The Florida Fraternal Order of Eagles
SUNSHINE NEWS
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Presidential Address

From The State Worthy President

Another month in the books! Started with St. Augustine, with E-BOARD, and in the evening their 36th Anniversary, a visit to the 90's. Then off to see the Mermaids and Weeki Wachee's 30th Anniversary. What a great day at Weeki Wachee State Park!

Thank you both Aeries for your donations to my charity, it is greatly appreciated!

South East Regional was also a great weekend! Much education shared with all! The speakers did a wonderful job! It was a great weekend of raising monies for Make a Wish, as well as Georgia's Disaster Relief!

Thank You, St. Marys Aerie and Auxiliary for ALL of your hospitality, hard work and wonderful food!

Looking forward to October and the trail ahead:
Titusville on the 3rd
Cedar Key 16th - 18th
And Cornhole tourny in Okahumpka, 23rd to the 25th!

See ya on the trail!

Your State President,
Ron Cornell

From The State Madam President

We have had a fun-filled September. Started out at St. Augustine for their 90's themed anniversary party. What an awesome night. Then on to Weeki Watchee for another amazing anniversary. A day and dinner at the park and then to the Aerie to continue the festivities. Then to finish out the month, we spent the weekend in St. Marys Georgia for the Southeast Regional Conference. So much knowledge and learning built into a power packed weekend with some fun on the side with the Karaoke Contest on Friday night and the 1001 Arabian Nights themed dinner on Saturday.

SMP Julie Silvestro Charity Information

Julie has chosen Bridge to the Cure, which is a branch of the D.R.C. and is a Grand Charity. It is a separate entity within the FOE Foundation than the usual diabetes, kidney, heart, etc. charity funds. Because of this no grants can be awarded. However, at the end of the 2026-2027 fiscal year at the last Aerie E-Board meeting, the E-Board may vote to redirect funds from other accounts to donate to HER Special Project. Aerie and Auxiliaries may donate funds to her special project to be earmarked at the FOE Foundation under Julie Silvestro, Florida State Madam President 2026-2027, Florida. Because no matching funds are added, the usual 25% fee to the Grand Aerie will be waived. In addition, any Aerie and/or Auxiliary with suspended charters will be able to send funds to Julie's special project because there are no matching funds. Contributions may be sent directly to the Grand Aerie. Make checks payable to F.O.E. Charity Foundation. Note on the memo line:
Your Aerie or Auxiliary – State - President's name (Julie Silvestro)
Indicate the State (ex: Florida)
Indicate the Presidential year (ex:2026-2027)
Any questions, you can contact me.
As always, Much Love and Appreciation
Julie Silvestro, State Madam President

AUG 2026 Membership Report:
FLORIDA 2026-2027 GOAL 2% Net Gain
Bring Them Back & Keep Them

New Members	560
Re-Enrolled Members	103
Total Members	663
YTD Net Gain	(-12.36)

TOTAL AERIE MEMBERSHIP

Ending AUGUST 2026
FOR THE STATE 29,055

TOP AERIE MEMBERSHIP GAIN

#4089 PORT ORANGE +1,866%
FL #5 in the Nation w/ 763 new members

TOP 3 AERIE NEW & RE-ENROLLED MEMBERS

3171	Bradenton (Eagle Village)	59 & 4
4208	Hudson (Spring Hill)	58 & 15
4089	Pt. Orange	53 & 25

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS

4356	Lakeland	Kellie Burkley	21
4424	Sarasota	Bob Proctor	16
3153	Suncoast (New Port Richey)	Frank Walters	12
3957	Cape Coral	Ronnie Mason	10
3800	Ormond Beach	Heather Carson	8

Membership Motivator:
Call members on their birthday, together we rise!

Loyal members don't leave when things get tough; they help make things better

TED HENSCHEN
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
thenschen4eagles@gmail.com

AUG. 2026 YTD NET GAIN FLORIDA 2026-2027 GOAL 2%

New Members	174
Re-Enrolled Members	74
Total Members	248
YTD Net Gain	0.12%

TOTAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ending AUGUST 2026
FOR THE STATE 12,455

TOP AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP GAIN

14 4201 Orange City 8%

TOP 3 AUXILIARY NEW MEMBERS

1	4273	Okahumpka	27
1	4089	Port Orange	22
2	4509	Cypress Hut	14

TOP PRODUCERS

1	4509	Judi Frail	Cypress Hut	8
2	3885	Carol M. Weeks	Venice, FL	7
2	4273	Rita Coberly	Lake Co.	7

Let's retain our members, ask for help, & keep them engaged. Great job ladies! Let's find great members that can help us grow!

RAYETTA PATTON-CHAIRMAN
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FL State Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sister Eagles,

October 15th is normally the deadline to file your **Aerie 990**, but due to the current situation with the IRS and the Grand Aerie, you will need to file an extension by October 15th make sure to send the extension to the Grand Aerie.

Youth Rally is coming up November 7th in multiple locations. See the write up in the newsletter.

Next **Aerie E-Board Meeting**, December 5th at Aerie 3496 Orlando at 12 noon.

Desiree Bryan, Florida State Aerie Secretary

2026 Southeast Regional Conference Recap!

We had an amazing weekend hosting the 2026 Southeast Regional Conference Sept 25-27th. Our Chairmen, Andy Aanderud and Rhonda Jones, and their crews, left nothing undone. We want to thank everyone involved. So many members came beside us and made this a conference to remember.

On Friday morning, we hosted our Grand representatives, Grand Trustee Ray Measel and Grand Madam Vice-President Holly Niemi, to a tour of Fort Clinch, Florida. We were blessed to have Grand Madam Trustee Annie Taylor, Grand Madam Conductor Stacey Mack, and PRMP Angel Opdahl (from Wells #3080, Harvey, North Dakota) accompanying us.

Friday evening's lasagna and fettuccine alfredo dinners were excellent. All proceeds were donated to GWP/GMP special project, Make A Wish. Jeff Standridge, St. Marys #4379 emceed a karaoke contest later that night. The singers were outstanding! Winners were Craig Abernethy (male vocal), Heather Cassidy (female vocal), and Cyndi Taylor and Dave Butler (duet).

Saturday started our meetings. The speakers were very informative:

-Time For a Tune Up, PRWP Andy Aanderud, St. Marys #4379
-Members Unite, GA State Madam President Cheryl Gardner, St. Marys #4379
-Stay on Track, PWP Wayne Boyd, Atlanta #714
-Share Ideas, PRMP Beth Spaulding-Henschen, Clearwater #3452
-Best Team Wins, PWP Mike Seeley, St. Marys #4379
-Communicate, FL State Madam President Julie Silvestro, Kissimmee #4048 & Ormond by the Sea #4435
-Membership, FL Aerie Membership Chair/PWP Ted Henschen), Clearwater #3458; GA Auxiliary Chair/PMP Robin Lewis, St. Marys #4379; and Grand Membership Coordinator/PRWP Tim Hoyt, Gainesville, GA #4452
-God, Flag and Country, PRMP Angel Opdahl, Wells, North Dakota #3080
-Pearl Harbor Project, Grand Trustee Ray Measel, Bellevue, Nebraska #3912
-Ritual, Grand Madam Vice President Holly Niemi, Rugby, North Dakota #3834
-Eagle Village, Eagles Village International Charity Director Andy Aanderud, St. Marys #4379
-Constitution and Statutes/Rules and Regulations, PRWP Jeff Patton, Palm Bay #4249 and PSMP Michelle McCarthy, Orlando #3496
-Compliance/Receivership, PSWP Pete Gardner, St. Marys #4379
-Conciliation, Grand Madam Trustee Annie Taylor, St. Marys #4379
-Mediation, PRWP Jaime Galaviz, St. Marys #4379
-Georgia Disaster Relief Program, GA Chairman and Southeast Region Worthy President Ron Rein, St. Marys #4379; PRMP Kimball Williams, Atlanta #714; PRWP Otis Kilday, Atlanta #714; and PMP Robin Lewis, St. Marys #4379
-Florida Disaster Relief Program, PSWP Desiree Bryan, Orange Park #4365.

Cancer has affected loved ones, in both our families, and in many of our Aerie/Auxiliary member's families. Our $5,000 joint Regional Charity check was presented to Kasey Heilman from UFHealth Proton Therapy.

Beth Kennedy, a volunteer from Make A Wish, provided Wish numbers for Florida and Georgia, presented a heart-touching slide show, and answered questions from our members.

Saturday evening was our Arabian Nights party for Make A Wish with a Low Country Boil and the band Fratello. The costume contest was emceed by Worthy Vice President Ray Lopez, St. Marys #4379 and judged by our Grand Representatives. The winners were Mike Seeley, St. Marys #4379 and Debra Knowd, Ocala #3656.

With 142 registered, Friday's dinner, multiple 50/50 drawings, raffles, a GWP Tie auction, (and a few fines!), we raised nearly $10,000 for Make A Wish. Our generous Brothers and Sisters from our region raised/donated over $1800 for the Georgia Disaster Relief Fund. Thank you.

We would like to thank everyone who came to share this once in a life time experience with us. We appreciate all you do!

Southeast Region Worthy President Ron Rein
Southeast Region Madam President Anita Benton

School Info.

SCHOOLS: FLORIDA STATE AERIE EDUCATION CHAIRMAN OCT. 2026

If your Aerie would like to host an Aerie Operation School, Trustee School, Aerie Secretary School or a Ritual School, please contact:

Jeff Patton by text: 321-863-2678 or E-Mail:baccaharv@gmail.com

Or the State Secretary **Desiree Bryan: E-Mail : Flstateaerie@msn.com**

To host an Aerie School, your Aerie must have a room that will hold up to 30 people, can be closed off from the bar, and your Aerie would provide a lunch for $7.00. Please also gather hotel information for members who must travel to the school, so they know where to stay. The Education Chairman would then schedule that school. We need time to advertise the school, so please put in your request ASAP.

October 17th & 18th Aerie Trustee School scheduled Saturday 10/17/26 and Aerie Officers School scheduled Sunday 10/18/26. Host Aerie 4351 Ruskin, 1205 1st St. SW Ruskin FL, 33570. This will be a two (2) Day Class. Registration starts at 8 am and class starts at 8:30 am and goes to 3 pm. The Aerie will provide a lunch for a $7.00.

November 14th & 15th Aerie Trustee School scheduled Saturday 11/14/26 and Aerie Officers School scheduled Sunday 11/15/26. Host Aerie 4267 Jupiter, 340 Hibiscus St. Jupiter, FL 33458. This will be a two (2) Day Class. Registration starts at 8 am and class starts at 8:30 am and goes to 3 pm. The Aerie will provide a lunch for a $7.00.

Remember: Anyone can attend any classes, and the cost is $25 a person. Lunch will be provided for $7.

Jeffrey Patton, Florida State Aerie Education Chairman

Our Scholarship application has changed

Please see the new application packet and review the new guidelines for acceptance of applicants emailed with this newsletter (.pdf application).

We need our great members to help us help those who want to further their education. Any donation will add to the amount we can give out each year.

We thank those Aeries and Auxiliaries who have continued to support our mission each year. We are grateful.

Sandra Wohlers

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(text is better, but leave a message
and I will get back to you as soon as possible)

Presidents Roast Bids

The Past State Presidents are accepting bids for an Aerie to host the Presidents Roast which will be for both Worthy and Madam, the 3rd Saturday in March. To be considered, please provide the following information: Meal and Cost, Where the Roast will be held in your Aerie, and Hotel Information. Along with any additional information that would have your Aerie stand out; (no entertainment is necessary since the Roast will be the entertainment after dinner). Gifts for the Presidents are welcome. This Roast is designed from the Dean Martin Celebrity Roast. All the State Officers, and any member that wishes to "Roast" either of the presidents are welcomed. If you are not familiar with the Dean Martin Celebrity Roast simply search it on YouTube and watch.

Please email bids to Desiree Bryan: dcentalonza@gmail.com
or Laura Sager: ljds1017@gmail.com.
Bids need to be in by 12/31/26.
It will be announced at the Mid-Winter Conference where the Roast will be held.

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Express Crystal River by IHG
$140 nightly
$155 total
(includes pool, breakfast, & parking)

Hampton Inn Crystal River, FL
$165 nightly
$183 total
(includes pool, breakfast, & parking)

Days Inn by Wyndha River
$90 nightly
$100 total
(includes pool, parking, & pet friendly)

Plantation Resort on Crystal River
$139 nightly
$154 total
(includes pool, hot tub, & breakfast)

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"People Helping People"
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CORNHOLE Tournament
FUN
FRIENDSHIP
COMPETITION
PRIZES
AND MORE!
TEAMWORK
GOOD TIMES
FOR A
GREAT CAUSE!
OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2026
HOST AERIE:
LAKE COUNTY AERIE 4273
27150 Haywood Worm Farm Rd., Okahumpka, FL 34762
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
MEET AND GREET
WITH A FISH FRY
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC
WITH BETT SCHOFIELD
6:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
GOOD FOOD • GREAT MUSIC
KICK OFF THE WEEKEND!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
TEAM PLAY
$20
PER TEAM
Create a Team,
Create a Name,
Put it on a Shirt!
REGISTRATION AT 8 A.M.
BAGS FLY AT 9 A.M.
Prizes • Bragging Rights • Fun for Everyone!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
BLIND DRAW
FOR PARTNERS
$10
PER PERSON
REGISTRATION AT 8 A.M.
BAGS FLY AT 9 A.M.
New Partner ★ New Friends
Same Great Fun!
The SANDBAGGERS
All Eagles Welcome!
The CORN HUSKERS
People Helping People"
Stronger Eagles ★ Stronger Communities ★ A Brighter Florida

Please text Rayetta with location, child's name and age that will be attending. This is for our members families to enjoy. Donations are needed to support this event, so please do a function and send all donations to your Aerie state secretary.

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UPCOMING DATES:

- October 3rd Titusville
- October 10th Crystal River Eagles #4272, 35th Anniversary -Oktoberfest
- October 15th Deadline to file extension for Aerie 990
- October 16th - 18th Cedar Key
- October 17th & 18th Aerie Trustee School and Aerie Officers School, Ruskin Aerie #4351
- October 23rd - 25th Lake County Aerie, Okahumpka Cornhole Tournament
- November 7th Youth Rally, more information on page
- November 14th & 15th Aerie Trustee School & Aerie Officers School, Jupiter Aerie #4267
- December 5th Aerie E-Board @ 3496 Orlando, 12pm