

Alvin Townley

Author of *Legacy of Honor*, *Spirit of Adventure*, and *Fly Navy* (2011)

Alvin Townley has spent four years traveling throughout the country and around the world, exploring the legacy of Scouting and capturing stories of leadership, service, and adventure. In an odyssey spanning thousands of miles, he has met with fellow Eagle Scouts and leaders from all walks of life who are pursuing adventures with a higher purpose - from young Peace Corps volunteers, NFL players, and naval aviators to seasoned CEOs, senators, and Cabinet members.



In 2007, St. Martin's Press released his acclaimed first book, *Legacy of Honor*. *Spirit of Adventure* followed in 2009, and his newest project, *Fly Navy*, is scheduled for release in 2011, naval aviation's centennial.

Alvin graduated from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, and has worked in the U.S. House of Representatives, helped manage global strategy for a \$9B international consulting firm, and coached track at Atlanta's Marist School. He lives in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, and travels often to share his message.

As a Scout with Atlanta's Troop 103, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout, was a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and completed high adventure treks at Philmont Scout Ranch, the Northern Tier Canoe Base, and the Florida Sea Base.

To write his books, Alvin discussed life and leadership with leaders like Michael Bloomberg, Cabinet Secretaries Robert Gates and Hank Paulson, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, J.W. Marriott, Jr., Bill Gates, Sr., and Jim Lovell of Apollo 13. He also dove Australia's Great Barrier Reef with a marine biologist, cruised the Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz*, ventured into Africa with the Peace Corps and into our inner-cities with Teach for America.

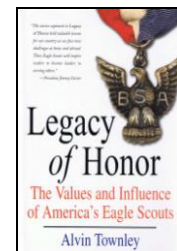
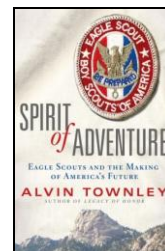
Spirit of Adventure (2009) introduces America to a new generation of leaders - young Eagle Scouts who are leading lives of purpose and adventure. NFL MVP **Peyton Manning** commented, "Alvin Townley showcases the spirit of our young generation...*Spirit of Adventure* tells a compelling story about America's future."

Legacy of Honor (2007), his first book, explores how Scouting has influenced American life. About the book, **President Jimmy Carter** said, "These Eagle Scouts will inspire readers to become leaders in serving others." **Defense Secretary Robert Gates** called *Legacy of Honor* "inspirational."

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