

## **SOUTHBOROUGH'S JOHN WILSON HONORED WITH GOOD SCOUT AWARD**



**Southborough, MA.** Former Southborough Town Moderator and American Legion Post Commander Lieutenant Colonel John H. Wilson was chosen by the Boy Scouts of America's Knox Trail Council, the Southborough's Scouting leadership and the Southborough business community as Southborough's 1st recipient of the Good Scout Award for 2010. He will be honored at an awards banquet in November which will culminate the yearlong celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boy Scouting in America. The 2010 town nominees were – Jane Smith, Peter Phaneuf, Marty Healy, Bea Ginga, David Falconi, Billy DePietri, Roger Challen and, of course, John Wilson.

Dennis Flynn, Southborough's Scouting Charter Rep and Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee and the event said: "John Wilson was chosen from a highly select group of Southborough nominees as an example of outstanding commitment to community, country, family and friends, and as an individual who carried the "Spirit of Scouting" into his adult life. The Good Scout honoree is an outstanding community leader who captures the respect, admiration, and imagination of the youth in the community."

A lifelong resident of Southborough and former Cub & Boy Scout, John Wilson graduated as President of his Senior Class from Algonquin Regional High School, joined the US Army to serve his country, and was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in 1967. After "jump school", John was assigned to the 101 Airborne Division and sent to Viet Nam in 1968, just after the Tet offensive, to serve as a platoon supply officer until 1969 during the bloodiest fighting of the war. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal for his service in Viet Nam. John continued to serve his county by joining the National Guard and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed Assistant Inspector General in 1988. He retired from the National Guard in 1992.

**Eagle Scout Father Tom Garlick, new Pastor of St. Anne Church (sponsor organization of BSA Troop 92), and member of the nomination committee: "The Selection Committee was presented with a number of excellent candidates, but John was, by far, our #1 choice."**

Having served for 24 years as the Town Moderator until his retirement in 2008, John is well known throughout the Southborough community. He still continues his long tradition of serving the Southborough community as Master of Ceremonies for the Memorial Day annual commemoration and parade.

**Town Volunteer and American Cancer Society Fund Raiser Jane Smith, Library Trustee, Arts Council Director, Southborough Village Society Director, mother of two Eagle Scouts, and a**

**2010 Nominee said – “Wow, that’s great! John Wilson is the perfect recipient for this Award. He is a wonderful man who has given so much to Southborough and to our country and he sets a great example for our youth every Memorial Day”.**

John currently serves as Southborough Veteran’s Services Officer and as the Treasurer of the Historical Society. Enjoying his recently retirement from Brown University as Business Support Director, John resides in the Maguire homestead near The Fay School with his wonderful wife of 35 years – Southborough native Sheila Maguire.

**Southborough’s “mayor”, Community House advocate, and 2010 Nominee Bea Ginga said that:  
“The Committee could not have made a better choice for this Good Scout Award. He is an integral part of the fabric of our wonderful community and to honor him as the Southborough’s first recipient of this Award is the right thing to do.”**

John will be honored at an awards dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Marriott in Marlborough. A limited number of seats will be available and reservations can be made on a first come basis. Please go on-line to the Knox Trail Council website at [www.KTC-BSA.org](http://www.KTC-BSA.org) to reserve your seat to honor John and help support the Boy Scouts of the Knox Trail Council during this special Centennial Year.