In 1964, Bill joined Cub Scout Pack 12 in Ansonia; he then crossed over into Troop 3 Derby, and became a member of the Eagles patrol. He attended Housatonic Council Reservation as a scout and as he got older he worked as a member of summer camp staff. He served the troop as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and the Senior Patrol Leader. He was elected into Paugassett Lodge 553 and he joined Explorer Post 33 and served as the Vice President, and then President. He became Troop 3 and Crew 33’s 154th Eagle Scout in 1974.

As a young adult he worked as the Aquatics Director at summer camp and served as a leader on the bus trip to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. He served the Council on both the Activities Committee and Camping Committee for more than 30 years. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for both the 1997, and the 2001 Housatonic Council National Jamboree Contingents. He is the Camp Properties Committee Chairman and has been doing it for more than 15 years.

He serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 3, and he is an Associate Advisor in Post/Crew 33 since 1974. He oversees the Troop’s Quartermasters, and all the troop equipment. He has attended at least a week each summer as a leader with troop 3 for more than 30 years. He coordinates the projects needing to be done at the annual spring and Fall Beaver days, and ensures the camp waterlines are up and running each summer, and in the fall draining the system for the season.

He has participated and provided leadership on many of the troop’s amazing adventures, to the United Kingdom & Ireland, Philmont, Europe, Florida Sea Base, Alaska, Western National Parks, and Cross Country Trek. He was awarded his Vigil Honor Order of the Arrow from Paugassett Lodge 553. He received the Housatonic Council President Award in 1980, the District Award of Merit in 1991, and the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award in 1995.

The Housatonic Council recognizes our 8th National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award recipient, William McDonnell.