

Crew 56 Ranger Award Resources

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Hannah-Lyons Galante was the first Ranger award winner from Crew 56. I was determined to make her award ceremony equivalent in every way to the Eagle COH ceremony we give the boys: a velvet presentation box with a cloth badge, medal, and medals for mother, father, and mentor; and a special neckerchief

1. **Velvet presentation box.** I ordered the minimum order of 12, there are 11 left.
2. **Medal.** This is standard for the Ranger award:



3. **Mother, Father, and Mentor pins.** Since the powderhorn is the symbol of the Ranger, I bought powderhorn pins from BSA and had them engraved with Mother, Father, Mentor.



<http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/uniforms-insignia/insignia-metal/pins/powderhorn-pin.html>

The one pictured here is much bigger than the ones I bought which I can no longer find on the scoutstuff.org website. This is a restricted item, available only if you complete the Powderhorn course. I am not sure the ones I bought are still available.

4. **Craig Murray** is a Venturing leader in California and key to the insignia for the badge and the neckerchief. He specializes in Venturing history and for a while had an online store where you could buy specialty items for the Venturing uniform, like square knots with dark green background. BSA made him stop. However, I believe if you contact him privately he will still sell you stuff. Before BSA stopped him I bought square knots with a dark green background for my uniform from him. I also bought the Ranger badge and patch below. I met Craig at Philmont once and he is a very nice man. His website is www.sageventure.com

5. **Badge.** The Ranger award is a very old award (1940s) from the Exploring program that you can read about on Craig's website. He made up replicas of the old badge. I bought one of these and put it in Hannah's presentation box



6. **Neckerchief.** I ordered a yellow neckerchief with a green trim; minimum order is 12 so there are currently 11 left. I bought a 2nd badge like above and sewed it onto the neckerchief.
7. **Ceremony.** Hannah's ceremony was adapted from our usual Troop 56 Eagle Court of Honor and as always, personalized for her
8. **Plaque.** We bought a plaque similar to the one we use for the Eagles of Troop 56 and engraved Hannah's name on it. We called it "Top Venturing Awards" instead of "Ranger" with the knowledge that other Venturers may wish to earn the Silver, Trust, Quest, and Quartermaster awards and should be similarly honored (without having to buy a separate plaque)! Good thing we did it that way since the Silver award is going away this year to be replaced by the "Summit" award.
9. **Boston Minuteman Council Eagle Dinner.** I negotiated with the council that winners of top Venturing awards should attend the Eagle dinner and Hannah did, very successfully. Although Venturers in other crews have won Ranger, Silver, etc, they have not known about this history or pushed to have their Venturers so honored. I think we should continue to do so and cite precedent. This requires forethought and advocacy because in no way will it happen automatically.