

**From the Desk of**  
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Chair Richardson, Vice Chair Matthews, Ranking Member Lawson-Rowe, and fellow members of the House Veterans and Military Development Committee, Veterans and Military Members of this Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony for HB 452 (761<sup>ST</sup> Tank Battalion Day) Testimony.

I would like to introduce myself, Roger L. Brown Jr. Life Scout Boy Scouts of America Troop 52 Springfield Ohio. My former Scout Master Lymon Alexander was a member of the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion. I am writing to share the profound impact Mr. Alexander had on my life. He was a central figure during my upbringing and this is a significant reason why I dedicate my career to working with youth today.

As my Scout Leader—and the leader for several of my uncles—he taught me essential life skills, including how to manage my temper. He led by example, remaining humble and never bragging about his military accomplishments. He consistently inspired me to strive for my best. I remember scouting events where we were outnumbered with only two or three members, yet we still finished in the top ten because he taught us never to give up, regardless of the odds.

Furthermore, his training taught me how to remain calm in emergencies. Thanks to his guidance, I was able to save my aunt's life when I was only 13 years old, even while others panicked. This ability to stay composed has been invaluable in my adult work with troubled youth.

I hope these reflections help illustrate what a true inspiration Mr. Alexander was to me and many others.

Best regards,

Roger L. Brown Jr.