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Eagle Scout Life Statement

I believe that my purpose in life is to help others. The best way for me to help others is through acts of service, and I would like to someday serve in the United States Coast Guard. As a branch of the military, the US Coast Guard performs a wide variety of services to the American people, and I think that I will be able to make a valuable contribution there. The skills I have learned through Scouting has helped to prepare me for a lifetime of service to others. I feel that serving in the US military is a very high calling, my patriotic duty, and something that will help me prepare for adulthood. I am not yet completely sure which career path I would like to take, but by serving in the US Coast Guard I will be exposed to several different careers, and have the opportunity to explore many options.

Over the years I have had many opportunities to demonstrate and expand my leadership skills that I have learned through Scouting. Here is a list of several different positions and roles that I have had over the years, and some ways that I have been able to demonstrate leadership and service to others:

- Camp Resolute, Summer 2018: I worked as Kitchen and Trading Post Staff over the summer to save up money to pay for my trip in 2019 to Florida SeaBase. This was my first "real" job, and I learned quite a bit through the experience, as well as being able to pay my own way on my trip to SeaBase.
- Grace Church, Avon & Braintree MA, 2016-present: I serve as a Junior Assistant Teacher with the Grace Kids Preschool Area, where I help run the children's program and assist with teaching Sunday School.
- Braintree High School, C.O.A.S.T. Program, 2016-present: I am an upperclassman enrolled in the COAST Program, which helps students with various challenges. I am looked upon as a role model by my teachers to the underclassmen, and I am often asked to help some of the younger students adapt and adjust to high school life.
- Order of the Arrow: I was nominated by my peers in Troop 41 to the OA in 2017 and became an Ordeal Candidate. In September 2017 I completed my Ordeal and officially became an Arrowman in the OA; in September 2018 I obtained the honor of Brotherhood, and this year I renewed my membership and I was given the role of Head Elangomat, and I led the Elangomats in leading their clans.
- Abington Troop 41: I have served in several leadership positions in my troop, including Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and currently in the role of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. I have learned a lot through these leadership experiences in Scouts, and I believe that the best leaders are the best servants to others.
- Babysitting, 2017-present: I have been a babysitter for two young children in my neighborhood for a local family. I am often called upon several times a month to watch them while their parents are away.