

Gaskins receives award from Boy Scouts of America

Herman E. Gaskins, Jr., local attorney and President of the East Carolina Council (ECC) of the Boy Scouts of America is a 2008 recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

The Silver Beaver Award is a national award given upon the recommendation of the local council for service to youth throughout a council. It is the highest recognition that the East Carolina Council can bestow for service to youth.

Gaskins has served the ECC in various leadership positions since he was a young Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 21, First Christian Church Washington. Currently he is Council President and Executive Committee Chair. Nationally he was BSA National Council Representative in 2006, 2007 and 2008 and selected to represent ECC in 2009.

As council president, Gaskins spent his Thursday evenings throughout the last two summers providing an overview

on Scouting in the Council to Scoutmasters at the Herbert Bonner Scout Reservation. He visited with them at the weekly Scoutmasters' Dinner to secure feedback on how to improve camp properties and programs.

His love for Camp Bonner began as a young Scout while on Camp staff in 1969, the first summer of its operation, and was Chief of Croatan Lodge, Order of the Arrow, in 1970. Now as Council President, Gaskins leads the effort to expand its programs and facilities. He is the premier historian for ECC and has researched and recorded council history preserving information for generations to come.

Pat Griffin, Vice President of Program, said, "Herman is a true servant to East Carolina Council, with a strong and dedicated belief in Scouting. Herman's love for the Scouting program and how it makes a difference for youth make him

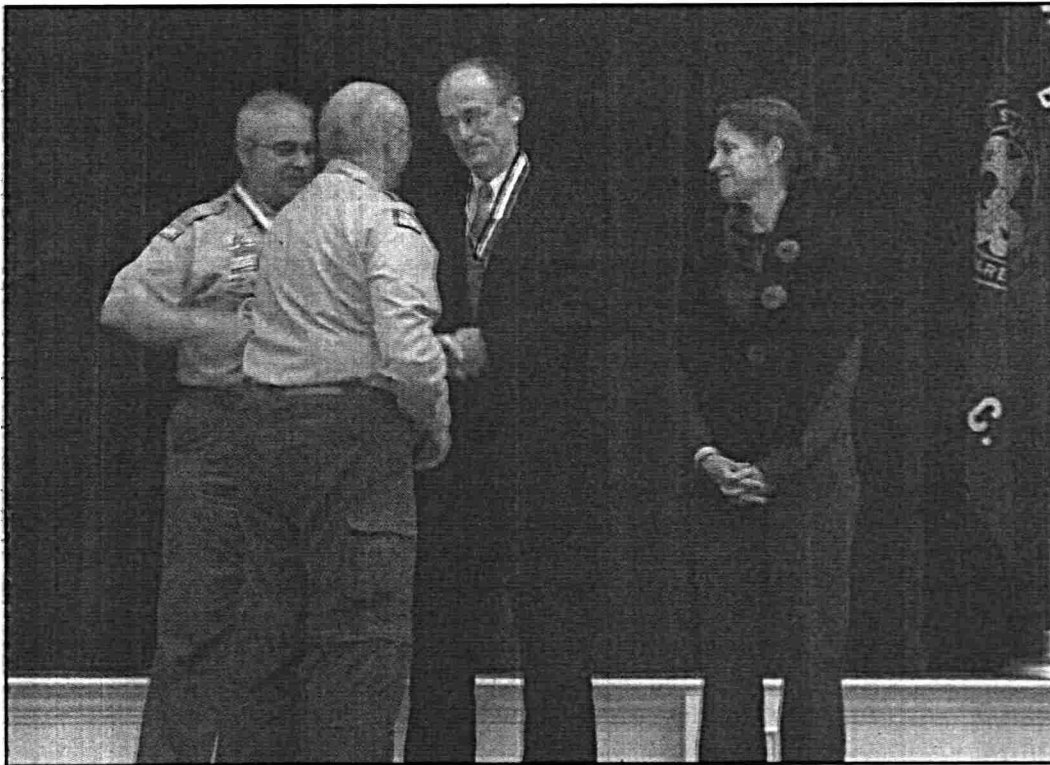
an outstanding recipient of the Silver Beaver Award."

Gaskins is an avid baseball fan, trial lawyer, husband and father. His civic activities impacted his sons to grow up with the influence of the Scout Oath and Law. Both sons now volunteer in the community; Herman III teaches English as a second language to Hispanics, and Parker has volunteered in Washington, D.C.'s homeless shelters and in the state parks.

Herman is a former member of the Board of Governors, NC Academy of Trial Lawyers and member of the Political Action Committee.

For more information on how you can get involved with area youth, contact your local Boy Scout Troop or Cub Scout Pack or The East Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America at 313 Boy Scout Blvd. Kinston, NC 28503, NC, (252) 522-1521, Fax: (252) 522-9707 and www.ecbsa.org/





Herman E. Gaskins, Jr. accepts the Silver Beaver Award. (Submitted photo.)