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All Vietnamese Unit Leaders

Dear Unit Leaders,

It has come to our attention that Vietnamese unit leaders and Scouts are wearing unauthorized insignia (shown below) and must not be worn on the official Boy Scout field uniform.



The following insignia must be approved by local council and only to be worn on the right (temporary patch) pocket in accordance with Guide to Awards and Insignia.



What is authorized is the Interpreter strip for the “Vietnamese” language to be worn in accordance with the Guide to Awards and Insignia.



Youth and adults may wear this strip if they show their knowledge of a foreign language or the sign language for the hearing impaired by:

1. Carrying on a five-minute conversation in this language.
2. Translating a two-minute speech or address.
3. Writing a letter in the language (does not apply for sign language).
4. Translating 200 words from the written word.

Scouts and Scouters who have completed the requirements for their respective interpreter strip may order, purchase and wear that strip in accordance with the Guide to Awards and Insignia.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





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Respectfully,

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