

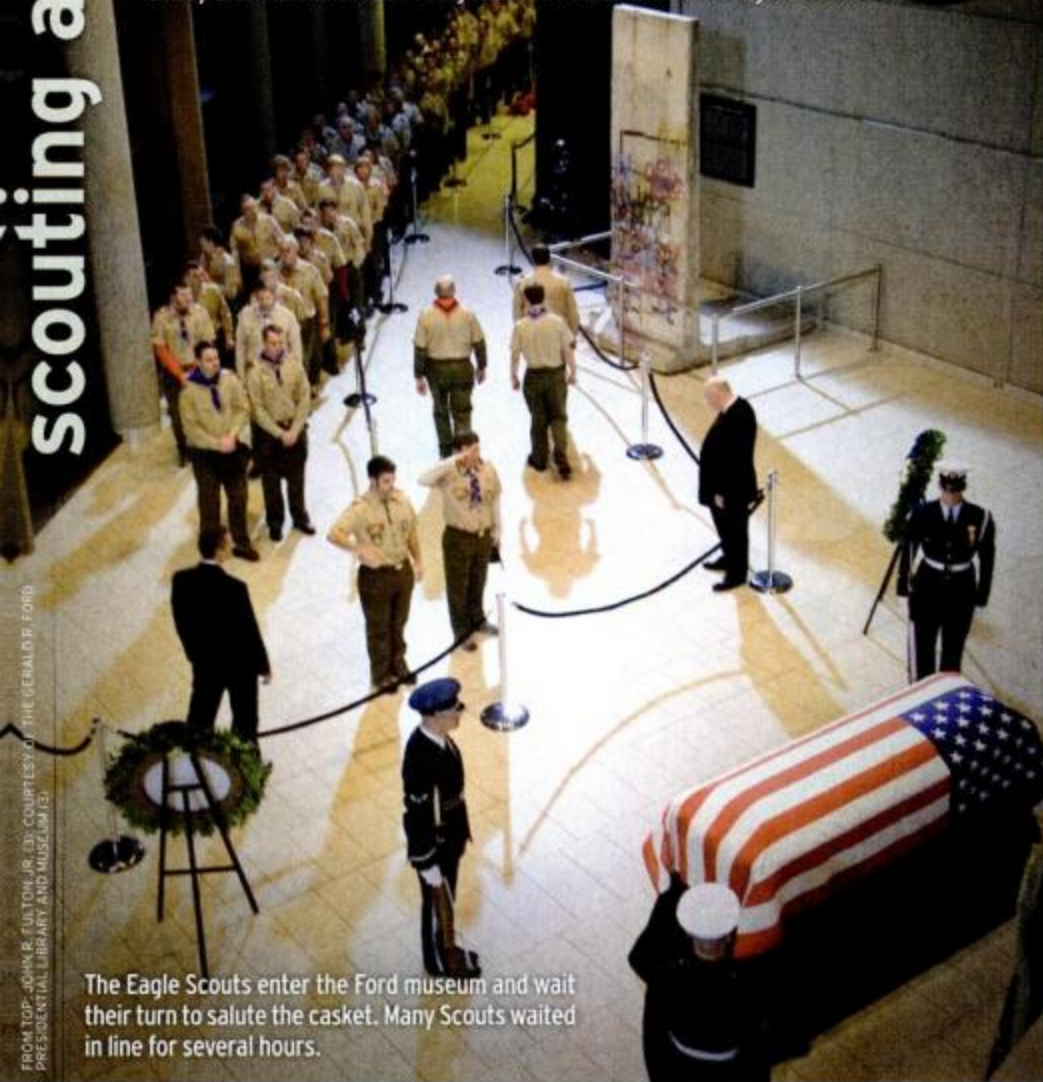
IN MEMORIAM

President Gerald R. Ford 1913-2006

After Gerald Ford died late last year, hundreds of Boy Scouts came to Grand Rapids, Mich., Ford's childhood home, for one final salute. Ford, the only Eagle Scout to become president, was the 38th president, serving from 1974 to 1977. He assumed the presidency after Richard Nixon resigned in the wake of the Watergate scandal.



Ford was sworn in on Aug. 9, 1974. Soon after, he named Nelson Rockefeller his vice president.



The Eagle Scouts enter the Ford museum and wait their turn to salute the casket. Many Scouts waited in line for several hours.



As a Boy Scout, Ford (top row, second from the left) got to pose for a picture with Michigan governor Fred Green (far left).



Scouts from Troops 345 and 325 in Grand Rapids line up along Fulton Street to salute Ford's funeral procession.



Ford, far left, assists one of his troopmates during an Eagle Scout flag ceremony.