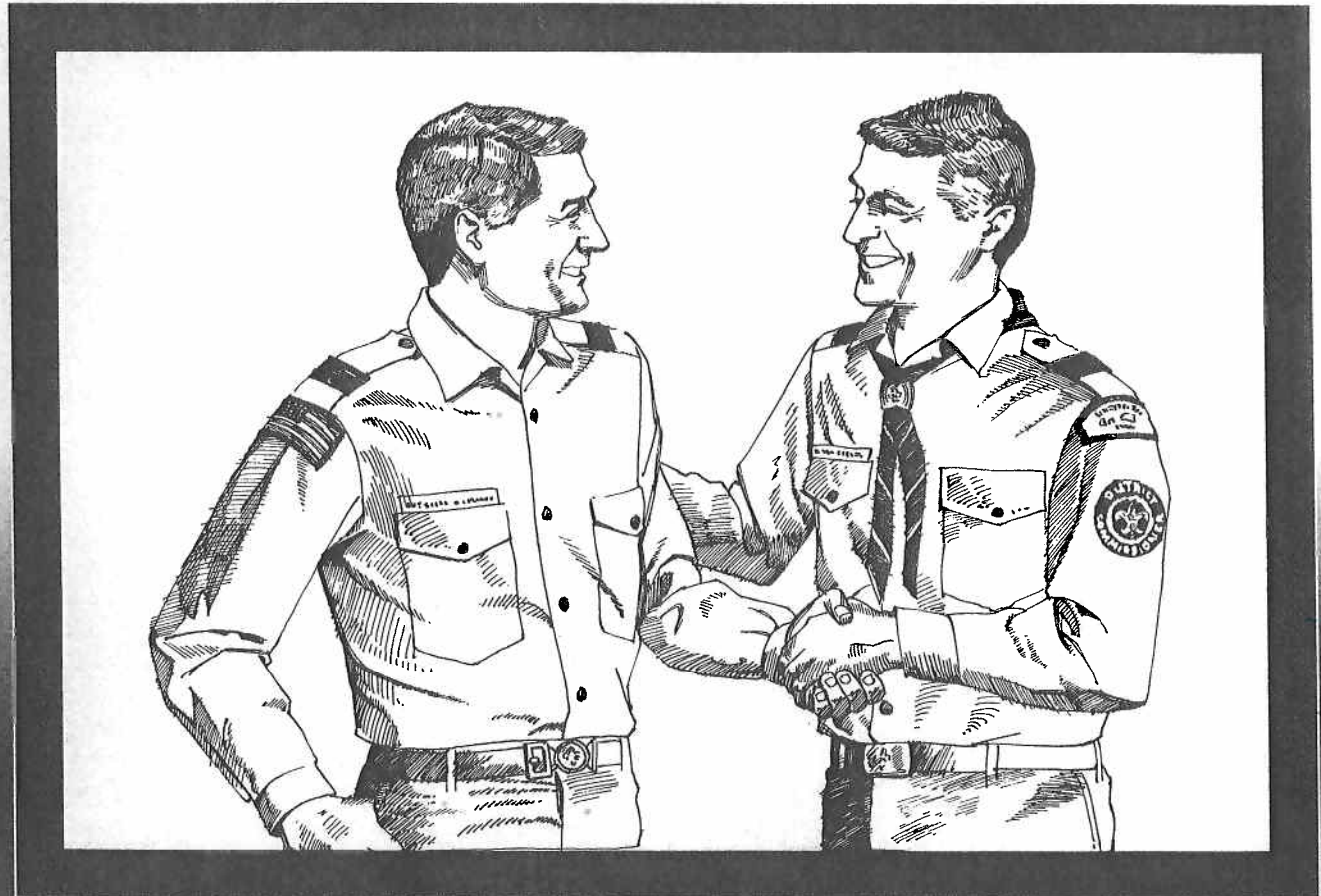


# COMMISSIONER Helps for Packs, Troops, and Crews



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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**Help Every Unit Be a Centennial Quality Unit**



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# INTRODUCTION

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The main responsibility of a commissioner is to keep Scouting units alive, healthy, happy, and reregistered on time. In satisfying these responsibilities, the commissioner will face many problems and be required to solve them or assist in their solution. This book helps the new commissioner deal with problems related to the units he or she has been assigned. Even experienced commissioners will find help in the suggestions.

**Under each heading there are prescribed STANDARDS. Standards are based on proven experience and policy. Select the standards you believe your units need help with. Then determine your plan of COMMISSIONER ACTION by using the suggestions listed.**

The book will assist you in solving problems. This is especially true when the help of an experienced Scouter is not available. A word of caution: The suggestions presented here are no substitute for your own creative solutions as you apply knowledge, experience, and diplomacy to the situations with which you are faced.

Here are some preliminary steps to establish a perspective and a pattern for problem solving:

1. Hold an individual, private conference with the unit leader, the unit committee chairman, the chartered organization representative, and/or the chartered organization head.
2. Enlist the assistance of your district committee members and your district executive.
3. Utilize the valuable training offered at roundtables, training courses, and commissioner conferences.

4. Read the chapter on "Counseling" in the *Commissioner Fieldbook for Unit Service*.

Throughout the following pages, three program logos are used:



**Cub Scouting or packs**



**Boy Scouting or troops**



**Venturing or crews**

Standards and commissioner actions without a code letter are intended for all three programs.

The new process for supporting the unit visit is explained at the end of this book in the "Guidelines for the Action Planning Meeting." The self-assessment tools are to be used in conjunction with this annual unit visit and action-planning meeting with the unit leader, the unit chair, and the unit commissioner.

The problem-solving scenarios covered are part of the "standards" on the worksheets. The worksheets are designed to be used outside of the unit meetings, not in front of your unit leadership. You will complete them outside of the meeting and discuss with other commissioners at monthly meetings and training sessions.

The worksheets and self-assessment tools are downloadable from the commissioner Web site—[www.scouting.org/commissioners](http://www.scouting.org/commissioners).

