

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 100th ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE



Joe Gentile and I decided to do something for the Boy Scouts of America's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which was Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Scout Master Bear Short, of Troop 215, told me anytime during the month of February would be good so we chose Tuesday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, for the presentation during his Troop's regular meeting. The presentation was well received and we were very happy to do this small token of our appreciation for what the Boy Scouts have contributed to our country and what they continue to do.



The plaque was designed to have the 3 repousse that are associated with the Boy Scouts of America; The Fleur de Lys, made of stainless steel, a copper Arrowhead and a Bear Paw with polished steel claws projecting out. The numbers signifying the 100 years are hand forged and heat colored. The Plaque itself is made of oak, from a fallen tree during a storm. All the parts were made from cut-offs from other projects, in keeping with an element of the Boy Scouts of America's Law, being "Thrifty".

Scout Master Short told us he plans to take the plaque with the Troop during the next year and have each Troop sign the back signifying that they have seen it. SM Short was very pleased and appreciative of this gift. Joe and I were of course very happy that they liked the plaque and intended to take it around and let the other Scouting Troops know that we join them in celebrating their Anniversary.



Just wanted to let everyone know that this will be the type of project that Artist Blacksmith Group of Tidewater will be doing from time to time and hope that all of our future endeavors go as well. I guess this makes it my first official notice as Director of ABGT. Thank you Boy Scouts of America!