

Training Award Varieties

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Changes from Version 11.0 are annotated in blue.



**Scoutmaster's/Scouter's
Key**

The Boy Scouts of America began to recognize adult leaders who completed specified training and service in 1927 with the introduction of the **Scoutmaster's Key**, which recognized Scoutmasters who completed a five-year plan of training and service.¹ In 1932 the **Scouter's Training Award** recognized those Scouters other than Scoutmasters who completed the five-year plan.² The **Skipper's Key** was approved in December 1939 and phased out in 1948 (but reinstated in 2002).³

In 1948 the **Scouter's Key** replaced the Scoutmaster's Key. The only design change was from a First Class to a universal emblem device on the Key. It could be earned by Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Senior Scout Advisors and Commissioners. The Five-Year Training Plan was changed to the Three-Year Training Plan. At the same time, the Scouter's Training Award was renamed the Scouter's Award, and the design changed from a V to an A background. This was needed since the V stood for the Five-Year Training Plan.⁴ Since the Scouter's Award was changed back to Scouter's Training Award in 1954, I will call it the STA throughout.⁵

Prior to 1956, Den Mothers earned the Scouter's Training Award. In May 1956 the **Den Mother's Training Award** was established. In 1967 women were allowed to serve as Cub Scout committee members, and men were allowed to serve as den leaders (a new term). Accordingly, the **Den Leader's Training Award** was established, though men could not earn it until September 1969 due to the tenure requirements. Similarly, that year the new position of Den Leader Coach was established, and the **Den Leader Coach's Training Award** was established, but could not be earned until September 1969 (*Scouting*, Feb. 1969). These were both replaced by the **Den Leader Award** and **Den Leader Coach's Award** in 1988. In 2012 the DLTA was reinstated for all den leaders.

Illustrated below are the basic forms of the awards:



Scouter's Training Award
1932-48 1948-55 1956-Present



Den Leader's Training Award
1956-88



Den Leader Coach's Award
1956-88



Den Leader's Training Award
2012-Present



1939-41



Skipper's Key
19??-48



2002-Present



1928 Scoutmaster's Key?



Regular Scoutmaster's Key



Pre-1937 Back Without Patent Number **Scouter's Training Award**

First on the left is what may be the initial issue of the Scoutmaster's Key, or a ribbon prototype, or may be a later unofficial replacement ribbon. "The owner of this key medal said he got it from an old Scouter who was awarded this way back in the late 20's." The ribbon is like the later Skipper's Key ribbon (see above). It appears to be the right proportion, and most ribbons are wider. The ribbon is sewn across the back, as the BSA ribbon bars were beginning in 1934. The medal has the 10K in the middle of the back as one of mine is. However, that medal has an unmarked key, and this has what appears to be "10K" on the key itself. The loop on mine is not openable, and this appears to be the same. I cannot guarantee this is authentic, but I believe it is very likely.

I know of the following six varieties of the Scoutmaster's Key awarded from 1928-48 (excluding the one above). It is distinguished by a First Class badge superimposed on the key device. No devices (which see) were worn with it. It came in several varieties:

A medal without ribbon, with 10K horizontally on the back of the First Class.

No bar support, spin wheel locking clasp, 10K on the First Class and key tail.

No bar support with a spin wheel locking clasp, 10K on the key tail.

STER Pat 2066969 on gold color bar support, spin wheel locking clasp, 10K on the key tail. NOTE: Patent 2066969 was granted January 5, 1937, so all bar supports with that number post-date 1937.

Pat 2066969 on gold color bar support upside down, spin wheel locking clasp, 10K on the key tail.

Pat 2066969 on gold color bar support right side up, spin wheel locking clasp, 10K on the key tail.

Pat 2066969 on silver color bar support, spin wheel locking clasp, 10K on lower right bar of Key.

I know of three-four varieties of the Scouter's Training Award from 1932-48. It is distinguished by the V device (representing the Five-Year Training Plan) with a fleur-de-lis (FDL) superimposed. I have two varieties:

Rough olive or dark green ribbon with no hallmark on the medal, no nipples under the pins. Some varieties have STERLING on the V.

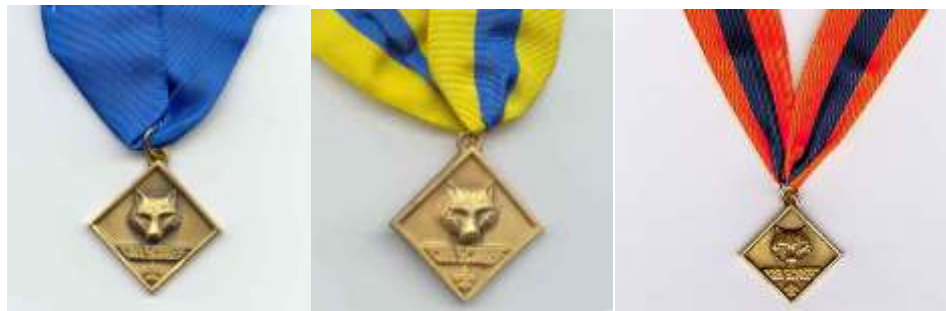
Smooth solid green ribbon with 1/20 10K GF on the V, nipples under pins.

NOTE: Any V Training Awards with PAT 2066969 on the bar support post-date January 5, 1937, the date the patent was awarded.

There are six Cub Scouter awards, neck ribbons supporting a Cub universal insignia. Five were instituted in 1988, the Tiger Cub Award was instituted in 1992. I illustrate and identify them below, but have made no study of them. The neck ribbon medals were not reordered by National Supply in 2000. The awards (square knots) were retained through 2012/3. In 2001 the position of Den Leader Coach was done away with, so the award also lapsed.



Cubmaster Award Den Leader Award Webelos Leader Award



Den Leader Coach Cub Scouter Award Tiger Cub Award

The Pack Trainer Award was announced in 2006, and could be earned beginning on September 1, 2008. The only recognition was a square knot. In 2012 the **Cubmaster Award** was deleted effective December 31, 2013, returning to the Scouter's Key. The **Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award and Tiger Cub Den Leader Award** were changed to the **Den Leader Training Award** with one knot and three devices, Tiger, Cub, and Webelos, so it could be earned three times. The **WDLA and TCDLA** were discontinued December 31, 2012. The **DLTA** medal was reinstated in blue and gold, see above. The **Cub Scouter** and the **Pack Trainer** awards were deleted effective December 31, 2013, in their place Cubbers earn the **Scouter's Training Award**.



SM Key Scouter's Key



Ribbon and pin



Loop



Medal front



**R wing R wing
1/20 10K GF 1/20 10KGF
in a box**

Scouter's Key (Scoutmaster's Key)

The Scoutmaster's Key came out in 1928, and was used until 1948. It is illustrated at left. The distinguishing characteristic is the First Class badge over the Key symbol. (Note: If a man served three years as a Scoutmaster and the remainder of the five years as a Commissioner, he was also allowed to earn the Scoutmaster's Key.) On the reverse, they are marked with "10K," indicating that they are 10K solid gold.

In 1948 the First Class was replaced with a universal Scout emblem (fleur-de-lis, or FDL). Now Cubmasters, Advisors, Squadron Leaders, Skippers and Commissioners could earn the Key as well as Scoutmasters. The Key was also changed at this time to 1/20 10K gold filled, i.e. a layer of 10K gold not less than 1/20th of the total weight was laid over base metal.

The 1948-circa 1973 Scouter's Key was manufactured by Robbins Co. of Attleboro, MA. It is distinguished by a ribbon mounted through a brass ribbon slot, the ribbon brought down in front, and secured by sewing through small holes made for the purpose. As you can also see, there is a spin-wheel locking clasp. Patent 2066969 was granted January 5, 1937, so all bar supports with that number post-date 1937. Versions after that, up to about 1965, have "PAT 2066969" in the circle. After about 1965, the marking was removed.

The loop connecting to the medal was openable. It has a small catch, and a spring-loaded prong fits into a hole in the other side of the loop. You can (with difficulty) remove the device and use it as a separate piece of jewelry. Some of the later loops are actually marked with "1/20 12K GF" to show they are gold filled.

The front of the design remained consistent throughout the period. Very early medals use pins to attach the FDL to the Key. I believe that ended by about 1954.

Robbins medals are distinguished by an R wing hallmark, or an r hallmark, or sometimes by no hallmark at all. I have identified a pin version of the A (see below, similar to the second Key on the left) awarded in the fall of 1954. The 1/20 10K GF back (3rd left) was on a Key awarded with the CAW device, issued 1957-58. The R wing device ended about 1960-62. There are many variations. From left to right, in chronological order, as best I know it, are the following:



**R wing Small 1/20 10K GF
1/20 10K GF GF
None 1/20 10K GF
3-bar R wing**



1/20 10KGF



r in a large box
1/20 over 10K



r in a small box
1/20 over 10K



Normal vs. Thick SK Body



Transitional medal,
Robbins and Stange parts



Stange



Loop



Wheel clasp



Crude clasp



No Sewing



Front



Back

Dic Slunaker of Yuma received this version in 1965. Based on pins and STA ribbon color, the 3-bar version of the R-wing is believed to come last in order.

The scan to the left illustrates a new (to me) variety, a “thick body” Key. It has the **r in a small box** hallmark, but the body of the key, in all dimensions, is about 50% thicker. This is the only one of these I have noticed.

I found an interesting transition piece, containing a Robbins Key medal and loop, and a Stange (see below) wheel clasp and sewn ribbon. Two things may have occurred. 1) The Robbins Company, when it lost the contract, had some leftover medals, and sold them to Stange, or 2) someone removed and attached it to a Stange medal. This particular medal was given to Richard Townsend in the early 80s, well after the transition occurred, as a replacement medal for one he earned.

In about 1973, the BSA switched to the Stange Company. Several changes were made during their tenure, from about 1973-79.

All the ribbons were pressed into the ribbon mount. The attaching ring was now just a solid pressed ring. The first clasps were spin wheel locking clasps, then changed to a crude clasp. Finally, the ribbons were no longer tacked (sewn) at the edge to keep them in place. The slippage you see in the third back is now a common problem. Stange changed the medal front and back initially, but did not change during their time. The front had significant die changes, with six stripes (vice four), 13 dots instead of 13 stars on the shield, new tail and wing feathers, and re-shaped stars of Truth and Knowledge. The hallmark is an Old English S with 1/20 G.F.



CREST CRAFT

Approximately 1980, the BSA again changed suppliers, to Crest Craft. They had a short run of gold-filled medals, ending in the early 1980s. The ribbon and mounting characteristics did not change. The front of the medal remained very similar, but changes were made to the feet, the feather boundaries, and the head. The hallmark now read CREST CRAFT. I have found only two varieties, 1/20 10K and 1/10 10K G/F. The F is very unclear on my sample. This is the only time that the gold content is 1/10, and it may be a typo. However, the 1/10 is also found on CREST CRAFT veteran pins, so it should be accurate.



New FDL



**CREST CRAFT
1/20 10K**



**CREST CRAFT
1/10 10K G/F**



"Brass"

Gold filled medals became too expensive, so sometime in the early 1980s the BSA changed to a gold colored base metal I call brass. The major characteristics of the medal did not change. It still had a pressed, unsewn bar with a crude clasp. The color of the bar changed to "silver." There may be a variety with a brass bar like the CREST CRAFT Key, because one other medal has it. There appear to be minor changes in the medal die, in the marbling of the FDL, the stars of Truth and Knowledge are smaller, and the shield is not raised as much. The back of the key has a crosshatch version, and a smooth back version. There are no hallmarks.



Brass FDL



Crosshatch back



Smooth back

Now, let's put it in sequence, with some dates. A “?” indicates an educated guess that the item should exist, or that the order is uncertain there.

The numbering system is:

1. 1928-48 - First Class Scoutmaster's Key or V Training Award
2. 1948-72 - Robbins manufacture
3. 1973-79 - Stange manufacture
4. 1979-80s - Crest Craft manufacture
5. 1980s-present - anonymous manufacture

All dates are approximate. Letters indicate approximate order.

Scouter's Key — FDL on key background, broad (8 mm) white band on green ribbon. The question mark at the sequence number indicates we are unsure. Item 2c has been verified as issued in 1952. Item 2d has both a right side up and an upside down “PAT 2066969.”

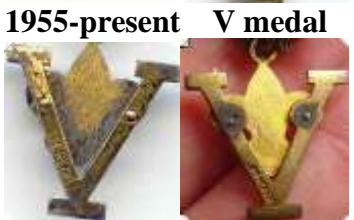


Type 1 Type 2



Type 3 Type 4

Sequence	Hallmarks	Ribbon	Pin	Loop
1a ? 1928- 1b ?	1 st Class pin, 10K mid tail & back of FDL 1 st Class, pin, 10K lower tail	Slot, 2 holes, sewn Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Unsupported Unsupported Wheel ster pat2066969 Wheel pat2066969	Openable Openable 10K Openable 10K Openable 1/20 12K GF
1c ? 1937+	1 st Class, pin, 10K mid tail	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969 Wheel pat2066969	Openable 10K Openable 1/20 12K GF
1d ?	1 st Class, pin, 10K mid tail	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Upside down	GF
1e?	1 st Class, pin, 10K upper tail	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
1f?	1 st Class, pin, 10K horiz	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
1g?	1 st Class pin, 10K back of FDL*	Slot, 2 hoses, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
* 1g: came in	last style of brown box with	National seal (#2).		
2a. 1948-	Pin, box R wing 10K 1/20 GF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2b.	Pin, 1/20 10K GF over R wing	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2b1.	Pin, 1/20 10KGF only	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
*2b1: came in	NYC style of brown box with	National seal (#1)		
2c. 1952-54?	Pin, R wing 1/20 10K GF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2d. 1954?- 56+	Weld, R wing 1/20 10K GF Weld, R wing 1/20 10K GF with 1/20 10K GF on top of key	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2d1.	Weld, 1/20 10K GF R wing	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2e.	Weld, 1/20 10K GF R wing	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2e1.	Weld, 1/20 10K GF 3-bar R wing	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2f.	Weld hereafter, none	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2g? 1960-61	1/20 10K GF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2h?	1/20 10KGF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2h1	1/20-10KGF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2h2	r 1/20 10K GF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2i.	1/20 10K GF r	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2i1	1/20 10KGF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2j?	1/20 10KGF over r	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2k.	r	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2l?Early 60s	1/20-10K GF r	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2m.	1/20 – 10KGF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel pat2066969	Openable
2m1.			unknown	
unknown	/20 10XGF	Slot, 2 holes, sewn		Openable
2n. 1965	r 1/20 10K	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel no pat	Openable
2o.	Large r 1/20 over 10K in box	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel no pat	Openable
2p. 1968	Small r 1/20 over 10K lower	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel no pat	Openable
2q. 1965-73	Small r 1/20 over 10K in box Small r 1/20 over 10K in box,	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel no pat	Openable
2r.	body of Key 50% thicker	Slot, 2 holes, sewn	Wheel no pat	Openable
2.5 (mixed!)	Small r 1/20 over 10K in box	Pressed, sewn	Wheel no pat	Openable
3a. 1973-76	S 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed, sewn	Wheel no pat	Closed
3b. 1973-76	S 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed, sewn	Wheel no pat	Closed
3c. 1977-78	S 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed, sewn	Hook	Closed
3d. 1978-79	S 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed, unsewn	Hook	Closed
4a. 1980-	Crest Craft 1/20 10K	Pressed, unsewn,brass	Hook	Closed
4b.	Crest Craft 1/10 10K G/P	Pressed, unsewn,brass	Hook	Closed
5a.	None, textured back	Pressed, unsewn	Hook	Closed
5b.	None, textured back	brass	Hook	Closed
5c.	None, smooth back	Pressed, unsewn wht	Hook	Closed
6. 2009- current	None, mottled back	Pressed, unsewn wht	Clutch back	Closed



Scouter's Training Award

The remainder of the awards is very similar in most respects to the Scouter's Key. Therefore, in dealing with them, I will point out differences rather than repeating all the similarities.

The Scouter's Training Award was initiated in 1932. It has three major varieties. First is the V and solid green ribbon. The V was emblematic of the Five-Year Training Program, and it took five years to earn the award. There was also a cloth patch, with eight segments around it, relating to the eight requirements for earning the Scouter's Key or Scouters Training Award. Those were: Elements of Scout Leadership, Troop Camping, Health and Safety-First Aid, Principles of Scout Leadership, Specialization, Advanced Certificate, Two Weeks in Camp, and Five Years Service. The patch is illustrated to the left at about half size.

In 1948 the time was reduced to three years, so the FDL was superimposed on an A, but the solid green ribbon remained. From 1948 through 1956 it was called the Scouter's Award, but then changed back to Scouter's Training Award. In 1956 a narrow (3 mm) white stripe was added in the center of the ribbon. The Den Mother's Training Award was established at the same time. Also, BSA deleted the solid green square knot representing the Scouter's Training Award. All Scouter's would wear the green and white square knot to represent the Key, Award, or DMTA. I speculate that the color scheme was chosen to be complementary to the knot, since all contained green and white.

The Scouter's Training Award clasp, bar, and loop are like the Key. The V version has at least two ribbon varieties and four medals. Medals are plain, or have STERLING or 1/20 10K GF on the V or FDL. The STA V has five stars on the shield and two full-bodied Truth and Knowledge stars. The bars do say STER for sterling. As illustrated, some have nipples around the pins, some do not.

Robbins made the STAs from about 1948-73, and the FDLs are the same throughout the period, identical to the Scouter's Key. The hallmarks show a similar pattern, with the difficulty that the reverse of the A obscures a portion of the mark, sometimes introducing some uncertainty. Only one has the A marked with 1/20 10K GF, the first green/white ribbon example.



**1/20 10K GF
on FDL**



**Pre-1937 pin
bar, no pat #**



Robbins A



R wing



1/20 on left arm



1980s-2008



2008-Present



The Stange, Crest Craft, and anonymous STAs follow the pattern of the Scouter's Key exactly. The existence of those with a question mark (?) is an educated guess, not a proven fact. The first appearance of the base metal STA was in 1980, where Mary Gray documented her husband's STA with the card.

Sequence	Hallmarks	Ribbon	Pin	Loop
1. 1932-	V, pin, no marks, no nipples	Rough green ribbon	Plain bar, no pat #	Openable
1a. 1937-	V, pin, sterling on V, no npl	Olive ?	Wheel ster pat 2066969	Openable
1b. 1937-48	V, pin, none, no nipples	Olive ribbon	Wheel ster pat.2066969	Openable
1ba.1937-	V, pin, ROBBINS, 1/20 10K GF no nipples	Rough green ribbon	Wheel ?? pat2066969	Openable ¹⁰
1b1.	V, pin, left 1/20 10K GF on V	Rough green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	
1c. 1937-48	V, pin, right 1/20 10K GF on V	Smooth green ribbon	Wheel ster pat.2066969	Openable
1d. -48	V, pin, 1/20 10KGF	Solid green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2a. 1948-50	A, pin, 1/20 10KGF R wing	Solid green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2b.	A, pin, box R wing 10K 1/20 GF	Solid green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2c.	A, pin, R wing 1/2010KGF	Smooth green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2d.	A, pin, ???0 10K ?? over R wing	N/A	N/A	N/A
2e.	A, pin, 1/20 10K (GF?)	Rough green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
		Rough green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2f.	A, pin, 1/20 10K GF		Upside down	
2g. 1952-54	A, pin, R wing 1/20 10K GF	Rough green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2h.	A, pin, R wing 1/2010KGF	Rough green ribbon	Bar mount spinlock	Openable
2i.	A, pin, no marks	Rough green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2j	A, pin, R wing 1/20 10K GF	Solid green ribbon	Wheel, unsupported bar	Openable
2k. -1956	A, weld, R wing 1/20 10K GF	Rough green ribbon	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
	A, weld, R wing 1/20 10K GF		Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2l. 1956	& 1/20 10K GF on R leg of A	Green w/white stripe		
	A, weld, R wing 1/20 10K GF		Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2m.	& 1/20 10K GF on L let of A	Green w/white stripe		
2n. 1956-	A, weld, R wing 1/20 10K GF	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2o.	1/20 10K GF over 3-bar R wing	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2p. 1956-61	1/2010KGF	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2q. 1961	1/20 10K	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Clip (repl?)
2r. early60s	1/20-10KGF	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2s.1965	r 1-20-10-K	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2t.	r (only, possibly partial 0)	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2u.	1/20 10K GF over r	Green w/white stripe	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2v.	Large r 1/20 over 10K	Green w/white stripe	Wheel no patent	Openable
2w. 1968	Small r 1/20 over 10K lower	Green w/white stripes	Wheel no patent	Openable
2x. 1965-73	Small r 1/20 over 10K	Green w/white stripe	Wheel no patent	Openable
3a. 1973-76	§ 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed bar, sewn	Wheel no patent	Closed
3b. 1977-78	§ 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed bar, sewn	Crude hook	Closed
3c. 1978-	§ 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed bar, unsewn	Crude hook	Closed
3d. 1978-	§ 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed bar, unsewn	Crude hook	Closed
4a. 1980-	CREST CRAFT 1/20 10K	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
4b.	?CREST CRAFT 1/20 10K G/F	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
5a.	None, smooth back	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
5b. 1980s-	None, textured back	Pressed, unsewn, white	Crude hook	Closed
5c. -2008	None, smooth back	Pressed, unsewn, white	Crude hook	Closed
6. 2008-current	None, mottled back	Pressed, unsewn, white	Clutch back	Closed



STA Pin Linked to Den Mother Pin



Reverse of STA and DM Pins

Unusual STA Pin

An unusual STA pin was offered for sale in 2006, illustrated at left. It is 1"x7/8" in size, larger than a standard pin. It lacks the ring and cross-bar, and does not have normal hallmarks, but a connected HW, and a vertical pin. The A has a crossbar, and pins, where the pins are normally in small nipples with no crossbar. I wonder if this was made by soldering a Tenderfoot pin to an A? I would, at first consideration, question if this was official issue.

The STA was awarded to Den Mothers from its origin until 1956. A way to recognize Den Mothers is illustrated at left, with an A pin linked to a Den Mother pin. The Den Mother pin associated with it is a version that was phased out beginning in 1948, but the A was not issued until 1948 at the earliest. Note the FDL is held on with pins, and though not visible, the box it came in had the "Headquarters New York City" seal on it. The move out of NYC was made in 1954. Note the pin and back is different than the other shown at left. This item was offered for sale in 2007.

Den Mother's Training Award / Den Leader's Training Award

The Den Mother's Training Award was introduced in 1956. Prior to then, Den Mothers earned the Scouter's Training Award. A friend of mine earned hers under the old Five Year Training Program with the V. The DMTA became the DLTA in 1967 with the introduction of the new Webelos program and allowing men and women to serve in the Den Leader and committee member positions. The DLTA was phased out on December 31, 1988 with the introduction of the Den Leader Award that year. Again, the white and green color scheme was because in 1956 there was only one training knot, green and white, which we know today as the Scouter's Key knot. See below for the reinstated DLTA.



DMTA/DLTA



Robbins Hallmark on ◇



Stange



Lapel Pins, Type 2 and 5

The DMTA/DLTA was exactly the same as the Key/STA in manufacture, except for reversing the colors of the ribbon and the back of the medal itself. The DMTA/DLTA/DLCTA all use a diamond (◇) background (Cub outline) with FDL on top. The Robbins DMTAs were manufactured with an arc of metal and an oval boss connecting the sides of the diamond behind the FDL. This obscured any hallmark on the FDL itself, so the hallmark was placed on the arc and boss. I am aware of one where the hallmark is on the lower right leg of the diamond. This comes in a red box, probably the first edition of the medal. Stange, Crest Craft and the successor supplier used small nipples on the back of the diamond to attach to the FDL, so the FDL hallmark is fully visible.

Two lapel pins have shown up on eBay, one vertical and one horizontal. The first shown is from a later Robbins batch (Type 2, 1969-72), the second shown is Type 5a/b. They became available by April 1961 (#5100D) and were available past March 1976, but remarkably few show up on eBay.

In the list below, the varieties with a question mark (?) may not exist. I expect them to be available, but I have not seen them. Item 2b below has both right side up and upside down “PAT 2066969.” Items 2h and 2h1 below show where the fleur-de-lis used for the SK/STA is also used for these Cub awards, even though the markings are not normally visible. In both, either the large or the small box containing “r 1/20 over 10K” is visible under the arc and oval boss. The second is illustrated on the left below.

Sequence	Hallmarks	Ribbon	Pin	Loop
2a.	1956- 1/20 10K GF on LR leg of dia	White w/narrow green	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2a.	1956- ?1/20 10K GF R wing	White w/narrow green	Wheel pat. 2066969	Openable
2b.	-1960- 1/20 10K GF	White w/narrow green	Wheel pat. 2066969	Openable
2c.	1/20 10KGF	White w/narrow green	Wheel pat. 2066969	Openable
2d.?	? 10K GF (misstrike?)	White w/narrow green	Wheel pat. 2066969	Openable
2e	1/20-10K GF	White w/narrow green	Wheel pat. 2066969	Openable
2e1?	1/2010K GF on diamond	White w/narrow green	Wheel pat 2066969	Openable
2f.	@1965- 1/20 10KGF over I	White w/narrow green	Wheel no patent	Openable
2g.	I over 1-20-10K	White w/narrow green	Wheel no patent	Openable
2h.	I over 1-20-10-K over lg I box	White w/narrow green	Wheel no patent	Openable
2h1.	1/20-10K r over I 1/20 over 10K	White w/narrow green	Wheel no patent	Openable
2i.	1969-72 1/20-10K I	White w/narrow green	Wheel no patent	Openable
2j.	1/20-10K I			
3a.	1973-76 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed bar, sewn, long	Wheel no patent circle	Closed
3a1	1973-76 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed bar, sewn, short	Wheel bar no circle	Closed
3b.	1977-78 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed bar, sewn	Crude hook	Closed
3c.	1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed bar, sewn	Crude hook	Closed
3d.	1978+ 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed bar, unsewn	Crude hook	Closed
4a.	1980- ?CREST CRAFT 1/20 10K	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
4b.	?CREST CRAFT 1/20 10K G/F	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
5a.	?None, back hatch pattern	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
5b.	None, back hatch pattern	Pressed, unsewn, white	Crude hook	Closed
5c.	-1988 None, smooth back	Pressed, unsewn, white	Crude hook	Closed
6a.	2012- None, smooth FDL, hatch ◇	Pressed, unsewn, white	Clutch back	Closed



**1/20-10K r over
I 1/20 over 10K**



The new Den Leader Training Award uses the traditional Cub Scout colors of blue and gold, which makes sense because the DLTA knot is a gold knot on blue. Apparently, this took some pushing from the Cub Scout side when it was reinstated.



Den Leader Coach's Training Award

The Den Leader Coach's Training Award was instituted in September 1967 at the same time the position was created. No one could earn it until 1969, when two years had expired. Very few DLCTAs were earned, the least number of the four. There was a maximum of one Den Leader Coach per pack (normally) and most packs did not use the position. It too was phased out on December 31st, 1988. Because many fewer were issued, it is likely that some of the varieties were not issued, because a production run lasted longer. The only difference was the two green stripes. Below are the known varieties, more are possible.

DLCTA

Sequence	Hallmarks	Ribbon	Pin	Loop
2aa. 1969?	1/20-10K r on diamond r 1/20 over 10K in box on FDL	White w/2 narrow green	Wheel no patent?	Openable
2a. 1969?	r 1/20-10K	White w/2 narrow green	Wheel no patent	Openable
2b. 1969-72	1/20-10K r	White w/2 narrow green	Wheel no patent	Openable
3a. 1973-76	§ 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed bar, sewn	Wheel no patent	Closed
3b. 1973-76	§ 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed bar, sewn	Wheel no patent	Closed
3c. 1977-78+	§ 1/20 G.F. smooth back	Pressed bar, unsewn	Crude hook	Closed
3d. 1978--80	§ 1/20 G.F. textured back	Pressed bar, unsewn	Crude hook	Closed
4. 1980-	CREST CRAFT 1/20 10K	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
5a. 1980s	None, textured back	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
5b. 1980s	None, smooth back	Pressed, unsewn, brass	Crude hook	Closed
6. -1988	None, textured back	Pressed, unsewn, white	Crude hook	Closed



1939-? 1st

1940-? 2nd



1939- Medal Reverse 1948

Skipper's Key

The Skipper's Key was started in December 1939, and phased out in 1948 as the Scoutmaster's Key was phased out. It was replaced by the Scouter's Key. The images on the top left are the first and second edition with a blue and white ribbon. Note that the threads tying it to the mounting bar are visible. The first edition had the loop of the key opening sideways and attaching directly to the loop through the ribbon. To my knowledge, this is the only instance in any training award series. The third edition with a solid blue ribbon is on the right. The first edition does not have PAT 2066969 on the bar, perhaps indicating that that bar was not adopted until after about 1940. This is mounted like the regular Scoutmaster's Key also. The medal reverse of all three is illustrated, with the first having a medal with STERLING on bottom of the tail, the second on the center of the lower bar. The solid blue ribbon has the STERLING on the right of the lower bar. This award required five years service as a Skipper.

?-1948 3rd

The term Scouter's Key was used beginning in 1948. Initially, there were not separate requirements for Skippers, the requirements were for Explorer Advisors, which a Skipper was, as well as Air Scout Squadron Leaders and regular Explorer Advisors. In 1959 a separate Sea Explorer device (see below) was instituted.



1939-? 1st



1940-? 2nd



1939- Medal Reverse 1948

In 2002 the Skipper's Key was reinstated as a separate award, with a separate medal. However, the square knot and Sea Scout device remain as they have been since 1959. The new Skipper's Key construction resembles the current Scouter's Key, with of course, the exception that the ribbon is blue and the emblem on the Key is the Sea Scout logo in silver. In 2008, in my role as Vice-Commodore Commissioner for our local Sea Scout squadron, I ordered four Skipper's Keys for individuals who completed the requirements. Two were the variety on the left, in a plastic box with the label "MEDALLION SKIPPERS KEY MEDAL" as my previous orders (since 2003) had been. This box has a medium blue foam fill. Two of the medals were in a box with the label "SKIPPER KEY MEDAL." It too has medium blue foam fill, but one side has a dark blue plush, and the medals rest on that. Ribbon color is the same between them. However, the second Key itself is slightly changed, with the Sea Scout logo shifted downward about 1-1.5 mm, setting the anchor stock on the upper Key crosspiece, and the anchor arm visibly below the lower crosspiece. This difference is minor, not a full-fledged variety.

