

YOUR LEADERSHIP

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HOW TO BE AN EAGLE

Are you doing it correctly?

Have you read the Constitution, the By-Laws and House Rules? How about our Social Media guidelines? It's important to be well-informed.

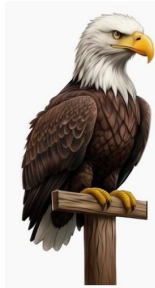
Have you taken out the trash when the can is overflowing? Sure, it may be someone else's "job" but if you're capable and see it needs to be done... That is People Helping People just as much as pushing a \$20 bill into a gaming machine, getting in on a 50/50 raffle or buying a meal on an Auxiliary Dinner Saturday night.

If you propose a new Aerie member and fill out a membership application, you must come to the next Aerie meeting to speak on them or they will not be interviewed. The Aerie does initiations on the 3rd Thursday of the month but new members are proposed and spoken on at all meetings. The Auxiliary procedure for new members is similar except that a new member does not need to be spoken of on the floor and initiations can happen at any meeting.

If you want to have a function in the Social Room or in the Meeting Hall, you must fill out the form and submit it to the Trustees weeks ahead of your event. There is a calendar and a procedure which is necessary to maintain order.

The most important things we must as a group: Communication and togetherness. We all need to work together, follow the rules but, understand tradition and have the attitude that nothing is wrong with trying a new way. Be a part of the solution, offer support and thanks, and do not complain about it out in the Social Room. Of course there is going to be differences of opinion but don't go out of your way to tear someone down and work against the goals of the Aerie.

That's how you do it.



Presidents' Messages

Welcome to the new Fraternal Year!

While I sit here writing this – my first article as your Madam President – I still cannot believe this is where I am. Three and a half years ago I would have never thought I would be introduced to and become involved with such a great organization with the most wonderful people all working together with helping other people – and having fun doing it!

I do want to take a moment to give many thanks to my husband, Buck. On our very first visit to the Aerie with our friends Matt and Pricilla, I made the split second decision that this was something I needed to be a part of. I told Buck that night I needed this – and he agreed and we turned in our applications after only being here for about an hour. Thank you Buck for agreeing to join with me so we could share all these wonderful memories we are making here.

To all of my Auxiliary Sisters, Thank You for all of the love, help, guidance, and friendship. You are an amazing group of ladies and I'm looking forward to us all continuing to work together in our magical way and do great things this year.

June seems to be a packed month – which is great. We have the Auxiliary Dinner on June 7, and some of the ladies will be traveling to Staunton for the Ritual Competition on that same day. I know you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck. They have been practicing very hard and they do look very sharp.

Next up is Saturday, June 15 which the Auxiliary will be providing the Father's Day Breakfast from 9am to 11am. All Aerie Dads eat for free!

Then there is the Convention in New Market, June 19-22. As you all know, our own Regina Ruark is up for State Madam President. We are all so very excited for her and the Ladies at 3204 have been very busy helping her with planning for her year along with ours so that hopefully everyone has the most wonderful year together.

So, for now, I hope you have a wonderful month of June, and I look forward to seeing and talking with each and every one of you around the Aerie!

Linda MacDonald
Madam President

Sisters and Brothers,

It is an honor to be chosen as your 2025-26 Worthy President. I will do my best to maintain the high standards set by my predecessors.

I want to thank our Madam President for her words on the other side of the page. I look forward to serving along side Linda; we're going to make this fraternal year a great one!

As an Eagle, we have the responsibility to help each other. We swear an oath to help our Sisters and Brothers. I urge you to take an attitude of "How can I help." Too often we hear "No, that's not how we've always done it." Instead of "That's a great idea but..." Find a way to make everything possible. I DON'T WANT YOU TO BREAK ANY RULES but I do want positive attitudes all-around. Here's your new motto: How can I help?

I need you all to remember a few things: According to our Rituals "Matters of interest to the Aerie are discussed only in the Aerie Room." Let's keep our grievances out of the public eye, out of the Social Room and in the "Good of the Order" where these things belong. Secondly, look around you at your Sisters and Brothers. It is your responsibility in this Fraternal Organization to STEP UP and help them. The \$1 mixer fee and the \$2 bottle of beer is just our way of saying THANK YOU for helping your Sisters or Brothers. Lastly, I need you all to remember that Membership, especially NEW MEMBERSHIP, is the life-blood of this organization. We MUST bring in new members, it is our PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. There is no way the organization continues if the average age of the members goes up instead of down.

Be sure to print the monthly calendar and stick it on the fridge. Come into the Aerie and socialize; we love seeing you. When you have the next great idea, write it down and stick in the suggestion box or, better yet, come to a meeting and stand up and speak! Together we can make the Aerie a great place to be.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Kevin Bowser
Worthy President

Ways and Means Committee

A big Thank You to everyone that helped support our May dinner! This is the first time we hosted a horse race after our dinner and it was so nice to see it draw such a good crowd. It sure looked like everyone really had a great time, we will definitely do this again.

Don't miss our next dinner on June 7, we have something special planned! This will be a new one for us, a Cuban Quesadilla. It's a twist on the ever-popular Cuban sandwich, served with Mexican rice, street corn, and margarita cake for dessert. DJ Shannon will be back to provide your entertainment for the night, so come on in and party with us!

With the weather getting nicer the Auxiliary is hoping to try to do more outdoor events. We are always open to new activity and menu ideas, if there is something that you would like us to try – just ask! If you would like to help at any of our events, please reach out to any of the officers, our “door” is always open.

Here's to a wonderful year for all our new officers!

Corinne Smith

Food Pantry Update

Because of your support, the number of families we are able to help keeps on growing. As of mid-April, we have provided food for 147 households, that is 557 individuals!

Each month an item that the pantry needs is posted on the message board at the Aerie and on our Facebook page. We are currently collecting pasta and spaghetti sauce. However, any and all food items (that are not expired) are gladly accepted. All items can be dropped off at the Aerie in the pantry food box located in the entrance hallway.

Your continued support of this local outreach is always very much appreciated.

Theresa Hart, Chairwoman

Sick and Visiting

42 Birthday Cards were sent out for June.

Sympathy: Maria Hunger, Donna Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. Frenchie Gallet and Victor Snell || Get well: Buck MacDonald and Glen Hall || Thinking of You: The Burch Family

If you know anyone who needs a card, please contact...

Auxiliary: Linda MacDonald— Email: lindamacd3204@gmail.com Text or Voice: 757-955-4227

Aerie: Tom and Linda Sharpe—Email: tlsharpe44@hotmail.com

This is YOUR new Eagle Echo Newsletter! The content and character of this publication relies on all our Sisters and Brothers for input and commentary on the events that happen in our Aerie. Take a picture! Write a sentence! Share your thoughts!

Please send your submissions or suggestions to eagleecho3204@gmail.com



**Around
the
Aerie**





EAGLE RIDERS POKER RUN RAISES OVER \$7,000 FOR HOPE HOUSE

The Eagles Riders latest Poker Run went surprisingly well. A lower number of Riders this year, but overall the amount of money raised was phenomenal. A total of \$4,173 from the Saturday event plus a contribution from the Aerie, totaled \$7,173 for Hope House.

Hope House provides services for adults with developmental disabilities to help them live fulfilling lives. The Riders focus on the less famous local charities that need our support just as much, if not more than the bigger, national charities. All the Riders charities are local and we provide all the food.

Collected funds from the Poker Run entry fees, Xtra cards and additional meals totaled \$905, a silent auction netted \$1,890, raffles and a generous donation rounded out the contributions.

The top four contributors to the donations in cash or auction items were Tom Mcgrath's Motorcycle Law Group, Freedom Outdoors Gun Shop, Ocean East Tackle Shop and Penny's Rum Cake.

How did Penny's rum cake get into the top four you

may ask? Well we have a very giving and competitive bunch of Eagles in our midst. On several items, the bidding exceeded the value of the items but in the case of the rum cake, its even more competitive. It was very active bidding, back and forth, until a new champion won this year: Sandy Jones who paid over \$300 and, like every year, gave it back to the crowd for all to share. We couldn't wait to get a slice of that delicious cake!

Most of all, my hat goes off to my fellow Riders and supporters. Set up, registration, raffle sellers, manning poker stations, collecting auction items, cooking, emceeding the auction and cleanup. The workers are what makes these events a success. Please notice and thank those working around you at all our Aerie events.

Thank you to all our supporters - God bless you all!

Chuck Dupree
President 3204 Eagle Riders



July 3	Birthday Dinner Night
July 4	Independence Day Picnic
July 5	Auxiliary Dinner Night
July 13	Delegates Sunday Brunch

JUNE 2025

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Fraternal Order of Eagles

2025 Virginia State Convention

June 19 – 22, 2025



Greetings from Aerie & Auxiliary 4264! In just over a month, New Market is looking forward to hosting all of our Virginia Eagle brothers and sisters as well as special guests from the Grand Aerie! The following information is being provided so you can know what to expect during this years' convention.

Itinerary for the weekend:

Thursday June 19, 2025-

- Registration from 1:00 – 7:00 PM in the Aerie Bingo Hall
- Aerie/Auxiliary 4264 Hospitality Room from 6:00 – 10:00 PM in the Bingo hall
 - Menu for the hospitality room has not been finalized at this time
 - There will be a DJ ("Route 11) in the Social Room that evening for entertainment

Friday June 20, 2025-

- Breakfast Buffet from 7:00 – 10:00 AM in the Aerie Social Room (\$11.00 per person)
- Registration 7:00 – 9:30 AM in the Bingo Hall
- Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service 9:30 AM in the 4264 Bingo Hall
- Meetings begin at 11:00 AM – Aerie in the Bingo Hall of Aerie 4264 / Auxiliary at New Market Fire & Rescue
- WP Danny/MP Kimmi Banquet from 6:00 – 9:00 PM with catered meal in 4264 Bingo Hall
 - Band ("Tuff Luck") will be playing in the Social room

Saturday June 21, 2025-

- Buffet Breakfast at Aerie 4264 starting at 8:00 AM (\$11.00)
- Registration for Auxiliary at the Fire Dept. from 8:00 – 10:00 AM
- Registration for Aerie in the 4264 Bingo Hall from 8:00 – 10:00 AM
- Auxiliary will vote at the Fire Dept. (Time TBD if there is an election)
- PSWP & PSMP Breakfasts at 8:00 AM in the 4264 Social Room
- Meetings: Aerie 11:00 AM in 4264 Bingo Hall
 - Auxiliary 11:00 AM at the Fire Dept, if there is voting.
- Installation of Officers – 5:00 PM in the 4264 Bingo Hall
- Ellis/Regina Banquet from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in 4264 Bingo Hall
 - Band ("Rock Bottom") will be playing in the Social room

****All events in the 4264 Bingo Hall and Fire Dept. are NON-Smoking!****

Banquet Menus- Friday: Grilled Chicken Breast, Beef Brisket, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Chocolate Cake, Banana Pudding Cups & Homemade Rolls with Butter

Saturday: Fried Pork Loin, Beef Tips, Steamed Vegetables, Baked Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Cucumber Salad, Berry Cobbler, Apple Crisp and Rolls with Butter

Transportation-

Charter bus transport will be available on Friday and Saturday between the Harrisonburg hotels and the Aerie 4264 home in the morning prior to the meetings and for a few hours after meetings.

Shuttle service will be provided in a loop (Quality Inn New Market/Aerie 4264 Home/ Fire Dept) in the mornings prior to meetings as well as following the meetings.

There is no continuous shuttle service between New Market and Harrisonburg nor between Harrisonburg hotels. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Shuttle schedules will be posted and available for pick-up at Thursday registration.

<u>Addresses (for use in travel apps)-</u> Aerie 4264	New Market Fire & Rescue
135 White Mill Rd	9771 S Congress St
New Market, VA 22844	New Market, VA 22844

****Aerie 4264 Info**** - Please be advised....4264 does not accept credit cards. There are two ATMs on premises (Frank Moran & F&M Bank) for use.

Sorry "fellas", per Aerie house rules, sleeveless shirts are not allowed after 5:00 PM on Thursday and Friday and at no time on Saturday.

Thank you to all state officers who have picked up their phones or answered emails any time I've had a question as well as for the in person meetings to get this all started. In case you don't know, this is a first for Aerie 4264 hosting a convention and it has been a learning experience. We have been working, and will continue to work hard to make this convention as successful and enjoyable as possible for all in attendance. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at nmeagles4264@gmail.com.

Lastly, on behalf of Aerie & Auxiliary 4264, thank you for the opportunity to host this years' State F.O.E. convention!

Fraternally,
Mike Baker – Aerie Secretary 4264

CHARITY POOL

TOURNAMENT



Saturday, June 7 at 3:00

\$5 Per Person \ Single Elimination

CASH PRIZES!

Determined by Entrant Numbers

Ladies Auxiliary
VaBeach FOE - 1061 Newtown Road

Saturday, June 7

Dinner \$12 Cuban Quesadilla
5 to 7 PM A savory twist on the popular Cuban sandwich, served with Mexican rice, street corn and margarita cake for dessert.

Music by **DJ Shannon!**

Party
6 to 10 PM

Charity 50/50 to benefit the Empowerment Neurofitness Center

Aerie Delegates Club

VaBeach Aerie 3204 - 1061 Newtown Road

Sunday Brunch

June 8 From 9 to 11 AM

\$10 Per Person



Ladies Auxiliary

FATHER'S DAY

Breakfast

SUNDAY, June 15
From 9 to 11 AM
\$10 Per Person
Aerie Dads Eat for Free



Complimentary Birthday Dinner

Thursday, June 5
Beginning at 5:30 PM

For All Members with
A June Birthday

(Must show ID)

June 26, 2025
STATE CONVENTION

New Market Aerie 4264

Fraternal Order of
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Safe Travels to All!

**Donations
made
since
February
\$760,191**



**2024-2025 Total Donations
\$3,623,843**