Soaring To New Heights

Soar - The Official Bulletin of The Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie - is a new printed monthly publication designed to get news and information from the organization directly into the hands of our members in one convenient, easy-to-read package.

The F.O.E. Grand Aerie will publish 10 black-and-white Soar editions, with copies mailed to each Aerie’s Worthy Secretary. Additional copies can be made at the local Aerie for members. Soar will also be e-mailed to every member with a valid address in MMS and available for download on the Members-Only website.

Each April and October, a full-color extended edition of Soar will be mailed directly to all Eagle households. This semi-annual report will include information regarding membership programs, charities and various other business activities related to the F.O.E.

If you have questions regarding Soar, contact the Marketing & Communications Dept. at marketing@foe.com or at the department’s direct line by calling 614-883-2210.

We hope you enjoy!

- The Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie

Mission Accomplished

What seemed an endless train of large brown boxes filled the halls of the Grand Aerie Headquarters. There were 40 in all – each holding food, toiletries, books and various other items providing a small taste of the home the five recipients would be busy defending during the holidays. Thanks to The Fraternal Order of Eagles’ Operation Eagle program, these soldiers and countless others fighting alongside were able to share in the spirit of the season.

The 2011 Operation Eagle program generated a resounding response from our membership, with 80 Aeries and Auxiliaries contributing over a ton (2,000 lbs.) of items. The Grand Aerie is happy to report that our boxes were received in time for the holiday to great response from each of the recipients.

“It feels good to know that I am a part of an organization that cares as much as the F.O.E.,” said Joseph Faz, a member of Yuma, Ariz., #398. “On behalf of all my brothers and sisters in uniform, we thank you for the care packages while we were overseas.”

Faz, who has since returned from duty, delivered the message from the iPad that was included in his care package. Paul Ewing of Gettysburg, Pa., carried word of the delivery back to the Eagles through his mother, Leisa Ewing, who informed us he will be returning home in late March.

“Paul wants everyone to know that...”

Photo Courtesy of Paul Ewing

2011 Operation Eagle recipient Paul Ewing III and his fellow soldiers show off the contents of the packages he received thanks to The Fraternal Order of Eagles.
March

March in Eagledom is synonymous with Memorial Foundation. The highlight of the month in your Aerie will be the initiation of the Memorial Foundation class in honor of your war veterans and possibly your war heroes. More important, it offers you an opportunity to learn what the Foundation is doing for more than 1,200 children whose Eagle dads did not return from the last war.

While March either will roar in like a lion and exit quietly like a lamb, or vice versa, your Aerie’s membership campaign will roar from one end of the month to the other. Why not take an active part in it?

March is a big month for other Aerie programs. You’ll have a chance to express your views on the question of price control return on the monthly Pro and Con program ... or take part in an Eagle Quiz program on cities and states ... or to witness the presentation of a Civic Service Award to an outstanding citizen in your community ... and to enjoy other planned Aerie meetings, as announced in your own Aerie bulletin.

On the social side, there’s the weekly, bi-weekly or monthly dances staged by the Aerie for you and your lady. St. Patrick’s Day lends itself either to a special dance with an Irish theme or a Folks from Ireland program for the entire family.

Eagle keglers will be kept busy throughout the month as district and state Eagle bowling tournaments roll along and as your Aerie leagues swing into the season’s home stretch. Basketball, dartball, volleyball and table tennis will near their season’s end. Yes, March will be a busy month in progressive, active Aeries.
We Are People Helping People

Alaska
- Juneau #4200 recently donated $1,000 to ten different local charities.

Arizona
- Top of the Rim #4437 provided gifts, clothing and a Christmas dinner for five local families and their children.

Arkansas
- Horseshoe Bend #3431 raised $8,500 to fund the purchase of new equipment in the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Cardiac Care Wing.

California
- San Jose #8 raised $22,500 for 150 local kids as part of its annual Children’s Christmas Shopping Spree.

Florida
- Suncoast Aux. #3153 raised $4,000 for the University of South Florida Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Institute.

Georgia
- Gainesville #4452 donated proceeds from recent events to the Gainesville Fire Department and Police Department.

Illinois
- Cicero #1935 presented nearly 100 toys to Retired Deputy Fire Marshal Louis A. Guido to help local children.

Maine
- Brewer #3177 Aerie, Auxiliary and Past President’s Club each donated $250 for local children in need.

Michigan
- Atlanta Thunder Bay Auxiliary #4077 donated $1,865 to the Alpena Chapter of the Hospice of Michigan.

Minnesota
- The Zumbro Past President’s Club #2228 donated $1,000 to the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center.

Missouri
- Queen City #3934 helped raise nearly $11,000 to aid a double lung transplant for Adam Wallace, a 35-year-old father of three living with pulmonary fibrosis.

Nevada
- Fallon #1447 held a Breakfast with Santa Claus event raising $1,788 and collecting 10 boxes of food for the Wishing Tree and Food Basket.

Ohio
- Croghan #712 raised $8,000 for cancer research. The club also made donations of $5,071.93 to six local charities as well as donations of $845.32 for six other local charities.

Oregon
- Woodburn #3284 raised $500 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Texas
- Mainland #3199 held a Christmas Party with members donating presents for local families in need. The Mainland Eagle Riders raffled off a toddler rocker with proceeds benefiting the Autism Treatment Center.

Washington
- Eagle Riders #4197 raised money to support 11 local families for the holidays. More than 20 members spent the day prior to the event wrapping approximately 300 gifts.

Wisconsin
- Viroqua #2707 held a Kids Christmas Party for 160 children in the area.

Wyoming
- Sweetwater #2350 raised more than $1,000 to purchase pajamas and treat bags for 120 children in need.

South Central Region
- During their Regional Conference, members from Kansas and Missouri raised $23,878 for The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center.

British Columbia
- Cranbrook, B.C. #3032 recently donated $10,000 for the East Kootenay Regional Hospital's A Clear View program. Pictured, l to r, Trustee Joyce Bull, Vice President Nancy Van Oosten, President Lisa Kennelly, EKRH representatives Sheilah Moore and Donna Grainger and Eagles Charity Committee Chairman Steve Chisholm.

People Helping People
While all items are published and shared electronically, space is limited in print. In an effort to provide a diverse offering of news items for our members each month, the largest and/or most unique donation from each State/Province we receive news from will be featured in our People Helping People section. Once each State/Province we have news from has been represented, we will begin to allow additional items.

Please keep in mind that all photos must be high-resolution and cannot be taken from a newspaper or a news outlet’s website as the Grand Aerie does not have the right to use those photos.

As always, we welcome any questions or suggestions you might have. Please see the panel on page 2 for contact information.
Membership Committees Are Key to Success
The Grand Aerie Membership Department stands ready to support your efforts in strengthening the F.O.E. – and we need your help. All local Aeries/Auxiliaries should establish a Membership Committee to vitalize, strengthen and improve membership. Your committee should include a Chairman, Re-Enrollment Chair, No Goose Egg Chair and Net Gain Chair. These people should be added to our Member Management System (MMS) with complete contact information, including a valid email address. This provides a cost effective way to share important membership information with your Aerie/Auxiliary. We are continuing to build new tools and programs for you, and welcome all comments. Contact us at membership@foe.com or call 614-883-2200.

Iron Eagle Revs Up The Fight Against Diabetes
Grand Trustee Darrell Rall is heating up the pavement this summer for his Iron Eagle 2012: Mobilizing to Defeat Diabetes motorcycle ride. Rall will attempt to ride a world-record 25,000 miles in 25 days. His monumental task benefits The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center and begins June 14 in Las Vegas, Nev. Rall will trek across the U.S. and Canada before wrapping up the ride July 8 in Grand Rapids, Mich., to kick off International Convention festivities. The F.O.E. serves as the primary sponsor for the ride. For information, visit the Iron Eagle page at foe.com or the official Iron Eagle website, ironeagle.org.

We Need Your Help!
The 2012 International Convention will be home to the second annual Grand Auxiliary Marketplace. Co-Chairs Lois Coe and Martha Lagervall are seeking volunteers and donations of goods. All proceeds from the Marketplace benefit the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center. To help, contact Lois at lois.coe@walsworth.com or (660) 376-3248 or Martha at mjanejj@aol.com or 206-781-1788. Let’s make this effort a great success!

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he is extremely grateful to the F.O.E. for making his troops’ holiday a little more enjoyable,” Leisa said. “They all enjoyed opening the packages that were sent and were very surprised by the unbelievable gifts they received. Receiving gifts and notes from people in the states helps make the loneliness and home sickness at the holidays a little more bearable.”

Crestline, Ohio, native Terry Buxton delivered a touching note to the Grand Aerie in appreciation of the gifts.

“I am writing to personally thank you on behalf of the 55th Military Police Company and myself for the gifts and supplies we received,” Buxton said. “It means so much to all of us that since we are away from our families during the holidays, Eagles across the United States and Canada remember the soldiers that couldn’t make it back.”

Diana Rogers delivered appreciation on behalf of her grandson Matt Stender, who was unable to communicate directly with the Grand Aerie, and informed us that many of his fellow troops may be returning the Operation Eagle favor in the near future.

“He was overwhelmed,” Rogers said. “They couldn’t believe how much stuff they got. He was able to share the items with his fellow troops and said he was pretty sure when his company returned home there would be some new Eagles members.”

Our fifth and final recipient, Adam Murphy, was unable to provide much detail regarding the packages due to matters of confidentiality, however the Grand Aerie learned through Kane, Pa., Secretary Barb Gadley-Cheeks that he did receive the packages and they were greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all of our members who participated in the 2011 Operation Eagle program and, as always, our deepest thanks to each of our recipients and the brave men and women fighting alongside them overseas. You truly are “People Helping People.”

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Vendor and Sponsorship packages available. Call for more details!

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2012 Program Book Advertising Form

2012 Grand Aerie & Grand Auxiliary International Convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles
July 9 - 12, 2012 • Grand Rapids, Michigan

Please check space desired

☐ Full Page - 7.5” x 10.25” $500 $525 $1000
☐ Half Page - 7.5” x 5.12” $275 $300 $600
☐ Quarter Page - 3.75” x 5.12” $200 $225 N/A
☐ Eighth Page - 3.75” x 2.62” $150 $175 N/A

(Please check space desired)

Friends of F.O.E.

For a simple text advertisement you can use Friends of F.O.E. to get your message out. A single line will provide 50 characters and cost $10 and a double line will provide 100 characters and cost $20.

☐ Single Line ☐ Double Line

Text: __________________________

Please check space desired

Make checks for net amount due payable to:
Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles

Please print or type.

This section must be completely filled out for us to process your order.

Contact Person ________________________________
Title ________________________________
Address ______________________________________
City _______________ State/Province ________
Zip/Postal Code ______________________________
Aerie Number __________ Auxiliary Number __________
Phone _____ - _____ - _____________________
Email Address ______________________________

You are hereby authorized to place our advertisement in the program to be issued in connection with the 2012 International Convention. I understand that no proofs will be provided.

Signature ___________________________________

Photo Submission Guidelines

- All photos submitted must be original photos or electronic files.
- Electronic files must be a resolution of at least 300 dpi.
- No laser copies or printed pictures will be accepted.

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Support your community youth for a chance to win $3,000!

Each year, The Fraternal Order of Eagles Child Advocacy Day Contest encourages Aeries and Auxiliaries to organize a one-day event for area youth, instilling the values and beliefs of the F.O.E. and increasing education and awareness for community safety.

To find out more about Child Advocacy Day, contact marketing@foe.com, log in to our Members-Only website or contact the department directly at 614-883-2210.

Events between Aug. 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012 are eligible.

We are...

...The Fraternal Order of Eagles

The “We are the Fraternal Order of Eagles” video was developed as a tool for local Aeries and Auxiliaries to use in the recruitment of new members. The video has been specifically designed to tell a story about who we are, where we came from and what we do. We encourage all Aeries and Auxiliaries to take part in this valuable recruitment tool.

Order Your Copy from the Grand Aerie Marketing Department Today!

Watch the Original Video: http://www.youtube.com/FOEGrandAerie