1976 to 2014. Reverend Tim retired in late 2014. Over his years of service to the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation and the Muskingum Valley Council he has touched the lives of thousands of scouts. His dedication to summer camp is a great example of service to others.

A story to remember the next time you just don't have the time

That's not my job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Author Unknown But we'll take the credit

OA Centurion Awards for Netawatwees Lodge 424

As part of the Centennial Celebration, The Order of the Arrow allowed lodges to identify those individuals from the lodge, both present and past, which helped shape the lodge into what it is today. The following are the award winners for our lodge.

Chris Canning was a very active youth, serving the Lodge as Secretary, Treasurer, Lodge Chief twice, and even going on to serve as Section Secretary. Chris was one of the best officers serving the Executive Committee at the time, because of his attendance, and also the example he set at work days and how he carried out his duties. Far too often, youth get elected to a position and then loses interest, but Chris was an example to other officers, and often would encourage youth to do better at their jobs.



Chris attended OA National Leadership Seminar, came back and started putting his training to use. During Chris' tenure as Chief, one of

his greatest accomplishments was starting the Netawatwees Lodge's Service Corps program in 2005. This is something that had been talked about for years, but nothing had ever been done to make it happen. Chris set out to have the program working, formed a committee and had the program rules and guidelines set in place, passed by the Lodge Executive Committee, and working before he went out of office. 2005 was the start of the program, and by the end of 2014, over 45,000 hours of service have been completed and given to the council properties and community. The OA Service Corp has been found working on every major project since that time, and has done a great job recognizing many hard working volunteers. Without Chris believing in the program and seeing the project through to completion, this would not have happened. Chris has definitely left a legacy on the lodge with his service.

Ron Hixon



"Ranger Ron" came to our Council in 2000 and immediately became active in the Lodge. He has a very in depth background with Scoutcraft skills and knowledge of Indian Lore, which include making head dresses, chokers, breast plates and more. Ron works with the youth of the lodge on how to make their own items, and has encouraged numerous youth over the years to become interested in participating with dance and ceremonial teams. With many of the youth making their own items, they have learned to appreciate the items more, and have taken more pride in both the regalia, and in what they do, whether it is dance team, or ceremony teams. Ron's Involvement has increased, and now, he donates items and time so that every Ordeal candidate gets to make a choker necklace as part of their Ordeal weekend. This tradition is one that candidates have even mentioned looking forward to when they get called out. Another area that Ron is very active with is our service corps. Though he is the Camp Ranger, he goes far past expectations or job requirements to make sure people doing projects have something meaningful that they are working on. A big reason the program is as successful as it is could be credited to Ron's participation and interest In Service Corps. Though Ron has only been in our Lodge for the short amount of time that he has, he is a vital member, and one that the youth truly look up to and admire!

Dave Milligan

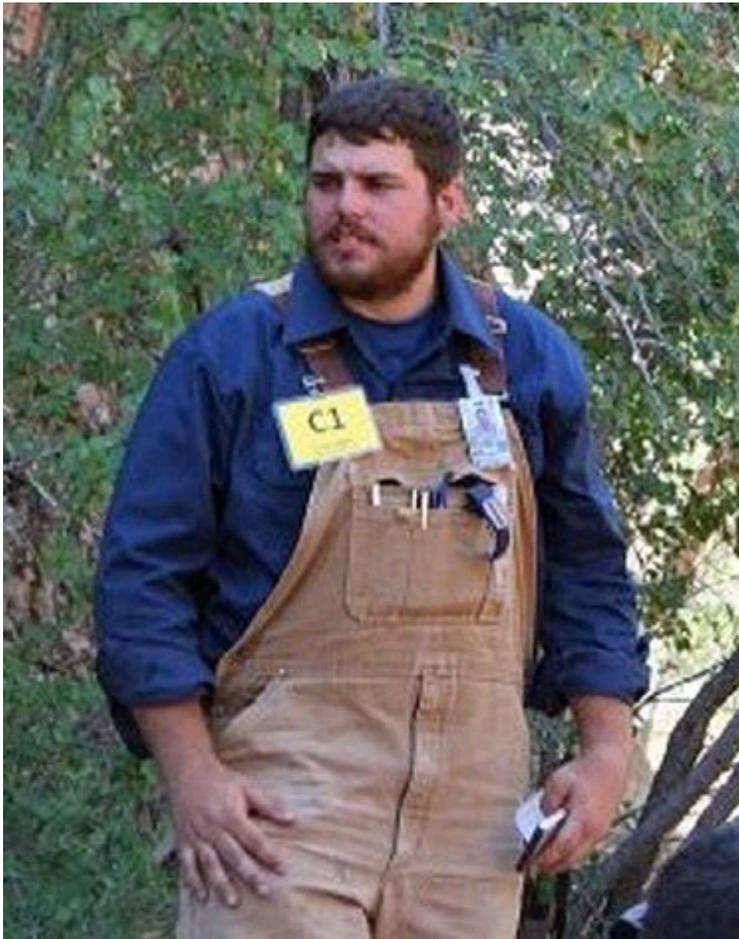
Dave has served the Lodge as Adviser for 20 years. During this time, he has directly mentored youth lodge officers, encouraged leadership training and development, and fostered a sense of service within the Lodge. During the course of Dave's tenure, he has worked directly with 15 Lodge Chiefs and an undetermined amount of Lodge and Chapter officers. Dave also has encouraged



and motivated youth to challenge themselves by attending high adventure programs, both OA trailcrew and individual treks, several youth from our Lodge have attended the National Leadership Seminar due to Dave's encouragement. The Lodge provides funding to allow this to happen, sometimes up to 100% of the cost being covered due to Dave's wise counsel. During Dave's time as Lodge Advisor, he was at almost every work day and Ordeal, and you could always find him in the thick of the work being done. His demonstration of servant leadership has been a model for others. Dave has also been a great ambassador for the Lodge, in his many other roles he has held in Scouting. He has led numerous High Adventure activities, attended and promoted Wood Badge training, staffed numerous training events and camporees, and has always been willing to help on any project when asked. One of thing about Dave that stands out is his constant upbeat

attitude and positive outlook. I don't recall ever seeing Dave upset or downhearted. Dave doesn't approach projects or ideas with a negative outlook, but looks for ways to make them happen. The most impressive aspect about his service as Lodge Adviser is it seems he always found a way to give the Lodge Chief the support they needed no matter what their leadership skills or abilities were. I became a Chapter Officer In 1996, and after all these years I am very fortunate to call Dave a mentor, and a friend!

Sam Pulley



If you come to Netawatwees Lodge on an ordeal day, odds are extremely high you will find yourself working alongside Sam Pulley. Sam was selected for the Order of the Arrow and became a very active youth member in 2004. Sam made many friends in the Order of the Arrow, both in our Lodge and around the section. You could always see him at the work days and Ordeals, many times serving as an Elangomat or on Ceremony Teams. Sam attended every Conclave our Section held, and served on staff when our own Lodge hosted Conclave. Beyond

involvement at the Conclave, Sam attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2006. He has travelled to Philmont and participated in the OA Trail Crew, the Florida Sea Base, participated in OAOA, and Northern Tier to do the Wilderness Voyage. Not many people can say they have their Triple Crown in our Council, but Sam can say he has his just serving on OA Service Crews.

Sam continued his National service with the Order of the Arrow during the Arrowcorp 5 project. He brought a lot of ideas back from these experiences to help form our own service corps, on which he later served as youth Chairman. Sam developed himself as a leader in the OA by attending the OA National Leadership Seminar, and put this training to use during his service as Chapter Chief and Lodge 1st Vice Chief. Sam has been an inspiration to those around him by taking advantage of national programs, and then promoting those National Programs to the youth in our Lodge. Sam was a very driven and service oriented young man as a youth (and still today), and a great example of servant leadership!

Richard Spring

Richard "Dick" Spring was a long time member of Scouting and of our Lodge. I am sure his service started before 1980, but this was the earliest I could find anyone recalling Dick Spring was a member of our Council who everyone knew. He came to all major functions of the Council and the Lodge and was always in great spirits! He was a huge promoter of the Order of the Arrow, Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation and of National High Adventure Programs. If you ever had a question about the history of our Councilor Lodge, Dick was the guy to go to. He was a member of our Council Executive



Board and had been for longer than anyone on the board could recall. He served as OA Lodge Adviser in the late 70's and early 80's. When you talked to Dick about anything, he was always more than willing to tell you as much as he could. When I was a youth officer in the Lodge, one of the points I remember most about him was his willingness to tell you what had worked and what had not in the past, yet he was also willing to stand by new Ideas of the youth and would help in any way

he could. I was fortunate to have Dick serve as my guide when I was elected for the Vigil Honor, and I could not have been more impressed with his humble demeanor and the calming sense you got when you were around him. Dick was great at resolving conflict, sometimes with just his presence, at other times, through his ability to talk with people in such a way that he could diffuse any situation. I never saw Dick get upset or flustered. Dick was one of the men in the Council who simply embodied what Scouting is about. He was someone who anyone could easily look up to. The unfortunate thing about Dick is he is no longer around to share his wise counsel, and mentor the youth of today. We miss him.

Nathaniel Steele



Nathaniel Steele was inducted into the Lodge as a quiet and reserved youth, but that didn't last long. Nate quickly began taking jobs within and around the Lodge. His biggest problem was he did not know how to say no! Nate has served the Lodge as a Troop Representative, an Election Team Member, Conclave Committees, Service Corps

Chairman for Conclave, Forest Trails Chapter Chief, and has just finished serving two years as Lodge Chief. Nate's biggest impact to the Lodge came during his service as Lodge Chief. During the two year period, he presided over all but one Lodge Executive Committee meetings where he led the youth through a daunting task of updating our Lodge Bylaws. This task, though much needed, was not an easy task to take on, as very few of the other youth were interested in taking on this project. Despite the lack of enthusiasm, Nate was able to motivate his other officers so they completed the project by the end of his term. Two other significant projects that Nate was able to get started were the creation of a new OA ring, and the revitalization of Service Corp. The OA ring in its current area has become more and more challenging to use in foul weather, and after we have had inclement weather. The new OA ring has been approved, and work was started before his term of office ended. This new ring will be larger in size, should not be affected by the weather as much, additionally it will give the Lodge a great project to do for the OA's 100th anniversary. The other project, revitalizing the Service Corp, is benefiting camp and the OA. Our Lodge has now adopted the Camp perimeter trail, and Nata was instrumental in the concept and implementation of the idea. We now have 4 trail days each year, which give more opportunities for service and are a great way for the OA to better serve camp. We may not see the full legacy that Nate has left for a number of years, but we believe it will be significant.

Linda Udischas



Linda Udischas has served the Lodge as an adviser for 18 years. First, she served as Chapter Adviser for the Yandata Chapter in 1990. She is very active in the Summer Camp program at the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation. Over time, she became the Summer Camp OA Adviser, assisting with preparation for Call out Ceremonies, Rededication Ceremonies, Brotherhood Ceremonies, along with collecting dues, ensuring the youth promote the OA throughout the week, and being ready to answer any question that comes her way. Due to her increased involvement, in 2002 she was asked to serve as the Associate Lodge Adviser. Linda advised youth for the publication of two where to go camping books put out by the lodge.

When the Lodge first started the Service Corps, Linda agreed to help with the computer records of the Service Corp. As the Lodge transitioned into using Lodgemaster Software, Linda was one of the first people to volunteer to upload data and take on the task of ensuring records were correct and accurate. In recent years, one of the main reasons the Lodge can show true membership growth has been because Linda has contacted scouters to remind them, and encourage them to continue paying their dues. In 1995 when her husband Chuck Udischas took the job of Council Ranger, she became a very outspoken advocate for the work the Order of the Arrow was doing at Camp. Linda has also been a constant promoter of the OA at events, training's and round tables, ensuring positive communication and urging youth to stay involved with the lodge. Linda has been to almost every Lodge event during her tenure of service, and is often one of the first faces you see as you walk in the door at registration. For many years she served as the primary health officer at lodge functions. Linda has recently been a key contributor in the National Youth Leadership Training and Woodbadge programs in our Council.

Charles Udischas II



While Charles "Chip" was a youth member of our Lodge he took an active part in the activities of the Lodge - not just as a participant He was an active and effective leader, starting with his position of Chapter Chief. Yandata chapter was not functioning as an effective chapter. When he took over as Chapter Chief his enthusiasm and love for the OA was infectious. He planned chapter activities that got the youth members of the chapter interested in coming to chapter meetings and attendance at Chapter and Lodge activities by the youth of Yandata Chapter increased. He continued his service to the Lodge as a Vice Chief and went on to be Lodge Chief for two consecutive terms. Unlike so many Lodge officers, on Ordeal Weekends and other workdays he could be found working alongside the Ordeal candidates and other members of the Lodge. He was not afraid to get dirty and was a true example of cheerful service to the members of the Lodge. After the completion of his two terms as Chief he served as an outstanding mentor to subsequent Chiefs.

During his tenure as, chief he was instrumental in coming up with and carrying out ideas to get the Lodge back on sound financial ground. When he took office as Chief the finances of the Lodge were at an extremely low point. When he left office the Lodge was on solid footing and had a decent surplus in Lodge funds to carry forward to help finance Lodge sponsored projects at the Council camp. The main Lodge sponsored project has been completing and improving the Climbing tower at the camp.

In summation, as a youth Chip served as a shining example of what it means to be a servant leader. Many youth have been influenced by his example and have become outstanding servant leaders themselves.

Netawatwees Lodge 424 Founders Awards Recipients

1983

**Edgar J. LaBenne
Robert Ault**

1985

Rick Ebersole

1986

**Bradley K. Dye
Richard P. Spring**

1987

**Doug Emert
Kenneth Frank**

1988

**William Nicolozakes
James B. Mos**

1989

**Scott M. Stubbs
Richard J. Ebersole**

1991

**Matthew Murphy
Dale Ward**

1992

**Phillip Palmer
Courtney Lynch**

1994

**Steven Waldenga
Michael Paisley**

1995

**Jason A. Bresock
Timothy E. Murphy**

1996

**Lloyd Ryan Miller
Timothy Brown**

1997

**William W. Glover Jr.
James Gill**

1998

**Jonathan Glover
Milligan**

1999

**Chip Udischas II David
Ron Rosser**

2000
Chad Lawrence
Rev. Tim Lehman

2001
Adam Courtright
Linda Udischas

2002
Steven Channel
Wm. Steven Channel

2003
Ansel Burch
Carl Church

2004
Jonathan Daniele
Steve Courtright

2005
Chris Canning
Shirley Allen

2006
Kevin Peyton
Kathleen Dean

2007
Jordan Jasper
Jerry Riley

2008
Andrew Wolfgang
James Perkins

2009
Kevin Collins
Harry Petry

2010
Zachary Beres
Samuel Pulley

2011
Weston Burch
Kevin Burch

2012
Jared Nicholson
Don Nicholson

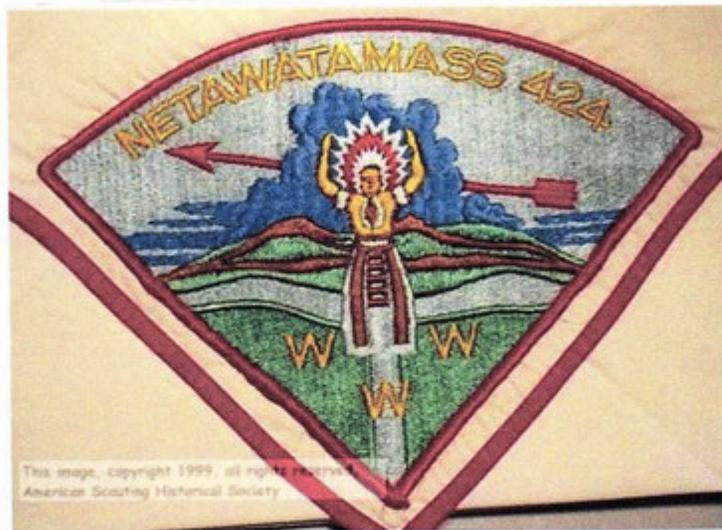
2013
Anthony "Tony" Palmer
Dudley Thomas

2014
Nate Steele
Jay Lockard

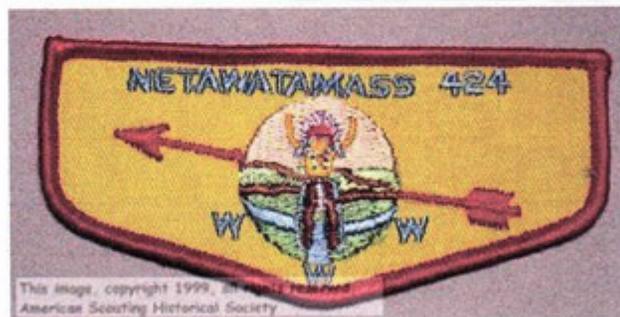
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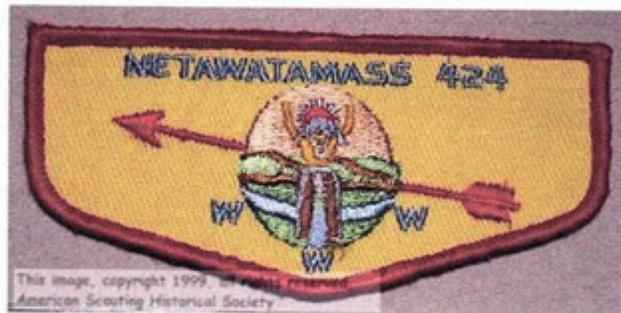


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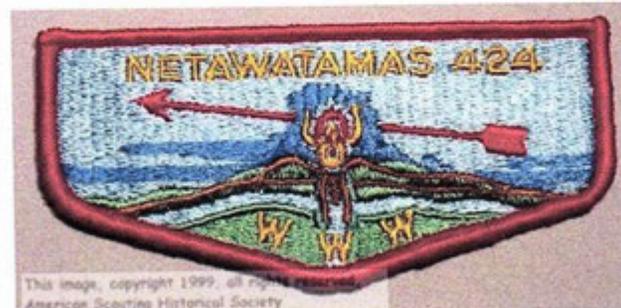


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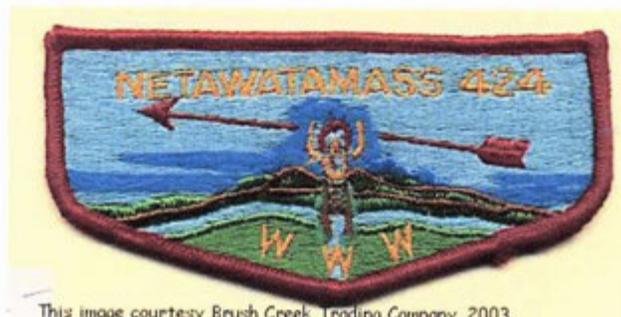
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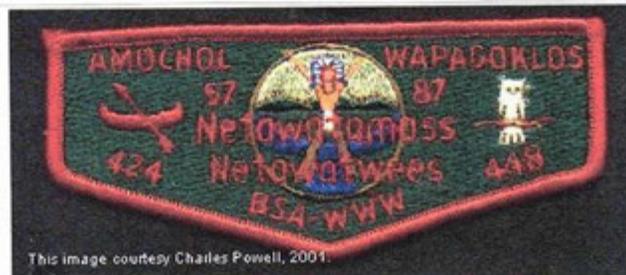
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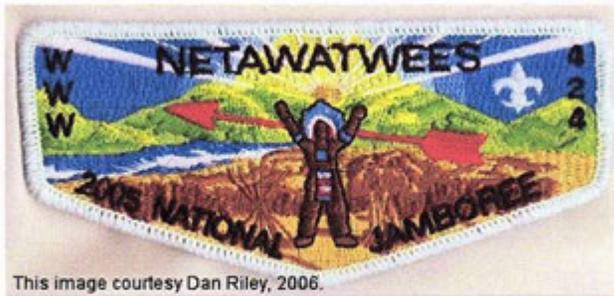
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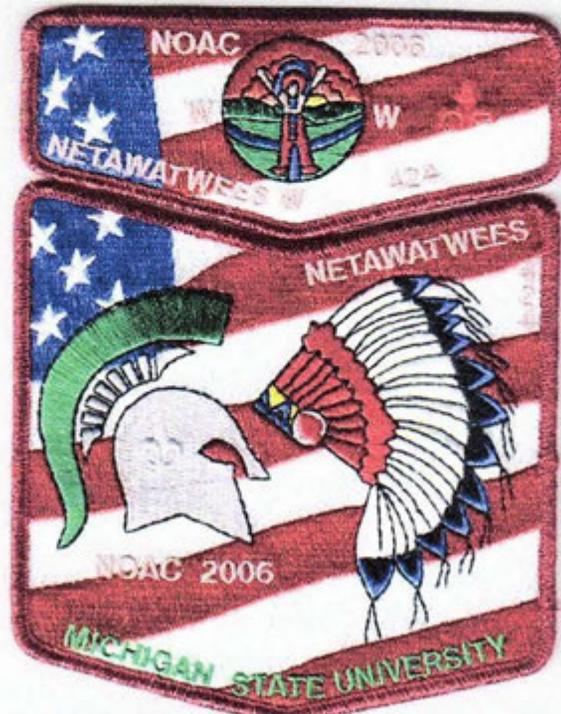
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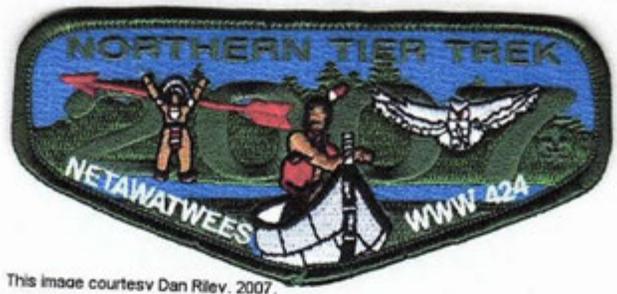


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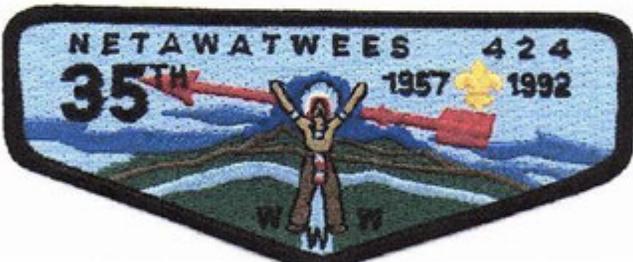


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