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VIRGINIA BEACH AERIE 3204

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EAGLE RIDERS' ANNUAL POKER RUN IS A SMASHING SUCCESS

The day was about many things. Camaraderie. Charity. Rum Cake. Most importantly: The Eagle Riders, Aerie, Auxiliary, and Brothers and Sisters from other clubs all came to give.

They gave their time, their talents and their treasure to help a worthy cause and nearly \$5,000 was raised for Hope House, who assist adults with disabilities to live on their own and have productive and healthy lives.

Eagle Rider President Chuck Dupree said, "Thanks to everyone for a great turn out, and [thanks to] all the workers. It took lot to pull this off: Setup, registration, stop card workers, cooks, auction crew, and the clean-up crew."

Many people and companies donated items for a live auction emceed by our Worthy President. Those in attendance ran the bids up and came away with some fantastic prizes. Some of the cash awards were donated back to the charity; a move that was well-appreciated by the crowd.



**Virginia State
Hall of Fame**

LLOYD GORSKI

2026 Inductee

A Message from the Worthy President



Hello, friends! June was a busy and wonderful month filled with meetings, birthdays, charity events, and entertainment. Most importantly, it was successful because of you—our volunteers and everyone who continues to step up, lend a hand, and support our community. Thank you for all that you do!

July promises to be just as full of opportunities to come together, stay involved, and make a difference. We hope you'll join us for the many events ahead and enjoy the shared moments, fellowship, and fun.

Our 4th of July picnic is always an enjoyable and celebratory day for everyone. DJ Shannon will be providing the music and karaoke, so if you enjoy sharing your voice, we invite you to come out, sing a song or two, and join in the celebration.

Please also mark your calendars for July 8th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., when we will host our first-ever blood drive in memory of Bobby Sipka. This will be a meaningful opportunity to honor his memory while helping others in need.

For those who enjoy darts, the Virginia State Darts Tournament will be held at FOE 4129 in Waynesboro, Virginia, on July 17th and 18th. We'll then wrap up the month with Thanksgiving in July on July 25th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing you, celebrating together, and continuing the spirit of community that makes these events so special.

José Cruz, Jr.
Worthy President

A Message from the Madam President



Our new Fraternal year is getting off to a great start and the 3204 Auxiliary is raring to go. Our Ways and Means committee is already planning our fund-raising monthly dinners with activities. I cannot wait to see what's in store for us all to enjoy and have a lot of fun together!

Mutts with a Mission was selected as our charity this year. This 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization exists to provide specially trained Service Dogs to qualified Veterans, Wounded Warriors, Law Enforcement Officers, and First Responders. Additionally, they provide Facility Dogs for the Law Enforcement Community and Expeditionary Facility Dogs on United States Navy ships. Their dogs are provided at no cost to recipients. Be on the lookout for information on our fund raisers. For additional information on this organization, please visit muttswithamission.org.

Hope to see each of you around the Aerie.

Linda MacDonald
Madam President

A Message from the Eagle Riders President



Why do we ride: Part 2. So, my #1 from last month's article was the focus and the concentration it requires. Riding really sharpens your senses to be aware of everything around you. Of course many relax and feel the breeze, it all depends on when and where you are and on how relaxed you can be.

Riding is one thing where you can feel complete control, which of course none of us are, two wheels or four. But it is a cool feeling and then there is the brotherhood. Common experiences and feelings bond riders together. Most riders when we see another, extend our left hand out slightly down with only the top 2 fingers out. It's a sign of camaraderie and "keep those 2 tires down." It doesn't seem to matter to most what brand you ride. I wave at scooters; that rider may dream of one day having a bigger ride. But mostly it's just down right fun.

Chuck Dupree
Eagle Riders President

SICK AND VISITING

27 birthday cards were sent in June - Get well to Tim Kearns, Sharon Bukowski and Bill Crook. Sympathy card to Bruce Champagne and a Thinking of You card to Terry Nielson.

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

Auxiliary: Linda Bergman— Email: lindabergman3204@gmail.com

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND WORTHY SECRETARY

There has been some confusion and misunderstanding received about the hard membership cards. The actual correct information is the Member must have a yellow or white dues receipt, depending upon if they are Aerie or Auxiliary, to be a legal Member and show proof of a valid membership for this fraternal year. That has not changed.

The hard cards will start being printed and mailed out in July after the bulk drop. As new payments, new Members, or re-enrolling Members are received they are to receive the current yellow or white paper card from the Secretary. The information will be uploaded to the printer once a week so that a hard card can be mailed to them. The paper and hard cards will be acceptable forms of proof of membership for this fraternal year.

Starting next fraternal year, only the hard cards will be valid proof of membership. However, for the Members that are new, re-enrolling, or renewing their dues, since the information will be uploaded to the printer once a week on Monday morning, MMS will be programmed to provide a “temporary receipt” that is printed on plain paper and is only valid for 30-days. This will be their temporary receipt until they receive their hard cards.

If an Aerie or Auxiliary Secretary has run out of paper dues receipts now, printing one on regular paper is not acceptable nor legal. They must order more from the Supply Department (there is no cost for the dues receipts, only the shipping fee) and their direct email address is

Hopefully, this helps clear up any confusion that anyone may have.

AUXILIARY WAYS AND MEANS

A huge thank you to everyone that supported our June dinner. The Greek salad with chicken was delicious and DJ Shannon did a great job as usual. The auxiliary also hosted a Father’s Day lunch in June and it was a hit. Thanks again.

The annual Aerie Independence Day picnic is being held on the first Saturday of July and so we are postponing our monthly dinner to the 11th. We will be serving build-your-own loaded baked potatoes and eclair cake. We hope to see you at both events!

As always, we appreciate all of your support at our events. The money we raise helps to pay our expenses and make donations to our local and Grand charities. Be on the lookout for some fun new activities we have coming up.

Ann Bowser

Madam Vice President

Find us on the Internet...

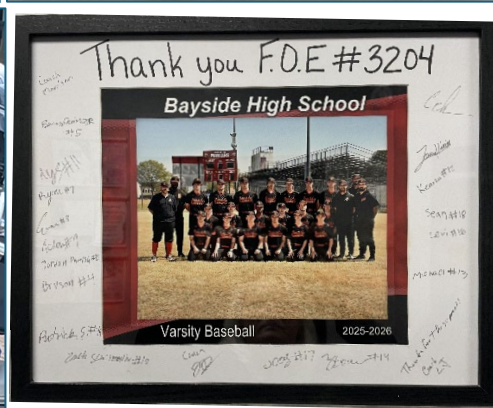
Aerie website: <https://eagles3204.com/>

Auxiliary Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/auxiliary3204>

Aerie Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/aerie3204>



Around
the
Aerie





Total Contributions to the 2025-2026 State Presidents' Charities

State Worthy President: \$127,446.84

State Madam President: \$103,212.22



The Virginia State Worthy President, his Charity Committee and the family of PSP Ellis Ramsey (pictured) who passed away mid-term this year.

August 1	Auxiliary Dinner with DJ Shannon
August 6	Birthday Dinner
August 9	Delegates Breakfast
August 15	State Golf Tournament – Stanton Aerie 680
August 22	State Conference – Piedmont Aerie 4420



STATE CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

State Quarterly Conference - Staunton	8/22/2026
State Quarterly Conference - New Market	11/7/2026
Fraternal Day - New Market	11/8/2026
State Quarterly Conference - Collinsville	2/20/2027
State Quarterly Conference - Colonial Beach	5/15/2027
State Convention - New Market	6/24/2027

This is YOUR 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

JULY 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special – Beef Burrito 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	30 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special – Pot Roast	1 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special – Steak Quesadilla	2 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Free Birthday Dinner 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special – Lasagna 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Aerie Meeting	3 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special – Steak Night	4 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Independence Day Picnic
5	6 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Pierogi - Sauerkraut - Kielbasa 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	7 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Grilled Chicken 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm JOM 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting	8 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Blood Drive 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Beef Stew 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Building Committee	9 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Country Fried Steak	10 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Steak Night	11 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Auxiliary Dinner
12 9:00 am - 11:00 am Aerie Delegates Brunch	13 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Cheese Ravioli w Italian Sausage 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	14 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Meatloaf 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Eagle Riders Meeting	15 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Taco Salad	16 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Chicken and Dumplings 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Aerie Meeting	17 State Darts Tournament 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Steak Night	
19	20 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Chicken Quesadilla 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	21 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Chicken Picata 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting	22 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Fried Chicken	23 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Fried Shrimp	24 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Steak Night	25 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Thanksgiving in July
26	27 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Pulled Pork - Hushpuppies 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	28 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Fish and Chips	29 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Baked Manicotti	30 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Grilled Pork Chop	31 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner Special - Steak Night	1 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Auxiliary Dinner

Calendar events are subject to change. See the live calendar at <https://eagles3204.com/newsletter>



Independence Day 

AERIE 3204
★ ★ ★

JULY 4th PICNIC - 1 PM
Pig Roast with Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

DJ SHANNON FROM 3 TO 10 PM

Friends • Food • Games
The perfect way to celebrate!
Cornhole kicks off at 2 PM
Pool tournament starts at 4 PM

Come out, relax, and enjoy a great day with your Aerie family!

No Charge for Members
All Guests are \$5 each

BLOOD DRIVE 

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 **1061 NEWTOWN ROAD**
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23462

 *In Memory of*
BOBBY SIPKA

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 **WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH** **2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT,
GO TO
REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG
AND USE SPONSOR CODE
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 **YOUR DONATION**
Makes a Difference!

 **American Red Cross**

Ladies Auxiliary
VaBeach Aerie 3204 - 1061 Newtown Road
July Dinner

Loaded Baked Potato

Saturday, July 11
From 5 to 7 PM 

\$10 PER PERSON Build your perfect baked potato at our fully loaded toppings bar and finish it off with a delicious eclair cake for dessert!

Entertainment
Music by
DJ Coty

Charity
50/50 to Benefit the
Virginia Disaster Relief Fund



Sunday Brunch

July 12 From 9 to 11 AM

\$10 Per Person



July Entertainment
VaBeach Aerie 3204

4	Saturday 3 - 10 PM <i>DJ Shannon</i>
11	Saturday 6 - 10 PM <i>DJ Coty</i>
18	Saturday 6 - 10 PM <i>DJ Coty</i>
25	Saturday 6 - 10 PM <i>DJ Mike</i>

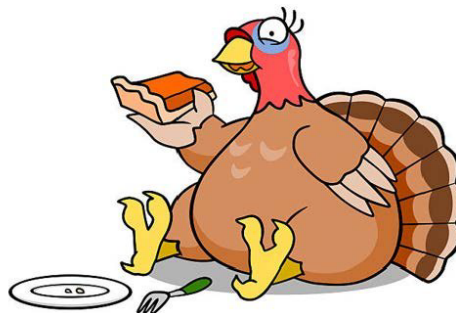
LET'S GET STUFFED

EAGLE RIDERS' THANKSGIVING IN JULY
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH 12 TO 3PM

\$15.00 PER PERSON

ALL YOU CAN EAT TURKEY, HAM, AND MASHERS
SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS ALSO PROVIDED BY EAGLE RIDERS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
UNION MISSION MINISTRIES



MONEY SHOT MONDAY



Teams By Blind Draw

Registration 5:45 PM - First Break at 6:00 PM

Join Us on Monday Nights
Registration is **FREE**
Fun and Friendly Competition
with **CASH** Prizes!

Event Sponsored By Grover Gaming



Summer FOOD DRIVE

People Helping People

With kids home more, the need for easy meals & snacks grows. We're collecting items like peanut butter & jelly, fruit cups, mac & cheese, and other kid-friendly snacks.

Any non-expired food items are appreciated, every donation makes a difference!



Please drop off items at the Aerie, a pantry box is located in the foyer.

VaBeach Aerie 3204 - 1061 Newtown Road

VA State Dart Tournament July 17-18, 2026 Augusta County 4129 Eagles Fishersville/Waynesboro



Friday the 17th "Luck of the Draw"
\$20.00 Entry Fee **Cash Prizes**
Registration 6:00 -7:00 p.m.
(You can register for Saturday, also)
Play begins at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday the 18th Tournament Play
\$20.00 Entry Fee **Cash Prizes**
Must have your current membership card.
Registration 8:00 -9:00 a.m.
Play begins at 9:00 a.m.



\$7.00 Breakfast Buffet
served at 4129 from 8:00
a.m. until ... Lunch free to
all playing members.
\$5.00 for all others.



Each Aerie and Auxiliary member will be assigned a permanent number. Enter by signing the gamebook anytime during the week - \$1 per entry. Only one entry is permitted per member each week.

You do not need to be present to win, but you must sign in and pay for that week to be eligible. If drawn member number did not sign in, the jackpot rolls over.

If present, the winner receives 90% of the jackpot and 10% goes to a charity of their choice. If not present, the winner receives 70%, 30% goes to their charity.

The jackpot increases weekly up to a maximum of \$650. Once it reaches \$650, numbers will be drawn until there is a valid winner. Any excess funds collected from entries will carry over to the next raffle cycle.

Saturday sign-in cutoff: 6:45 PM.



FRIDAY NIGHT KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

♥ Our Friday nights run on great people - and we could use a few more! ♥

We're looking for 3 volunteers each Friday from 5:00 to 7:30 PM

NEW VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PROGRAM

Volunteer at least 2 hours on a Friday night and receive ONE ENTRY into our monthly drawing!

The selected volunteer will have
\$500 donated to a charity of their choice

It's a great way to support the Aerie AND make a difference in the community

Sign up at the bar and jump in!