



## Major Features

- Recognitions and commitment goals are based on the crew/ship's charter year.
- Each crew/ship signs up at the beginning of its charter year and qualifies for the award at the end of its charter year.
- During the charter renewal meeting, a review is conducted by a council representative, usually a commissioner, to determine if the crew/ship qualifies as a National Quality Unit for the past year and to make commitments for the coming year.

## Recognition—UNITS WITH DECEMBER CHARTER EXPIRATIONS ARE THE FIRST TO USE THE NEW YEAR'S FORMS AND RECOGNITIONS.

*For crews/ships:* Pennant streamer for flagpole or room display (no charge) and plaques for selected adults.

*For individuals:* All Venturers and adult members of a crew or ship qualifying for the National Quality Unit Award are eligible to wear a recognition emblem on their uniform and a quality pin on civilian clothing. (Emblems, pins, plaques, and streamers can be ordered from the local council service center.)

## INTERPRETATION OF COMMITMENTS FOR NATIONAL QUALITY CREW/SHIP AWARD

Aim to achieve a "yes" on all 10 commitments. You need six to qualify for the National Quality Crew/Ship Award. This includes all of the four starred (\*) items, plus a minimum of any two additional items.

- \*1. **Training.** Trained leaders are an essential part of quality crew/ship operation. The Advisor must have completed Basic Leader Training for Advisors. If the unit had a trained Advisor during most of the charter year but a new Advisor was selected too late to complete basic training before charter renewal, the council may still approve this item.
- \*2. **Two-Deep Leadership.** The crew/ship must have two-deep leadership. A qualified associate Advisor must be active, registered, and have completed Basic Leader Training for Advisors. If the crew is coed, both men and women must be registered as Advisors or associate Advisors. A registered adult in the crew must be assigned responsibility to promote Youth Protection training and coordinate appropriate awareness for parents and youth members.
- \*3. **Officers.** The newly elected officers are to complete their seminar within 90 days of their election.
- \*4. **On-Time Charter Renewal.** See that the charter renewal application and fees reach the local council service center before midnight of the last day of the crew's charter year. Most units will want to submit their renewal at least 15 days before charter expiration to allow adequate time for processing and any unforeseen delays.
5. **Superactivity.** This is a major trip, program highlight, or project requiring advanced preparation and planning.
6. **Program.** Two meetings or activities must take place each month of the charter year.
7. **Service Project.** Projects to fight hunger, provide shelter, or teach healthy living should be reported on the [www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://www.goodturnforamerica.org) Web site.
8. **Open House.** This is a major effort to invite and recruit new youth members.
9. **Membership.** Set objectives for membership using the spaces on your commitment sheet.

### Examples:

  15   Venturers registered at the beginning of the current crew/ship charter year.

   7   Venturers registered at the beginning of the next crew/ship charter year.

  +2   Increase over a year ago (commitment is met).

10. **Crew Committee.** Crew/ship committee and Advisors will hold at least four meetings during the year (but preferably on a regular monthly basis).

## STEPS

1. Attach the council copies of both the achievement and commitment forms to the Quality Unit Recognition Order Form, No. 14-238U, and submit to the council service center.
2. Include National Quality Unit Award program on your crew/ship committee agenda each month to check progress.