

Alvin Townley

Author of *Legacy of Honor* and *Spirit of Adventure*

Alvin Townley has spent three years traveling throughout the country and around the world to explore the legacy of Scouting. In an adventure spanning thousands of miles, he has met with Eagle Scouts from all walks of life. In 2007, St. Martin's Press released his acclaimed first book, *Legacy of Honor*. *Spirit of Adventure* will be released in May 2009.



An Eagle Scout and brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, the author completed high adventure treks at Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier Canoe Base, and the Florida Sea Base.

He 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, served his *alma mater* during a \$240M campaign, and coached track at Atlanta's Marist School.

Spirit of Adventure introduces America to a new generation of leaders – young Eagle Scouts who are leading lives of purpose and adventure. To meet these young men, Alvin traveled the globe, diving in Australia, surfing in Hawaii, rock climbing in Nevada, venturing into Africa, and cruising home aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz*. He discovered an inspiring story of service and leadership.

Legacy of Honor, his first book, explores how Scouting has influenced American life. In writing the book, Alvin met with the nation's top leaders, including Eagle Scouts Michael Bloomberg, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, J.W. Marriott, Jr., and Jim Lovell of Apollo 13. He also recorded the stories of a Tuskegee Airman, a POW from Vietnam, a September 11 NYPD hero, a crew of Hurricane Katrina relief workers, and a host of others.

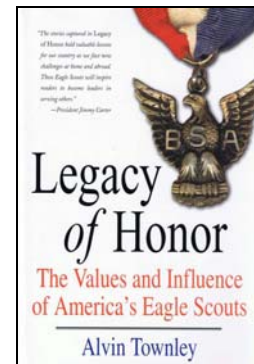
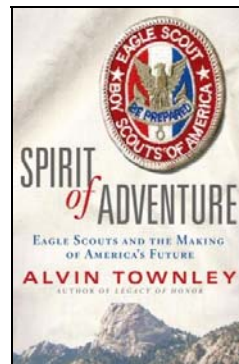
About *Legacy of Honor*, **President Jimmy Carter** said, "These Eagle Scouts will inspire readers to become leaders in serving others." **Defense Secretary Robert Gates** called the book "inspirational."

Alvin lives in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, and travels often to share his message.

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