



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## November 2015 AD

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<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>

BSA Troop 314 - Orange Frontier District  
Westminster, (Midway City) California

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## Scoutmaster's Corner

Up to a point, your life is shaped by your environment; by your parents, your race, your religion and by where you live.



But in life there comes a time when you can decide who you want to be.

Only the weak blame their parents, their race, God or lack of good fortune for their ultimate fate.

You have the power to say, this is who I am today, that is what I will be tomorrow.

***T-314 Tower above the rest!***

***Cyrus Bess, Scoutmaster Troop 314***



## SPL's Corner



Hello fellow Scouts and adults. I would like to thank everyone who attended, helped organize and run the Halloween party. This was a great success.

We were able to organize and man our own games for the cub scouts. In return, the cub scouts had fun and were competing against each other.

Also, we even enjoyed our party by spending quality time with each other and participating in each other's games. There was a lot of laughter and conversations being held from everyone and this was a time of relaxation from a long hard day of studying and completing homework.

Overall, this was one of the most successful parties that we have held and hopefully, more cub scouts are interested in joining our troop through our demonstration of our troop's activities

***Thank you, Your SPL, Viet T.***

## Ian M. - Our Newest Eagle

### Ian makes it through his Eagle Board of Review!



## Halloween Bash

Our Halloween Bash was a great success. Twenty-two Cub Scouts families, from P314 & P638, joined us for a great night of fun and festivities on 10/27/15.

Some highlights included the Donut-Eating contest, Boo-ling, Putt-putt Golf, and several Cake Walks! Of course there were lots of fun treats for everyone.

Some of our guests included a Skeleton, the Minion King, Princesses, Batman, Skinned Alive guys, and more! Thanks to all the parents who dressed up too!



TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL  
HELPFUL FRIENDLY COURTEOUS  
KIND OBEDIENT CHEERFUL  
THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN  
REVERENT











## From the Ex-Committee Chairperson

As discussed at the Exec Meeting this week, I am stepping down as Committee Chairperson this week. I had intended to remain until the new year but our District Executive recommended that we complete the change before a the new Charter.

There are several reasons. My oldest son joined in 2002 and my youngest son aged out over five years ago and I feel it is time we have a CC that has a son in the Troop, to make room for other parents. In addition, travel related to my work has increased in the last two years, and likely will increase--making it difficult to participate.

Our Institutional Representative from the Post, Mrs. Daly, has selected Sandra Knighton as our new Chairperson. She has my full support. I will remain as a Committee Member and Citz in the World Merit Badge Counselor, and help on selected events.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Committee Chairperson.

***YIS, Mike Hilton***



## Committee Chair

We are gearing up for re-charter and need all scouts and adult members to help. Mrs. Marubayashi will be taking care of all the paperwork - thank You Mrs M!!! She needs to have your current address and contact info. Adult members need to ensure YPT training is up to date!

A Boy Scout Troop is like a village. To ensure our scouts have the best scouting experience, our troop has expectations of parents as well as scouts. Each Scout must have at least one registered adult Scouter. Boy Scouts is Volunteer run organization. That means ALL parents need to help.

How can you help?

Sign up for a Leadership position and be active in your role. Get trained. Attend Troop meetings and Parent meetings regularly.

Support your Scout's active participation in scouting by ensuring he participates in meetings and is prepared.

If your Scout has special needs of any kind, ensure that he and/or you identify those needs to the SM and that you actively participate in ensuring his needs are met adequately.

Work with your son to identify expectations for your Scout and hold him accountable. We want your scout to have success experiences, whether it be in his earning a Merit Badge, attaining a Rank Advancement, or serving as a Youth Leader.

***Sandra Knighton, Committee Chair***



## Mike Hilton Wins Trustees' Award

Our own Dr. Michael Hilton was presented the 2014 Aerospace Corporation, Trustees' Distinguished Achievement Award "for sustained leadership in guiding the development and insertion of hybrid bearings into satellite mechanisms."

Dr. Hilton is, director, Mechanical Systems Department, Engineering and Technology Group. Hilton's acceptance speech provided a mixture of poignancy and humor, as he discussed medical advances that he attributed to keeping him alive with a chronic health condition, and also noted that the technology he developed for national security space systems is "now used in Rollerblades."

For more than 20 years Hilton has been the driving force behind the identification, development, and testing of hybrid ceramic/metal bearing technology — from early concept through insertion into deployed attitude control systems — on national security space (NSS) and commercial satellites. Because of Hilton's vision and leadership, Aerospace was able to help the government and contractors select the best methods to implement this technology; as a result, five systems with hybrid bearings are successfully flying on orbit, with other systems slated to fly in the future.

More than any other single contributor in the field, Hilton has been responsible for the successful adoption and current use of hybrid bearings on NSS systems. It is unusual for one individual to be involved in a technology over such an extended period, particularly when the involvement has included changes in job responsibilities and organizations.

Because Hilton is a recognized national authority on bearings, the government continually consults him not only on current issues, but on plans for future developments.

## New Scouting Website:

<http://scoutingwire.org/>



## Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, Big Bear, CA

Heads up! A nice camping location to share with the troop. As a retired Marine, I can make reservation if needed.



And.....

# Bored? Zip it.

Your next thrill is  
closer than you  
think.



Just a couple ideas I wanted to share with the  
troop leaders – Scoutmaster Bess.

## Attention Scouts 18-21 years old!

There is a new position in Scouting – The  
“**College Scouter Reserve**”. This is essentially  
the same job as Assistant Scoutmaster without  
the additional required training. (Do need YPT).  
Please consider staying on as an adult and  
mentoring the scouts.

If you are interested in being an Assistant  
Scoutmaster you may also apply at 18. To be  
an Assistant Scoutmaster, you must take the  
following trainings: Youth Protection Training,  
Scoutmaster Specific Training, This is  
Scouting, and Introduction to Outdoor  
Leadership.

Also, you only have to be 18 years old to be a  
merit badge counselor. YPT certificate is also  
needed.

## Troop 314 Scribe – JLC Meeting

JLC November 3, 2015



Theme:

Storytelling/Theater

7th- Hike to Hollywood

7th- Scouting for Food

(Drop off)

10th- Blue Phoenix: Game

Autobots: Skill

17th- Autobots: Game

Blue Phoenix: Skill

[beginning of the Secret Santa]

24th- No meeting (Thanksgiving Break)

December 2015

Theme: Storytelling/Theater

5th – 6th - Game Night

8th- Troop Elections for positions

12th- Misotle Picking

15th – Court of Honor

19th - Christmas Caroling

## *Long T., Troop Scribe*



**We shall draw from the heart of  
suffering itself the means of  
inspiration and survival.”**

**- Winston Churchill**

# Time now to get registered to attend The 2017 National Jamboree!

IF YOU WANT TO GO -  
**NOW** IS THE TIME TO REGISTER...

**National Scout Jamboree will be held from July 19 to July 28, 2017**

If you weren't able to jet over to Japan for the World Scout Jamboree 2015 - you can still attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree right here in the U.S.! Taking place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 19 through July 28 in West Virginia, plans for the 2017 Jamboree are moving fast. Stay ahead of the curve by registering to attend as a [participant](#) or [staff volunteer](#) for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree today!

To learn more about the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, please visit

[www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org)

or <https://summit.scouting.org>.



# New BSA Climb Manual “Belay On” Out - Link below.

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-500\\_BelayOn\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-500_BelayOn_WB.pdf)

Due to a serious illness of one of the climbing committee co-chair's, please direct questions to Paul D'amore via email at [dpauldamore@yahoo.com](mailto:dpauldamore@yahoo.com) or phone at 949-322-4865 until further notice.

## Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Viet T.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader:
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader:
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Webmaster – Open.
- Troop Guide – Noel J.
- Quartermaster: Christian D
- Librarian:
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Diego M.
- Historian:
- Den Chief - Christian D'A.
- **Den Chief #2, #3 – Open Positions**
- Troop Guide: Noel J.
- Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster: Robert P.



## Patrol Advisors

Patrol Advisors help the Patrol Leader guide the patrol and improve their leadership skills.

The patrol leader should check with their advisor to plan patrol meetings and activities. If possible, the advisor should be present at patrol breakouts during the meeting to help plans go smoothly, and to oversee menus and other scout planning events.

### Blue Phoenix Patrol

– Mr. M. / Mrs. Hight

### AUTOBOTS

- / Mr. Feiffer

## Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure different levels of Skills should be worked out, are appropriate to the theme, and that everyone is (and can be) involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.***

Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – read back of the message to ensure understanding might be good idea too.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them. **ASK YOUR PL or SPL BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.

**“It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man.”**

**- Lord  
Baden  
Powell**



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## ATTENTION LIFE SCOUTS on ROAD TO EAGLE!

If you are Life Scout, or Parents, if your Scout is at Life rank - here are some useful links with downloadable documents needed for Life to Eagle Rank Advancement:

<http://www.ocbsa.org/lifetoeaglepacket/>

<http://www.ocbsa.org/advancement-documents/>

....and please be aware that “Letters of recommendation” are to be sent to Orange Frontier Advancement Chair at his home address.

You can contact Mr. Hess at 714 828 0138 or [hessc41@hotmail.com](mailto:hessc41@hotmail.com)



# The Outdoor Code

*As an American,  
I will do my best to -*

*Be clean in my outdoor manners.*

*Be careful with fire.*

*Be considerate in the outdoors.  
and*

*Be conservation minded*



## Scout Oath

*On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my  
country and to obey the Scout  
Law;*

*To help other people at all times;*

*To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake and morally  
straight.*



## Personal Mess kits: Troop 314 is Camping Green!

Personal Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, buy one and bring yours!



# The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to  
make some serious fun happen!**

Just talk to Activities Chair or Scoutmaster or SPL to get the ball rolling on one of these great activities, and while you are at it - step up to be Scout in Charge. The Troop Committee will hook you up with the parents and resources to make it happen!

**Activities include, but are not limited to:**

**Archery**

**Deep Sea Fishing** - boat Trip

**Ocean fishing** – Pier trip / Surf fishing.

**Beach party / Annual Homework Burn Bonfire (June)**

**Bowling**

**Go Cart Racing (Family)**

**Hiking Trips**

**Backpacking** - Hike in. Camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry.

**Snow Day** – Grassy Hollow Visitors Center – Out of Wrightwood.

**Ski / Snowboard Trip**

**Laser Tag (Family)**

**Air Soft Games (Family)**

**Paint Ball (Family)**

**Shooting Range** Could be a family or scout event depending what guns we want to shoot.

**BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert**

**Shoot** – High powered Rifles / Pistols / and Shotgun skeet shooting (Family event)



**Rock climbing** - Indoor Rock walls or natural climbs all work as we have BSA Climb Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!



**Angel's Baseball Game**

**Gold Prospecting** (Gold Camp)

**Swim** – Pool Time or a Summer Laguna Beach Trip

**Scuba Instruction**

**Snorkeling / Beach Trip**

**White water rafting**

**Canoe River Trip**

**Annual Mistletoe Trip**

**Annual Homework Burn!**

Usually June at Bolsa Chica State beach

**Kayaking**

**Picnic / BBQ**



# Get Your Calendars and mark these dates!

## T314 EVENTS FOR November 2015:

**7<sup>th</sup> Hollywood Sign / Bronson "Bat Caves" Hike.** Meet 7:10AM at Post. - DONE!

**10<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting**  
**American Legion Post 555**  
**Starting at 6:30PM**

- Scoutmaster Conferences

**Veterans Day is coming up on**  
**Wednesday, November 11th 2015**

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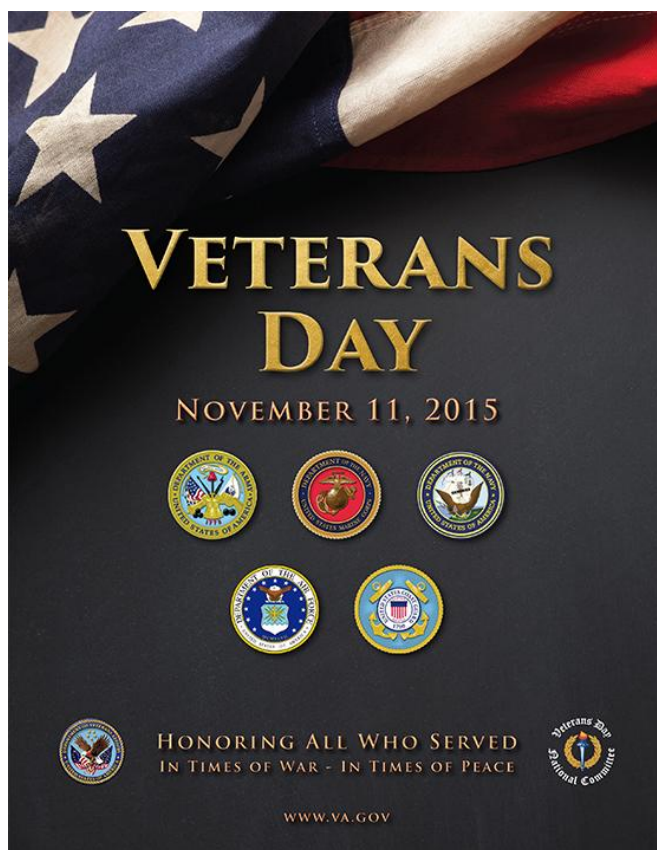
**Order of the Arrow**

**Wiatava Lodge**  
**(#39) Santee**  
**Chapter News**



OA Santee Chapter Meeting - Chapter Meetings are held on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

<http://www.ocbsa.org/resources/order-of-the-arrow/>



## 12<sup>th</sup> Orange Frontier District Scouters' Roundtable

7 PM at LDS Church 4000  
Orange Ave., Anaheim  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each  
month)



## 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting American Legion Post 555 Starting at 6:30PM

- Board of Reviews
  - Secret Santa Drawing
  - Popcorn Orders delivered.
- Please show up a bit earlier to help with setup and so meeting can start at 6:30.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Order of Arrow Meeting Third Thursday Each Month (7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church)

## 24<sup>th</sup> No Troop 314 Meeting

## 26<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving!



**As ever, Webelos Scouts and Parents are welcome to attend any meeting night as our guests!**

## Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- Executive Committee Meeting is now on the Wednesday Following JLC. Still starts at 7 PM.
- First meeting Month is now time for Committee Chair Parents Meeting.
- The Second Tuesday is usual time for Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement when not a COH.
- Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if you are able to get the Scoutmaster to come early or close late.
- No meetings are usually held on 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.

**Court of Honor** is held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September** COH Scouts are honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and parents are given pins. This tends to be a long ceremony, so no dinners.

In **June** and **December**, our COH does not have candles and rank advancement pins for parents, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional potluck in Dec. but usually kept simple, due to constraints on time and sanity in the holidays).





# UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS!

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Leadership  
Council (JLC) Meeting at 6:30 at  
American Legion Post 555**

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Exec. Committee  
Meeting at American Legion Post  
555 7 PM**

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Game Night camp at  
Featherly.**

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Mistletoe Picking and  
give away. Pulling permit may be  
a bit of trouble this year....**

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor.**

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY- Christmas  
Caroling at Westminster Terrace.**

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:**

**[www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com](http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com)**

FYI - A Google search of “BSA Troop 314”  
gets you this link:

**Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage**  
**[www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/](http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/)** ▼

You have found the home page of. Troop 314 of. Midway City, California. Sponso  
by. American Legion Albert E. Schwab Post 555. 14582 Beach Blvd.

## Tour and Activity Plans – Online

Council will no longer readily accept emailed,  
faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. They  
want them on line. Sign into [MyScouting.org](http://MyScouting.org).

Online, you no longer have to collect signatures.  
Complete the plan and certify that any missing  
requirements will be completed before the trip  
begins. When you submit, an email will be sent to  
your council, chartered organization, committee  
chair, and designated emergency contact.

### File Tour Activity Plan if the following apply:

- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of Orange Co. Council borders.
- Trips to any national high-adventure base,  
National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the  
Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting any the following activities:
  - Aquatics activities (swim, boat, float, scuba, etc.)
  - Climbing and rappelling
  - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
  - Shooting sports
  - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as  
part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
  - Any overnight camping

## Step by Step: How to file a Tour and Activity Plan Online

Do you have an account at [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org)? If  
not, you should open one. Make sure you have  
your BSA ID number, and use it to open your  
account. You can create an account (and even  
take YPT) without your BSA number, but it will be  
a headache to then attach your BSA number to  
your account. If you don't have your BSA number  
handy, Cindy Bess can get that for you.

So, then go to **[myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org)** and log in. On  
the left, you should see a list of Unit Tools, one of  
which will be “Tour and Activity Plan”. Click that.

At the top, you'll see a drop-down box – select  
“New Plan” (selected by default), and then click  
“Go”.

You'll be presented with a checklist of things to  
gather. After you've done this a few times, you'll

already have them in the system (like vehicle info). Look over the list, then click “Next”.

Select your unit, type of trip (Day Tour), method of transportation (car or van), and an emergency contact. The emergency contact has to be someone who is NOT going on the trip. I habitually select Mike Hilton, but it doesn’t have to be him. I believe the info for the emergency contact will automatically fill in when you select their name, because it’s stored in the system.

Click Next.

Give the trip a name (such as “Hollywood Sign Hike”), and a short description. Enter the number of participants – Adults Male and Female, and Youth Male.

Click Next.

Enter each registered adult, one at a time, by selecting their name from the drop down list. Info will populate automatically, but you have to indicate whether this person is the primary leader for the trip, whether they are YPT trained, whether they’ll be driving, and vehicle info. Make sure you check the box “Vehicle insurance meets state’s liability standard” or “Will follow appropriate Department of Transportation guidelines for state and/or jurisdiction”. After all the info is filled in, click “Add” in the upper right corner (it’s not the logical place to look, but that’s where they put it).

Once you have at least one adult listed for the tour, to add another you click the “+” sign next to “Add Registered Adult”, near the bottom. Again, click “Add” after all the info is filled in.

When all adults are added, click “Next” at the bottom.

Fill in the “Departing” and “Going To” and “Returning” info, with dates and places.

Click Next.

For “What activity will you be doing?”, you have to indicate at least one thing, but since we won’t be doing any of the six items shown, just type

“hiking” into the “Other” box.

Click Next.

On the “Are you prepared?” page, you have to indicate who has cpr, first aid, and hazardous weather training, and answer questions about medical forms and permission slips.

Click Next.

On the Notification page, you will be shown a list of people who will be notified about this Tour. Check their emails, and Edit as necessary (they always get Mike’s email wrong – it should be ikegy2@gmail.com )

Click Next.

On the summary page, they will point out things that need attention, such as:

Non-current YPT.

Vehicle Insurance not acknowledged.

To correct these things, you can just click on the highlighted items. This will take you to the appropriate page where you can add or edit info. To go back to the Summary page, you can just click the last bubble on the navigation bar at the bottom.

From the Summary page, I think you just click “Next” to submit the TAP. The last page gives you an option to print the TAP, which you’ll need to do.



## Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

If you would like to have an event at the Post – from a training day, a car wash or an Eagle Court of Honor, please e-mail Mrs. Daly early at [dalyracing@verizon.net](mailto:dalyracing@verizon.net) to confirm the hall is available and to make reservations.

Mrs. Daly is our troop Chartered Organization Rep. She is also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Post 555. Her phone is (714) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.



## The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things you think, say or do

**Is it the TRUTH?**

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



## Chaplain's Aide's Wisdom of the month:



### Proverbs 20:7

*A righteous man who walks in his integrity -- How blessed are his sons after him.*

## Jokes Jokes Jokes

Q: What did the lawyer name his daughter?

A: Sue.

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

A: An Impasta

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A: An Investigator

Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?

A: Every morning you'll rise and shine!

Q: "What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?"

A: "You can't tuna fish."

Q: Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and the tomato?

A: The lettuce was a "head" and the tomato was trying to "ketchup"!

Q: What is it called when a cat wins a dog show?

A: A CAT-HAS-TROPHY!

Q: Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

A: Because she will Let it go.

Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?

A: Spoiled milk.

Q: What do lawyers wear to court?

A: Lawsuits!

Q: What gets wetter the more it dries?

A: A towel.

Q: What did the pencil say to the other pencil?

A: your looking sharp.

Q: What did Bacon say to Tomato?

A: Lettuce get together!

Q: Who earns a living driving their customers away?

A: A taxi driver.

Q: "How do you shoot a killer bee?"

A: "With a bee bee gun."

# **TROOP 314**

## **TOWER ABOVE THE REST!**

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