



Noah Koller, a member of Boy Scout Troop 28 of Red Lion, PA, earned the Eagle Scout Award for his project which focused on decorating Veteran gravesites at local cemeteries for Memorial Day. The cemeteries are assigned to Red Lion VFW Post 1446 by the York Veteran's Affairs office. In recent years, Troop 28 members have assisted VFW Post members with the task of placing a flag at each designated grave in preparation for Memorial Day. When asked to identify an Eagle Scout project, Noah immediately recalled the outdated maps, directions, and grave identifiers which were utilized for the Memorial Day flag placements. VFW Post administrators have attempted to maintain a list of the grave sites however the lists and maps were often inaccurate and incomplete concerning the locations and descriptions of the gravesites. Noah took the initiative to utilize technology by pinpointing a GPS location for each cemetery

and then supplemented the location with detailed step-by-step directions and current photos of the location and surrounding area which were obtained from online resources. He then physically walked the cemeteries and recorded as much identifying information from the Veteran's gravestone as possible; ie, date of birth, date of death, service specific details, etc. An overlay of the cemetery was also made available, identifying which specific gravesites had a Veteran buried within. All of this information was combined into a specific packet for each of the cemeteries and then utilized by each group assisting with the flag placement. The completeness of the information helped ensure that flags were placed effectively and efficiently on as many Veteran gravesites as possible and that the time to finish the honor was reduced greatly.

Red Lion VFW Post 1446 would like to thank Noah for his OUTSTANDING efforts to bring this event up to date; establishing a baseline for the effective use of technology in the future. We would also like to extend our sincere CONGRATULATIONS regarding his accomplishment of earning the esteemed Eagle Scout honor! Bravo Zulu for a Job Well Done!!