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# SOAR



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**A MESSAGE FROM GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT DAVE WOOSTER  
& GRAND MADAM PRESIDENT REBECCA PELKEY**

**T**he Fall is upon us and we would both like to thank all of you for making Grand Rapids so special for us both. It is an honor to serve as your Grand Presidents for the 2025-2026 term.

In this issue of Soar, you'll read more about our amazing Grand Convention, learn a bit about our chosen charities for the year, see some great new items from the F.O.E. store and find out more about the great work going on at our F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center in Iowa.

Thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to seeing all of you along the Eagle trail this year.

Fraternally,  
Dave and Rebecca



## EAGLES KICK OFF 2025 CONVENTION IN GRAND RAPIDS

By: Claire Bowman

**E**ducation. Entertainment. Excitement. The 2025 Fraternal Order of Eagles International Convention in “Beer City, USA” had a bit of everything. Thousands of Eagles soared into Grand Rapids, Michigan from July 5-10 for a compelling week of fraternalism, friendship and many more incredible memories.

Throughout the week, the Grand Aerie offered members valuable learning opportunities and educated Eagles on essential topics in areas like Grants, QuickBooks, Ritual, Officer Duties, MMS, Marketing, and Membership—ensuring that everyone left more informed and empowered.

After a full day of informative classes and workshops, evenings came alive as Eagles congregated and enjoyed live music and meals. The stage electrified

with energy as classic rock legends **.38 Special** and **Foghat** delivered unforgettable sets that had the crowd on their feet. Country music fans were presented with **The Voice** champion **Jake Hoot** at the Auxiliary Ladies’ Night Out. On Sunday night, **Echoes of Pompeii** brought us an incredible Pink Floyd experience with amazing visuals that brought the sounds of classic rock to life.

While our Convention entertainment is always a blast, the best part of the week is raising money for charity. Eagles are “People Helping People,” and participants demonstrated that generously by raising **\$54,330.73** for our F.O.E. Charity Foundation, Memorial Foundation and Eagle Village and by awarding grants totaling **\$686,198.50** to a variety of groups. In addition, Jr. Past Grand Worthy President Peter Ackers presented a check

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for **\$150,000** to the Mighty Oaks Foundation, his special project for the year and Jr. Past Grand Madam President Mary Gutierrez presented a check to her charity, the F.O.E. Cancer Fund for **\$18,922**. These donations are more than just dollars. They represent who we are as Eagles.

Members also had the chance to buy brand new items at the F.O.E. Store, including our new Eaglesopoly game. We auctioned off a special copy of the Eaglesopoly game signed by all Grand Officers, with the winning bid going to Wellington, Ohio Aerie #2051 for **\$11,000**. The money benefited the charities of GWP Peter W. Ackers, who helped create the game as a fundraiser for his year.

Other new items included our 2025 convention shirt, charm and tie tac, bottle cap magnet, and more. If you didn't get a chance to shop in person, you can still

check out our newest items online. Visit the official store at [foe.com](http://foe.com) to grab some Eagles gear and show your pride wherever you go.

We concluded the week on Thursday evening with the Installation of our newly elected Grand Presidents, Dave Wooster and Rebecca Pelkey, and our other Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary Officers for the 2025-2026 year, marking the beginning of a new chapter in leadership for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Thank you all for another incredible week of Convention and we look forward to seeing you all next year, as we head to the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas **August 8-13**.

Stay posted to the Convention page at [foe.com](http://foe.com) in the coming months for more information on the 2026 International Convention!



## 50/50 RAFFLES

God, Flag & Country — \$720

Sunday — \$853

Welcome Show — \$1,518

Monday Aerie Session — \$1,165

Monday Auxiliary Session — \$1,218

Ladies Night Out — \$593

Tuesday Aerie Session — \$1,823

Tuesday Auxiliary Session — \$1,863

Aerie/Auxiliary Banquet — \$1,933

Wednesday Aerie Session — \$1,604

Wednesday Auxiliary Session — \$1,673

Parade of Champions/Talent Show — \$2,201

Thursday Aerie Session — \$1,275

Thursday Auxiliary Session — \$1,769.50

**GRAND TOTAL — \$20,208.50**

**Other:**

Memorial Foundation Raffles — \$6,052

Eagle Village Raffles — \$5,355

Eagle Village Gown Sale — \$6,829.50

Memorial Foundation Quilt — \$4,645

IBA — \$3,700

Ashtappers — \$2,800

Nightcappers — \$1,840

GMPE Shirt/Jewelry — \$2,900.73

## 2025 FOE CHARITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Menninger Foundation — \$60,000

National Jewish Health — \$60,000

Damon Runyon Cancer Research — \$30,000

Blank Children's Hospital — \$30,000

University of Michigan — \$30,000

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center — \$30,000

Schneck Medical Center Foundation — \$30,000

The Research Foundation — \$30,000

Orlando Regional Healthcare Foundation — \$30,000

Joe Andruzzi Foundation — \$30,000

Toka's Friends — \$30,000

Beacon of Hope — \$30,000

Abbott House — \$30,000

GWP Peter Ackers Mighty Oaks — \$150,000

GWP Peter Ackers University of Iowa Parkinson's — \$67,276.50

GMP Mary Gutierrez Cancer Fund — \$18,922

**GRAND TOTAL — \$686,198.50**

# 2025-2026 GRAND OFFICERS

## AERIE & AUXILIARY

### GRAND AERIE OFFICERS

|                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jr. Past Grand Worthy President | Peter Ackers, Folsom, CA #929        |
| Grand Worthy President          | Dave Wooster, Flint, MI #629         |
| Grand Worthy President-Elect    | John Boyd, Cape Girardeau, MO #3775  |
| Grand Worthy Vice President     | Danny Jones, Shoals, IN #2442        |
| Grand Worthy Chaplain           | Joe "Bundy" Smith, Bacliff, TX #3199 |
| Grand Secretary                 | Gary Weber, Batesville, IN #1130     |
| Grand Treasurer                 | Jim West, Hopkinsville, KY #3423     |
| Grand Worthy Conductor          | Eric Barnes, Gettysburg, PA #1562    |
| Grand Worthy Inside Guard       | Rock Ruark, Alexandria, VA #871      |
| Grand Worthy Outside Guard      | Larry Carter, Cadiz, OH #2162        |
| Grand Trustee                   | Bill Stotko, Everett, WA #13         |
| Grand Trustee                   | Ray Measel, Bellevue, NE #3912       |
| Grand Trustee                   | Brett Joyce, Leominster, MA #477     |
| Grand Trustee                   | Jayc Powell, Las Cruces, NM #4038    |
| Chief Justice                   | Jim Donaldson, Wellington, OH #2051  |
| Justice                         | Rod Owen, Springfield, MO #3934      |
| Justice                         | Dave Ross, Fruitport, MI #3666       |
| Justice                         | Devere Dunham, San Pablo, CA #3028   |
| Justice                         | Terry Hundley, Leavenworth, KS #55   |

### GRAND AUXILIARY OFFICERS

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Jr. Past Grand Madam President | Mary Gutierrez, Santa Fe, NM #2811        |
| Grand Madam President          | Rebecca Pelkey, Milton, VT #4218          |
| Grand Madam President-Elect    | Kim Haidisiak, Red Oak, IA #2715          |
| Grand Madam Vice President     | Tara Florentin, Ottawa, KS #2700          |
| Grand Madam Chaplain           | Sally Garrison, Deer Valley, AZ #3871     |
| Grand Madam Secretary          | Stacey Mack, Columbia Station, OH #4003   |
| Grand Madam Treasurer          | Annie Taylor, St. Marys, GA #4379         |
| Grand Madam Conductor          | Linda Day, Beaverton, MI #3655            |
| Grand Madam Inside Guard       | Leslie Franklin, Jefferson City, MO #2693 |
| Grand Madam Outside Guard      | Heather Callahan, Coeur d'Alene, ID #486  |
| Grand Madam Trustee            | Holly Niemi, Rugby, ND #3834              |
| Grand Madam Trustee            | Debra Henry, Mankato, MN #269             |
| Grand Madam Trustee            | Sue Limerick, Fredericksburg, VA #4123    |
| Grand Madam Trustee            | Lynn Loss, Wausau, WI #251                |



## 2025 HALL OF FAME

# A GRAND HONOR

## TWELVE NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE GRAND HALL OF FAME

### EACH YEAR,

Aerie and Auxiliary members are nominated for Grand Hall of Fame based on their contributions to the Grand Aerie and Auxiliary over the years. The Hall of Fame committees review applications and select the most qualified candidates to receive one of the most esteemed honors in all of the Eagles.

### GRAND AERIE

Les Florentin  
KANSAS

Donald Burch  
VIRGINIA

Dennis Micek  
NEBRASKA

Larry Boeschling  
ARIZONA

Loyd Merriman  
MISSOURI

David Marston  
MAINE

### GRAND AUXILIARY

LaRae Weber  
WYOMING

Lynn McKee  
ARIZONA

Alvena Matthis  
FLORIDA

Karol Oakes  
INDIANA

Katie Ziebol, Utah  
UTAH

### HUMANITARIAN

Vicki Ellis  
OHIO

VIEW THE COMPLETE LIST  
OF FRATERNAL ORDER OF  
EAGLES HALL OF FAMERS  
AT [FOE.COM](http://FOE.COM)

# 2025 WINNERS

## AERIE RITUAL WINNERS

| CLASS     | WINNER                        | SCORE     |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Class B   | Wellington, Ohio #2051        | 1st Place |
| Class B   | Albert Lea, Minnesota #2258   | 2nd Place |
| Class B   | Puyallup, Washington #2308    | 3rd Place |
| Class B   | Sunnyslope, Arizona #2957     | 4th Place |
| Class B-3 | Grand Rapids, Minnesota #2469 | 1st Place |
| Class B-3 | Wellington, Ohio Team #2051   | 2nd Place |
| Class B-3 | Sunnyslope, Arizona #2957     | 3rd Place |
| Class B-3 | Grand Aerie Officers          | 4th Place |

## SHOTGUN WINNERS

Jr. Past Worthy President - 1st - Dwight Hedglin, Ashland, Ohio #2178, 1st Place, Worthy President - Dave Andrews, Puyallup, WA #2308, 1st Place, Worthy Vice President - Terry Smith, Crawfordsville, OH #1005, 1st Place Worthy Vice President - Mike May, Stillwater, OK #4277, 2nd Place, Worthy Chaplain - George Lopez, Fontana, CA #2561, 1st place, Worthy Conductor - Dorland Davis, Ashland, OH #2178, 1st place, Tom Weaver, Bryan, OH #2233 1st Place, Bob Wahls, Carlisle, PA #1299 1st Place.

## SURESHOT WINNERS

Jr. Past Worthy President - John Usher, Sunnyslope, AZ #2957, 1st Place Worthy President - Doug Scansen, Sunnyslope, AZ #2957, 1st Place Worthy Vice President - Hector Olvera, MN #2258, 1st Place Worthy Chaplain - Jonas White, Puyallup, WA #2308, 1st Place, Lisa Bennett, OH #2418, 1st place, Jim Giesen, MN #1460, 1st Place Worthy Conductor - Terry Carlson, UT #3372, 1st place, Sean Pearson, Sunnyslope, AZ #2957, 1st place

## AUXILIARY RITUAL WINNERS

| CLASS     | WINNER             | SCORE  |
|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| Class B   | Owatonna, OR #1791 | 99.599 |
| Class B-2 | Nez Perce, ID #631 | 92.650 |
| Class B-3 | Missouri           | 99.892 |
| Class B-3 | The Dalles, OR     | 98.689 |

## SHOTGUN WINNERS

Jr. Past Madam President - Linda Donaldson, Wellington, OH #2051, 100, Madam President - Judy Johnson, Leavenworth, KS #55, 100, Madam Vice President - Debbie Davis, Wellington, OH #2051, 100, Madam Vice President - Peggy Hagensen, Spokane, WA #2, 100, Madam Chaplain - Darlene Walston, Nez Perce, ID #631, 98.5, Madam Conductor - Dottie Lacquement, Green River, WY #2350 99.8

## SURESHOT WINNERS

Jr. Past Madam President - Tina Shephard, Davison, MI #3589, 100, Madam President - Anne Dumais, Calgary, AB #2098, 99.945, Madam Vice President - Susie Smith-Patten, Marceline, MO #726, 99.945, Madam Chaplain - Marilyn Lewis, Campbell River, BC #3097, 99.945, Madam Conductor - Julie Silvester, Kissimmee, FL #4048, 100, Madam Conductor - Bobbi Goetz, Leavenworth, KS #55, 100

## TALENT SHOW WINNERS

Male Vocal - 1st: Joseph Yopez, 2nd: Stephen Eaton, Female Vocal - 1st: Rachel Sullivan, 2nd: Gloria VanAcker, 3rd: Kimmi Diehl, Variety - 1st: Oregon Bloomer Girls, 2nd: Rodger & Amelia Coddington, Comedy - 1st: Brandon & Crystal Urban, 2nd: Jenny & Crystal, 3rd: Angel Opdahl & Holly Niemi

VISIT [FOE.COM](http://foe.com) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS



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Photo by: Al Hauwert

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Photo by: Al Hauwert

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Photo by: Alan Homsher

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# CONVENTION PHOTOS

- 1 Andy Aanderud sports his "Mighty Madam's Misters" cape at the Football Toss on Saturday
- 2 Brandon and Crystal Urban perform the classic folk song "There's a Hole in the Bucket" during this year's Talent Show
- 3 Aerie members of Kansas join together to pose for a picture at the General Session.
- 4 Echoes of Pompeii, a Pink Floyd tribute band, performing at our Welcome to Grand Rapids Show on Sunday evening.
- 5 Ritual Teams salutes the Grand Madam and Grand Worthy Presidents at the Parade of Champions event Wednesday night.
- 6 Vicki Ellis is awarded a place in the Grand Hall of Fame for her extensive service to the Grand Aerie over the years
- 7 Jeff Henry cheers on the participants at the Football Toss in a colorful hawaiian top and lovely pink tulle skirt
- 8 Foghat founding member Roger Earl and GWP Peter Ackers shake hands before check presentation at Aerie & Auxiliary Banquet.
- 9 Grand Madam Mary Gutierrez speaks at the Auxiliary Ladies' Night Out
- 10 God, Flag & Country contestant, Damilola Daramola from Florida, performs her speech.



Photo by: Alan Homsher **5**



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# Constitution & Statutes 2025 Law Changes

During the 2025 International Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, delegates from across the United States and Canada approved a series of changes to the Constitution & Statutes. For a full listing of the changes made during the Convention, visit [foe.com](http://foe.com)

## **Section 6.3**

### *Proceedings*

Delegates approved a change that will allow the Grand Secretary's Office to distribute the annual Grand Convention Proceedings digitally to save on postage and make access easier for Secretaries. The Proceedings are currently shipped to local Aeries & Auxiliaries on a CD, though most new computers no longer have CD drives. This change will allow them to receive watermarked PDF copies of the proceedings for more efficient referencing.

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## **Section 10.1 (a)**

### *Grand Tribunal*

Grand Tribunal Justices are now prohibited from participating in local trials as a member of the Trial Committee, Prosecutor or Defense Counsel. The appointed Justice is also prohibited from participating in Mediation. As the Grand Tribunal is the final ruling body, this eliminates potential conflict of interest from any future appeals.

## **Section 36.1**

### *New Aeries & Auxiliaries*

Delegates approved a change allowing any current members of the Victory Aerie or Auxiliary to count toward the 50 charter members necessary to start a New Aerie or Auxiliary. Transfers do not count toward the required number as the Grand Aerie does not want to take members away from an existing club in order to start a new one. However, with Victory having no physical location, allowing these members to transfer to an organizing Aerie or Auxiliary does not cause any harm to the status of an existing Aerie or Auxiliary.

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## **Section 36.7**

### *New Aeries & Auxiliaries*

The Grand Aerie will notify State/Provincial Aeries and Auxiliaries of petitions for institution of a Local Aerie/Auxiliary and who the assigned organizer is in order to ensure the State or Province can better help with the organizational efforts.

## **Section 39.1**

### ***Charter Surrendering***

All members of an Aerie or Auxiliary wishing to surrender their charter must be notified in advance of the special meeting held to vote on the surrendering. Members with valid e-mail addresses may be notified via e-mail of the upcoming meeting however any members without valid e-mail addresses **MUST** be informed either via mail or via an official Aerie Publication of the change. Any meeting held without the notice of the members as outlined will be considered an illegal meeting.

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## **Section 62.1**

### ***Trial Committee***

Immediately after election, the Worthy President-Elect shall contact all Past Presidents and Ten-Year Secretaries of the Aerie, using the letter provided in Appendix D of the Statutes, to determine whether they are willing and able to serve on the Trial Committee. Dual members may be contacted if there is an insufficient number of Past Presidents or Ten-Year Secretaries willing to serve. All letters shall be retained until the conclusion of the term by the Secretary.

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## **Section 63.1**

### ***Complaints***

Delegates approved a change mandating that the Worthy Secretary still has an obligation to refer filed complaints to the Worthy President and Trial Committee Chairman when those complaints are filed against the Worthy Secretary themselves.

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## **Section 63.1 (c) *addition***

### ***Amended Complaints***

A section was added to clarify that should a member wish to amend a complaint, they must withdraw the original complaint and re-file while still adhering to the 90 day timeframe, except in the instance of fraud.

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## **Section 89.3**

### ***Verbal Penalties***

Delegates approved a change to clarify that verbal penalties issued by the Board of Trustees are **NOT** enforceable. The printed form for a suspension as printed in the Statutes must be used. Failure to comply will result in the suspension being null and void.

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## **Section 102.1**

### ***Auditor***

The Aerie Auditor is no longer permitted to be a sibling, child, parent, spouse, domestic partner or significant other of a Trustee, Secretary or Treasurer of the Local Aerie in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

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## **Section 122.1**

### ***By-Laws***

E-mail transmission is now considered an acceptable form of submission of Local Aerie/Auxiliary By-Laws to the Grand Aerie.

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**The Grand Aerie Secretary's Office has provided a complete list of ALL changes approved at the 2025 International Convention to all Local and State/Provincial Aerie Secretaries.**

**A new version of the Constitution & Statutes with all 2024 & 2025 changes will be published later this year.**

# NEW STORE ITEMS:

SHOP NEW CONVENTION MERCHANDISE!



2025 RETRO FOE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION T-SHIRT

**\$10 - \$16**



2025 GRAND RAPIDS INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION MAGNET

**\$5**



2025 LOGO FOE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION T-SHIRT

**\$10 - \$16**



GRAND RAPIDS CONVENTION CHARM &  
TIE TACK

**\$35**





### EMBROIDERED FLEECE BLANKET

**\$20**

Come in two different logos: Script - Dark Green, Maroon, Purple, Royal Blue and Eagle Riders - Black, Midnight Heather, Red and Navy. 50" x 60".



### FLEECE-LINED JACKET

**\$38 — \$48**

also available in Black/White  
sizes range from SM-6X



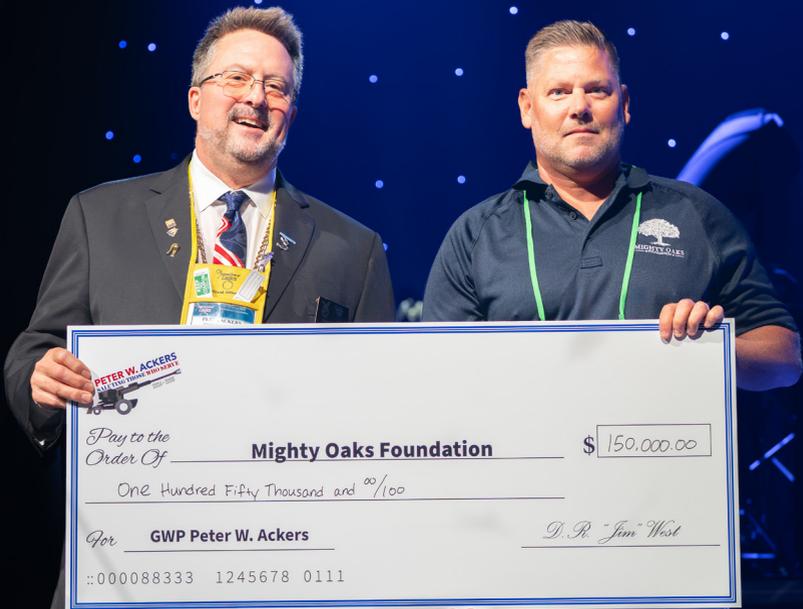
### FOE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

**\$8**

We have 4 new colors coming: Orange, Magenta, Blue, and Black. Blue is dated 2025

# EXCITING NEW ITEMS

FIND THEM AT [FOE.COM/STORE](https://foe.com/store)



# MIGHTY OAKS & PARKINSON'S

## GWP PETER ACKERS' CHARITIES

By: Claire Bowman

Throughout the year, Grand Worthy President Peter W. Ackers traveled extensively across the United States and Canada, fulfilling his responsibilities while championing his chosen philanthropic initiatives, the Mighty Oaks Foundation and the University of Iowa Parkinson's Research.

Peter's personal experience as a veteran inspired him to select the Mighty Oaks Foundation, which is dedicated to helping veterans overcome the lasting effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) through peer-based support and faith-centered programs. At the recent Aerie and Auxiliary Banquet, Peter presented a check for **\$150,000** from his year as the Grand Worthy President to Kevin Knutson of the Mighty Oaks Foundation.

Peter also raised money for the University of Iowa Parkinson's Research. This university offers more Parkinson's diagnosis and more Parkinson's treatment options than any other center in the region. UI Health Care Parkinson's Research has an abundance of specialists, with access to the newest therapies and equipment and are continuing the fight to find a cure for Parkinson's. This year, the Eagles raised **\$67,276.50** to help Peter in his quest to fund Parkinson's research.

Seeing the incredible amount we've raised to help fund a cure for Parkinson's indicates who we are. The Eagles are a community of "People Helping People" and we are always ready to make a difference.

# FOEDRC 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Before we share several exciting updates in diabetes research at Iowa, we'd like to express our profound gratitude to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.



“The University of Iowa Health Care Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center showcases the loyalty and commitment of every eagle, past and present, in our shared vision to improve outcomes for our patients and to search for a cure for diabetes. Our researchers leverage this world-class space and research funding to make discoveries that are significantly affecting the landscape of diabetes prevention and care. They act as a living embodiment of your “People Helping People” motto. Together, we push the boundaries of diabetes research every day. Thank you.”

**Barbara J. Wilson**  
University of Iowa President

“We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and visionary investment in diabetes research over the past two decades. Your generosity—raising over \$30 million—has been instrumental in establishing the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center as a world-renowned center for discovery and innovation. Thanks to your partnership, we are transforming lives and shaping the future of diabetes care.”

FOEDRC Interim Co-Directors:

**Andrew Norris**

*Director, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes*

*Richard O. Jacobson Foundation Chair  
Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Biochemistry*

**Kamal Rahmouni**

*E. Dale Abel Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center Chair*

*Professor, Department of Neuroscience and Pharmacology and Internal Medicine  
Co-Director, Obesity Research and Education Initiative*

“On behalf of everyone at Iowa, I extend our deepest thanks for your nearly two decades of unwavering generosity to propel diabetes research forward. Because of your steadfast support, our scientists leverage world-class facilities to drive discoveries that benefit patients around the globe. It's spaces like this that empower us to push boundaries, recruit top talent, and translate breakthroughs from lab bench to bedside. Together, we're lighting a path toward a healthier future—for Iowa and beyond.”

**Denise J. Jamieson**

*Vice President for Medical Affairs & the  
Tyrone D. Artz Dean, Carver College of Medicine  
University of Iowa Health Care*

# COMMON THREADS

**JAMES ANKRUM, BRANDON DAVIES, and ERIC TAYLOR**

share an intense curiosity about how things work and a fascination with solving problems—two key elements to any productive research team. The longtime Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center members are also active cyclists and three of the more than 100 members at the premier research institute working to combat diabetes.

**The trio's research focuses on fat metabolism and diabetes from three different angles. Learn more about the common threads that link these researchers.**



**JAMES ANKRUM (07BSE)**

*Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering*

A lifelong tinkerer, Ankrum is a cellular engineer at heart. His team developed a way to create fat tissue in the lab so research scientists can more easily experiment with it. Utilizing lab-created fat tissue helps accelerate research that would be much slower through animal and human trials.

The FOEDRC recruited Ankrum and generously funded his lab. Since opening in 2014 in the new space, the Ankrum Lab has produced multiple articles, abstracts, patents, and knowledgeable researchers.

**FUN FACT:** Ankrum and his family often cycle together on local trails in the Iowa City area.





## BRANDON DAVIES

*Associate Professor of Biochemistry  
and Molecular Biology*

From cholesterol to triglycerides and the lipoproteins in between, Davies' work centers on how the body processes dietary fats. His lab has been part of the FOEDRC since it was first funded in 2009, and pilot grants have facilitated his novel research into fat metabolism.

Davies' team made an accidental discovery while trying to identify fat-metabolizing proteins. They noticed that a higher fat diet in the mice led to less fat absorption over time—a finding that raises new questions and opens new paths to understanding fat metabolism.

**FUN FACT:** Davies rides his bike to work daily, even in windchills as cold as negative 49 degrees Fahrenheit.



## ERIC TAYLOR

*Professor of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics*

Taylor's research focus is diabetes metabolism—specifically, the liver and how it makes fat. He believes the progression of diabetes can be halted by understanding how ketones work.

Taylor leads the world-class FOEDRC Metabolomics Core Facility, which utilizes a technique called isotope tracing in its research. This unique capability involves high-resolution mass spectrometers that provide unparalleled insights into the metabolic pathways of diabetes.

Taylor appreciates the Fraternal Order of Eagles and its long-term commitment to research, which is critical to providing hope for a cure to this complex disease.

**FUN FACT:** Taylor has a degree in exercise physiology. He stays active through cycling and weight training.



# NEW NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH FOCUS: EXPLORING DIABETES-PARKINSON'S DISEASE CONNECTIONS



## **KUMAR NARAYANAN**

*Associate Professor of Neurology  
Director of the Iowa Center for Neurodegeneration*

When 2024–25 Grand Worthy President Peter Ackers chose Parkinson's disease as an additional research focus for the University of Iowa, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center was primed to respond. We are aware that people with Type 2 diabetes have a 21 to 59 percent higher risk of developing Parkinson's, and insulin resistance is more prevalent in Parkinson's patients.

Now, for the first time, our neighbors at the Iowa Neuroscience Institute have joined our efforts. We recently welcomed Kumar Narayanan as a member. He treats movement disorders at UI Health Care, one of 54 Parkinson's Centers of Excellence worldwide.

Narayanan is excited to explore the scientific connections between these devastating diseases.

"Our research seeks to understand what's happening in the brain that drives these diseases and the movement disorders that can accompany them," he says. "I'm excited to be part of bringing the best and brightest minds together to transform the science around Parkinson's and diabetes."

## **CONNECT WITH US!**

Spread the word about the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center!

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[x.com/foedrc](https://x.com/foedrc)

## **KEEP UP WITH OUR HEADLINES:**

[medicine.uiowa.edu/diabetes](https://medicine.uiowa.edu/diabetes)

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HEALTH CARE

  
**BRIDGE TO THE CURE**



# CAMP ENCHANTMENT

## GMP MARY GUTIERREZ'S CHARITIES

By: **Claire Bowman**

**T**hroughout the year, Grand Madam President Mary Gutierrez traveled the United States and Canada helping to raise money for her special project, Camp Enchantment and her F.O.E. Charity, the Cancer Fund.

Camp Enchantment brings kids battling pediatric cancer together to help them gain support from peers and better understand that they're not going through their fight alone. She saw Camp Enchantment not just as a summer camp, but as a place of hope. Mary wanted to give kids this amazing opportunity without any associated financial burden. She raised **\$131,829.67** during the year with the help of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mary also raised money for the Eagles' Cancer Fund, established in 1959. For more than half a century, the Eagles' Cancer Fund has made a profound impact by contributing millions of dollars to cancer research, care, and prevention. At the Aerie and Auxiliary Banquet, Mary was honored with a check totaling **\$18,922.20** for the Cancer Fund. It's always inspiring to see the Eagles come together in support of finding a cure for cancer.

We are "People Helping People" as is demonstrated annually through our support of the Grand President's Projects. Thank you to everyone who helped support these great causes during the 2024-2025 fraternal year.



# Learning How Your Money Helps The Grand Aerie Support You

Operating an organization the size of the Fraternal Order of Eagles requires a substantial amount of resources. Those resources are primarily provided through the annual Per-Capita Tax paid by each Aerie and Auxiliary to the Grand Aerie.

The Per-Capita Tax made up **77.42%** of all Grand Aerie income for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. These funds enable us to provide you with dedicated office support, fund our annual International Convention, support all receiver and assignment-related travel and expenses and support all of our internal and external marketing and membership efforts.

On the following pages, you will see totals for all of our received charitable

donations, charitable grants issued by the F.O.E. Charity Foundation and graphs breaking down exactly where the Grand Aerie funds come from, and what that money is used to do for our members.

Below each graph will be a breakdown of the various items which make up each category. For example, **19.72%** of the money spent by the Grand Aerie was for Administrative Expenses including audit fees, insurance, benefits, payroll taxes, legal expenses and more.

The Grand Aerie works hard to ensure your funds are put to good use and we hope the information on the following pages further proves our efforts to help the F.O.E. operate in a logical and efficient manner on your behalf.

| GRANTS                | F.O.E CHARITIES               | CONTRIBUTIONS         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$1,051,014.39        | CHARITY FOUNDATION            | \$1,138,022.01        |
| \$379,893.30          | HEART FUND                    | \$504,566.07          |
| \$248,935.75          | DIABETES FUND                 | \$341,797.37          |
| \$473,692.23          | CANCER FUND                   | \$650,810.56          |
| \$157,575.37          | KIDNEY FUND                   | \$279,105.82          |
| \$41,801.79           | MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY FUND       | \$134,481.61          |
| \$680,015.89          | CHILDREN'S FUND               | \$735,878.94          |
| \$128,660.16          | SPINAL CORD INJURY FUND       | \$254,335.32          |
| \$268,938.89          | ALZHEIMER'S/NEUROLOGICAL FUND | \$443,230.70          |
| \$151,254.88          | GOLDEN AGE FUND               | \$158,819.35          |
| \$34,069.00           | PARKINSON'S FUND              | \$197,159.24          |
| ---                   | DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER      | \$410,570.07          |
| \$16,644.97           | MEMORIAL FOUNDATION           | \$224,838.64          |
| \$170,086.57          | H.O.M.E FUND                  | \$282,803.04          |
| ---                   | EAGLE VILLAGE                 | \$271,983.06          |
| <b>\$3,802,583.19</b> |                               | <b>\$6,028,401.80</b> |

## THANK YOU FROM THE CFO LARRY RUSH...

• The By-Laws of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Foundation were updated at the 2025 International Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to allow for the ability to change grammar and spelling issues that do not change the intention or purpose of the By-Laws.

• Thank you for passing the proposed budget at the 2025 International Convention. The Grand Aerie will operate within the budget approved by the delegation for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

• Per-Capita Tax is the foundation for the organization to provide the necessary infrastructure needed to maintain the organization, grow the organization, and forge it into the future to ensure we're People Helping People for another 100 years. The organization is always diligent with expenses while investing in necessary areas to help facilitate our long term growth.

• More than 85% of the revenue received in the Grand Aerie comes from Per-Capita Tax and Membership Fees. Membership is vital to the organization, not only financially, but to continue the phenomenal work and fundraising being done throughout the United States and Canada. Increasing membership by funding the necessary investment in education, training, marketing, and programs are the keys to success!

• Fundraising for the DRC is still needed. Even though the initial pledge has been completed, the researchers at the FOEDRC still need contributions to fund projects and purchase new cutting-edge equipment to continue making great strides in research and ultimately finding a cure for diabetes. We are making a difference!

• Paying dues online and taking credit card donations online are coming very soon!



**How is your Per Capita Tax utilized?** The above graphs break down our revenues and expenditures for the 2024-2025 fraternal year with explanations of each category below.

**1**

**77.42%**

**PER CAPITA TAX • \$13,826,241**

Each June 1, Aeries and Auxiliaries pay a per-member tax which serves as the primary generator of funds for Grand Aerie operations. Currently, the Per Capita Tax amount is \$12 per-year.

**2**

**13.11%**

**OTHER • \$2,340,861**

Supplies sales, store sales, affinity program income, dissolved Aerie returned income, etc.

**3**

**3.75%**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES • \$670,010**

The portion of Membership Fees available to the Grand Aerie after the percentage refunded to the State/Provincial Aerie.

**4**

**3.45%**

**INTEREST • \$616,448**

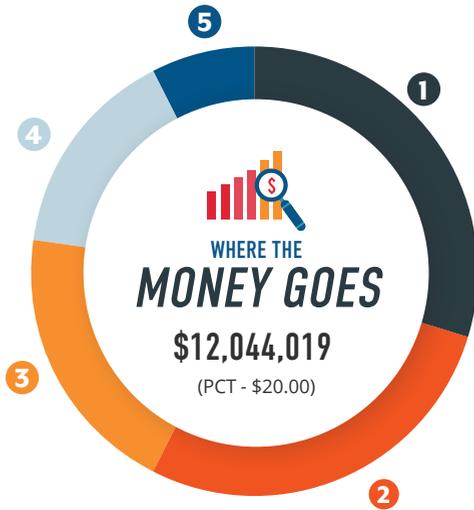
Interest accumulated by Grand Aerie investments and accounts.

**5**

**2.26%**

**CONVENTION PROCEEDS • \$404,385**

Funds generated by Convention registration, banquet ticket sales and the Convention Program book and sponsorships.



**1**

**29.93%**

**GRAND AERIE WAGES • \$3,604,435**

Grand Aerie Staffing: Total payroll for Grand Aerie employees including department heads.  
(PCT Breakdown - \$5.99)

**4**

**15.21%**

**TRAVEL + MEETINGS • \$1,831,657**

Conventions & Regional conferences, GWP and GMP travel, board meetings, representative assignments, deputy & agent travel, Incoming Pres. meetings.  
(PCT Breakdown - \$3.04)

**2**

**27.80%**

**MEMB./MARKETING • \$3,348,685**

Soar, brochures, convention expenses, membership awards, contests & awards, Membership/Marketing programs, legislative.  
(PCT Breakdown - \$5.56)

**5**

**7.34%**

**OPERATING EXPENSES • \$884,234**

Utilities, Building Maintenance, Capital Improvements, Real Estate Taxes, Network & Phone Expenses, Office Supplies, Copiers, Postage.  
(PCT Breakdown - \$1.47)

**3**

**19.72%**

**ADMIN EXPENSES • \$2,375,008**

Conventions & Regional conferences, GWP and GMP travel, board meetings, representative assignments, deputy & agent travel, ISPs.  
(PCT Breakdown - \$3.94)



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STOP THE LEAK**

# **2025-26 Membership Awards**

## **Grand Worthy President**

### **David Wooster**



**7 Members**  
Polo Shirt



**30 Members**  
Computer Bag

**For every member you sign, you're entered into a drawing for 1 of  
10 \$500 prizes.**

**A second drawing for 10 more \$500 prizes will be held for  
attendees of the 2026 International Convention in Dallas, Texas.**





# COREWELL HEALTH BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

## GWP DAVE WOOSTER'S CHARITIES

By: **Claire Bowman**

**B**ehind every breast cancer diagnosis is a mother, a sister, a friend, and a fighter. The moment you are told you have breast cancer, everything in life changes.

"Why is this happening to me?" "How am I going to tell my family?" "What's going to happen to my future plans, my goals?" So many thoughts run through a person's mind, just as they did for Norma Wooster, wife of Grand Worthy President David Wooster.

Knowing firsthand how the diagnosis affects others, David and Norma have chosen Corewell Health Breast Cancer as his special project for the fraternal year.

Corewell Health is the biggest nonprofit health system in Michigan and helps support patients who are uninsured by assisting with transportation, lodging and navigation services while receiving care. The work of Corewell Breast Cancer Research has led to earlier diagnosis, improved treatments, genetic testing and so much more. Corewell Health assigns the breast cancer patient a nurse navi-

gator to help guide the patient through every step of the breast cancer journey, including referring the patient to a network of others who are cancer survivors and who have gone through similar treatment. Corewell's ultimate goal is to prevent and eventually cure this life-altering illness.

When Norma discovered she had breast cancer, the Woosters' toured other facilities for treatment before ultimately deciding on Corewell. "Corewell was easy to work with," David said. "They treated the whole family and not just the patient." Thanks to the hard work of the team at Corewell, Norma has now been cancer free for seven years.

If you would like to donate to David's project, GWP – Cancer Fund or GWP – Corewell Health in the memo line.

Checks can be mailed to the Grand Aerie Headquarters at:

**1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123.**



**2025-26**

# **Membership Awards**

**Grand Madam President  
Rebecca Pelkey**



**8 Members**  
Bluetooth Sleep  
Headband



**10 Members**  
Blender Bottle



**15 Members**  
Bird Feeder w/  
Camera



**25 Members**  
Computer Bag

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## GMP BECKY PELKEY'S CHARITIES

By: Claire Bowman

“I’m fine.” A smile. Avoidance. Sometimes the biggest battles people face are ones that others can’t see. But mental health should not be forgotten about or overlooked. Grand Madam President Becky Pelkey is committed to helping these individuals be seen by raising money for her special project, the Brattleboro Retreat.

The Brattleboro Retreat in Brattleboro, Vermont, is a nonprofit mental health treatment center that was founded in 1834. They provide a range of diagnostics and treatment for individuals of all ages. At Brattleboro Retreat they offer a listening ear and compassion for everyone.

Grand Madam President Becky Pelkey chose Brattleboro Retreat for her special project for the year 2025-2026 because of a deep personal experience that many others suffer from. After experiencing a serious car accident as a Sheriff’s deputy, she was prescribed painkillers to help during her recovery.

When she arrived at the hospital, what began as a routine recovery turned into

something much more distressing. She found herself growing addicted to the prescribed painkillers. Becky was able to overcome her addiction and is now dedicated to helping others who are going through a similar situation. She is living proof that recovery is possible and that addiction does not define who you are as a person.

23 years ago, Becky went to Brattleboro Retreat to get help. “This institution saved my life,” Becky said. “When I walked out of here, I was still the scared woman, but I had the tools to succeed. The woman that stands before you is not the same woman that walked through those doors 23 years ago.” Brattleboro Retreat helped Becky become who she is today – your Grand Madam President.

If you would like to donate to Becky’s project, you can make checks payable to FOE Charity Foundation with GMP Becky in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Grand Aerie Headquarters at:

**1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123.**



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# SOAR SUBMISSIONS

- 1 The Massillon, Ohio Auxiliary #190 presented a monthly \$100 check to Amy Domack of the Family Living Center, a homeless shelter for families with children, households without children and single women.
- 2 President Barbara Bates and Past State Worthy President Tommy Edwards of Aerie #4315 in Colonial Beach, Virginia proudly presented a \$10,000 check to Lance Carrington of the Guadalupe Free Clinic.
- 3 Bellevue Auxiliary #3912 raised \$400 for the Nebraska Children's Home Society. They will help with adoption services, reuniting families and even offer support to the adopted children.
- 4 Oregon SMP Candy Wilson made over 50 Eagles as "thank you's" for a year well done! She asked that each recipient submit at least one photo from their Eagle's point of view at Convention.



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**5** Jeanne Glick, Becky Henning and Rhonda McMahan of Massillon, Ohio Auxiliary #190 presented a check for \$500 to Peg Laboncane, Sue Simmons and Jeanne Peterson of Quilts of Valor.

**6** Held a Rocking Chair Marathon on August 24- 27 to raise funds for the Memorial Foundation. Over \$2,500 was raised. Robbie de Leur and Rebecca Brady rocked continuously for 76 hours and 17 minutes.

**7** Don Burch, PSWP and member of Virginia Beach #3204, was presented with a plaque inducting him into the Grand Aerie Hall of Fame. Don has been an Eagle for 40 years.

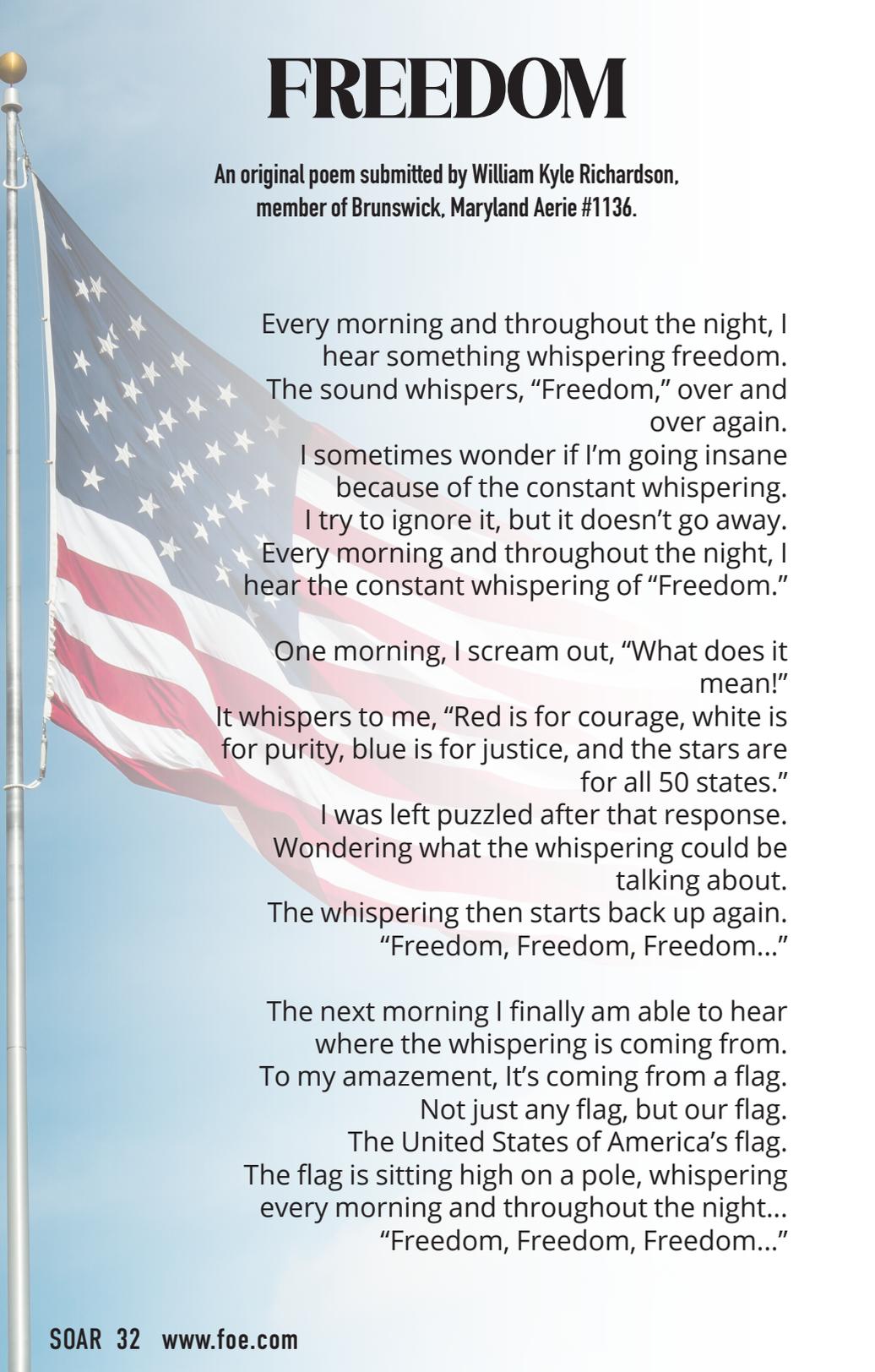
**8** Chautauqua Eagles #2145 donated \$2,000 to Healing for Heroes to help them purchase much needed building materials.

**9** The Dalles, Oregon, Auxiliary #2126 held their 19th Annual Diabetes Fund Pool Tournament, raising \$1,300 to benefit the FOE Charity Foundation Diabetes Fund.

**10** Bartlesville Aerie #610 held a fundraiser for Leadership in Bartlesville. They raised \$6,755 that will be used for scholarships.

# FREEDOM

An original poem submitted by William Kyle Richardson,  
member of Brunswick, Maryland Aerie #1136.



Every morning and throughout the night, I  
hear something whispering freedom.  
The sound whispers, "Freedom," over and  
over again.  
I sometimes wonder if I'm going insane  
because of the constant whispering.  
I try to ignore it, but it doesn't go away.  
Every morning and throughout the night, I  
hear the constant whispering of "Freedom."

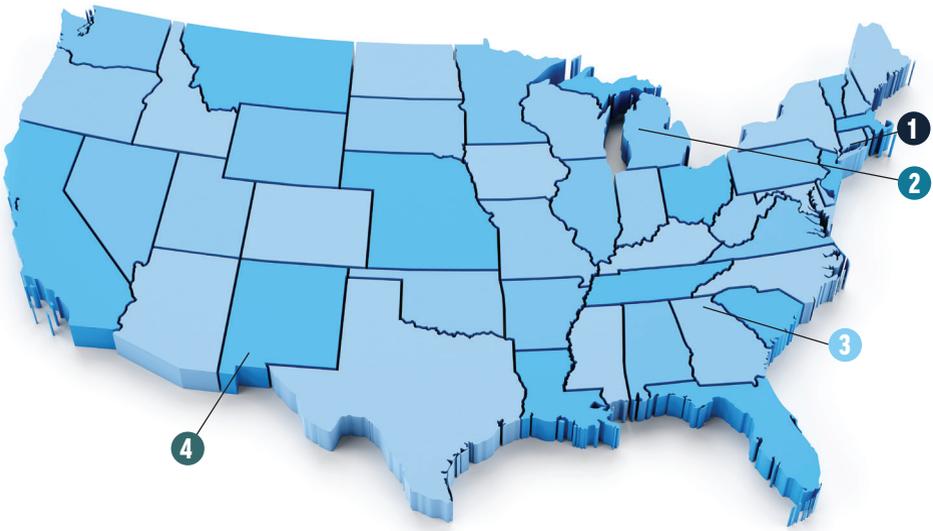
One morning, I scream out, "What does it  
mean!"  
It whispers to me, "Red is for courage, white is  
for purity, blue is for justice, and the stars are  
for all 50 states."  
I was left puzzled after that response.  
Wondering what the whispering could be  
talking about.  
The whispering then starts back up again.  
"Freedom, Freedom, Freedom..."

The next morning I finally am able to hear  
where the whispering is coming from.  
To my amazement, It's coming from a flag.  
Not just any flag, but our flag.  
The United States of America's flag.  
The flag is sitting high on a pole, whispering  
every morning and throughout the night...  
"Freedom, Freedom, Freedom..."

# 2024-2025 Top Producers

| Top Aerie Producers                                   |             | Top Auxiliary Producers                           |             |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Burnham, Pennsylvania<br>Aerie #4294                  | 743 members | Port Orange, Florida<br>Auxiliary #4089           | 329 members |
| New Castle, Pennsylvania<br>Aerie #455                | 693 members | Fredericksburg, Virginia<br>Auxiliary #4123       | 269 members |
| Coeur d'Alene, Idaho<br>Aerie #486                    | 552 members | Okahumpka, Florida<br>Auxiliary #4273             | 223 members |
| Yuma, Arizona<br>Aerie #4538                          | 517 members | North Canton, Ohio<br>Auxiliary #2223             | 197 members |
| Celina, Ohio<br>Aerie #1291                           | 503 members | Lake Havasu City, Arizona<br>Auxiliary #4299      | 193 members |
| Lake Havasu City, Arizona<br>Aerie #4299              | 433 members | Granite Falls, Washington<br>Auxiliary #3358      | 179 members |
| Port Charlotte, Florida<br>Aerie #2396                | 376 members | Cape Coral, Florida<br>Auxiliary #3957            | 174 members |
| North Canton, Ohio<br>Aerie #2223                     | 341 members | Hillsboro, Ohio<br>Auxiliary #1161                | 172 members |
| Grand Haven, Michigan<br>Aerie #925                   | 340 members | Wellington, Ohio<br>Auxiliary #2051               | 171 members |
| Lima, Ohio<br>Aerie #370                              | 337 members | Canton, Ohio<br>Auxiliary #2370                   | 166 members |
| Top Individual Aerie Producers                        |             | Top Individual Auxiliary Producers                |             |
| Amy Winterfeldt<br>Wahpeton, North Dakota #2749       | 376 members | Sandra Milletics<br>Port Orange, Florida #4089    | 80 members  |
| William Ross<br>New Castle, Pennsylvania #455         | 203 members | Dixie Berry<br>Coshocton, Ohio #761               | 75 members  |
| Derek Alexander<br>Burnham, Pennsylvania #4294        | 156 members | Diana G. Gill<br>Wytheville, Virginia #4554       | 75 members  |
| Timothy Gill<br>Wytheville, Virginia #4554            | 152 members | Debbie Fulgham<br>Caseville, Michigan #3690       | 75 members  |
| Mike Nalbach<br>Massillon, Ohio #190                  | 150 members | Lisa Schmidt<br>Granite Falls, Washington #3358   | 61 members  |
| Marty Newman<br>Port Charlotte, Florida #3296         | 120 members | Amy Miedema<br>Grand Haven, Michigan #925         | 58 members  |
| Richard Barr<br>Port Orange, Florida #4089            | 115 members | Kobi Aschim<br>Sedro Woolley, Washington<br>#2069 | 53 members  |
| David Limerick<br>Fredericksburg, Virginia #4123      | 114 members | Nancie Rape<br>Lake Havasu City, Arizona #4299    | 53 members  |
| Stanley Logsdon<br>Black Diamond, Washington<br>#1490 | 108 members | Debra Bonnie<br>Portland, Maine #565              | 51 members  |
| Thomas Chitren<br>Hale, Michigan #4217                | 104 members | Ruth Anne Geyer<br>Cape Coral, Florida #3957      | 50 members  |

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SIGNED A MEMBER DURING THE LAST FRATERNAL YEAR!**



# CURRENTLY ORGANIZING IN...

## 1. DARIEN, CT

### ORGANIZERS

Joe Markovich - Aerie  
Janet Daleymale - Auxiliary

## 2. GRAND RAPIDS, MI

### ORGANIZERS

Sharon Hanis - Aerie  
China Ricket - Auxiliary

## 3. GAINESVILLE, GA (AUX)

### ORGANIZERS

Kimball Williams - Auxiliary

## 4. DEMING, NM

### ORGANIZERS

Kevin Kelly - Aerie  
Heather Kelly - Auxiliary

## 5. PARKSVILLE, BC (AUX)

### ORGANIZERS

Franca Warkentin - Auxiliary

If you know someone in one of these communities, encourage them to be a part of this great opportunity!

For more information about starting a New Aerie/Auxiliary in a community near you, contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department at [membership@foe.com](mailto:membership@foe.com) or via phone at 614-883-2177.



## 2025-26 MEMBERSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

# What Being A Member Means To You

### *Share Your Story!*

Every member has a unique story. Write a brief essay on what being a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has meant to you and how the organization has impacted your life.

Entries can be a specific story or an overall statement on the impact of the F.O.E. on your life.

We want to know more about the way being an Eagle has shaped you and led you to where you are now so put together a brief essay this year and let us know what being an Eagle means to you!

### *How Do I Enter?*

Email your name, home Aerie/ Auxiliary number and your essay to [membership@foe.com](mailto:membership@foe.com). Entries are due by April 1, 2026. The winning entry will be revealed on June 1, 2026 to kick off the 2026-27 fraternal year.

### *What Do I Get?*

The Winner will receive a \$500 gift card to the F.O.E. Online Store, a plaque commemorating their essay and will be featured in a one-on-one YouTube interview with Membership Coordinator Tim Hoyt. The winner and other finalists will be published on [foe.com](http://foe.com) with excerpts included in future marketing materials.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
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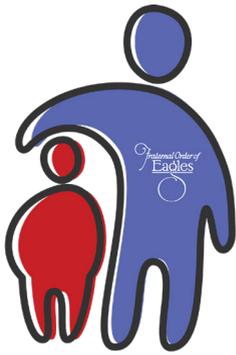
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# THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

**D**uring World War II, the Fraternal Order of Eagles came together to establish the Memorial Foundation, investing \$3 million to ensure investment earnings would be able to fund the benefits to members' families.

The Foundation was created specifically to provide assistance to the children of members who lost their lives fighting overseas. In 1947, the first benefits for the Memorial Foundation were paid out and to date, more than 3,000 children have received aid totaling more than \$4 million with half of those children receiving education assistance.

In 2001, the Foundation expanded beyond just active military families, offering benefits to the families of any and all members who perish while on the job. As a family-oriented organization, we know there's nothing more important to you than the safety and security of those you love most.

Educational grant recipients must furnish a yearly academic transcript, maintain a 2.0 grade-point average and be under the age of 25, unmarried and non self-supporting.

Additional benefits include medical care, dental care, optical care, hospitalization and psychiatric care. Donations can be made payable to the F.O.E. Memorial Foundation and mailed to the Grand Aerie Headquarters at 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123.

## FOUNDATION BENEFITS



EDUCATIONAL GRANTS



MEDICAL BENEFITS



OPTICAL CARE



HOSPITALIZATION



DENTAL  
BENEFITS



PSYCHIATRIC CARE

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Visit the Memorial Foundation page at [foe.com](http://foe.com) to find out more about the program.

Brochures are available through the Grand Aerie Supply Department at [supplies@foe.com](mailto:supplies@foe.com) or via phone at 614-883-2178.

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# THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES 2026 BULLETIN CONTEST

We're looking for the best Aerie/Auxiliary bulletins from across the United States and Canada to enter the 2026 Grand Aerie Bulletin Contest.

Choose your best bulletin (print or electronic) from the months of September, October or November, and submit it with a completed entry form to the Grand Aerie Marketing Department by January 16, 2026, for consideration.

Winners will be announced on March 1, 2026, and will receive plaques commemorating their achievement to be presented at their respective State/Provincial Conventions.

**Showcase how your Aerie/Auxiliary communicates by entering this year's contest. To download the official entry form, visit the Bulletin Contest page at [www.foe.com](http://www.foe.com).**



**2025 Best Overall Entry**  
**Rebel Yell**  
**Virginia State**





FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES



Unleash your competitive side in the spirit of fraternalism by participating in one of our many International Sports Tournaments. A variety of offerings are available throughout the year showcasing the finest Eagles competitors in golf, horseshoes, darts, bowling, and more.

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## THE GRAND AERIE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENTS:

2026 Bowling (East & West) • 2026 Winter Horseshoes 2026 Summer  
Horseshoes • 2026 Golf (East & West) 2026 Cornhole (East & West) •  
2026 Darts (East & West)

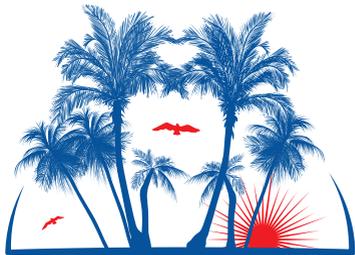
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2025 East Pool - Columbus, NE #1834, October 17-19

2025 West Pool - Casper, WY #306, October 17-19

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# NEW EAGLE VILLAGE COTTAGE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Help Eagle Village by naming a cottage after your State/Provincial or Local Aerie/Auxiliary. Each cottage will have feature a 4' x 6" sign prominently placed on the front of the unit recognizing sponsors. Sponsorships are available at the Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. More information will be released to State/Provincial and Local Secretaries in the very near future!

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| <b>GOLD</b> | <br>THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES<br>EAGLE VILLAGE | <b>ARIZONA STATE AERIE</b><br>GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR | <br><b>GOLD</b> |
|-------------|---|--|--|

**GOLD LEVEL – GOLD BRANDING W/ 250 PT. FONT • \$2,500/YR (22 UNITS)**

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|---------------|---|---|--|

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