FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Boy Scouts Honor Distinguished Volunteers**

The Mason-Dixon Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be honoring Douglas W. Grove and Sharlene Riess with the Silver Beaver Award for their distinguished service to Scouting.

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931, and is the highest award a council can give for distinguished service. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

The awards will be presented at the Council’s Annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, March 25th at Sinoquipe Scout Reservation in Fort Littleton, Fulton County, Pennsylvania. The 2016 Eagle Scout Class will also be honored at the dinner.

Douglas Grove has served as a leader for over 14 years. He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Committee member for Troop 8 out of St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Hagerstown, MD. Grove is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting’s national honor society. He has served as a member of the Sinoquipe Scout Reservation’s summer camp staff for 14 years, three of those years as Program Director.

Sharlene Riess has served as a leader for over 19 years. She has served for 17 years as Committee Chairman of Pack 28 located at First United Methodist Church in Mercersburg, PA. Riess is a District Award of Merit recipient and Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. She continues to serve in many capacities in both Pack and Troop 28 including Den and Webelos Den Leader and Committee Member as well as a District Committee Member.

The Mason-Dixon Council, Boy Scouts of America, delivers the Scouting program to 2,110 youth and their families in Washington County, Maryland and Fulton and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania, with the assistance of nearly 900 registered adult members and 60 chartered organizations. For more information on Scouting visit mdcscouting.org

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