



The Iowa

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CONGRATULATIONS!



2026 - 2027

~ F.O.E. STATE AERIE OFFICERS ~

Jr. Past State President: ~ Dennis Verploegh

State President: ~ Kent George

State President Elect - Mike Anderson

State Vice President: ~ James May

State Chaplain: ~ Tim Dooley

State Conductor: ~ Kane Colglazier

State Inside Guard: ~ Bob Beals

State Outside Guard: - Kyle Schlaht

State Secretary: ~ Randy Woods

State Treasurer: ~ Pete Schmieding

State Trustee #1: - Ric Adams

State Trustee #2: - James Zumbach

State Trustee #3: - Rusty Clark

State Trustee #4: - Jerry Carder

- 2026 - 2027 - Calendar of Events

AUGUST - 2027

Aug 8 - 13

Grand Convention
Dallas TX

SEPTEMBER - 2027

September 18 - 20

Cursory Training
- DSM 109 -

September 26 - 27

WCR Conference
S Sioux City - NE

OCTOBER - 2026

October 31 - DSM
State Charity Event

APRIL - 2027

April 3 ~ LeMars
State Charity Event





FROM the AERIE PRESIDENT



STAR DATE 08.2026: CAPTAIN KENT'S LOG:

We haven't gotten into the charity nights yet, but we are already raising money. After the State Convention we went to a fish fry that my stepson puts on every year, honoring his late Dad & Brother Greg. He suggested we give our spiel about the Iowa Donor Network. It was a big group so we went from picnic table to table talking to each one. While we did this, my step son put out a tip jar. The first person we talked to was the Mayor of Waterloo & he donated \$20.00. By the time we were done we raised over \$800.00. What an exciting start! We even told everyone about the Eagles. So who knows maybe some new members in the future? Next up its warp speed to Dallas for the Grand International Convention. So, see you all there.

~ *Fraternally Yours: Captain Kent - your Worthy State President*



FROM the AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy Summer Sisters and Brothers!!

It's been a hot one for sure. Great time for spending time in our social rooms for a cool beverage and some time with our Eagles friends and family.

I want to thank you all for your support and getting our charity off to a great start. A few statistics for you:

- In 2025, nationally, more than 49,000 transplants from 23,788 donors brought renewed life to patients and their families and communities.
- One donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation and enhance between 50 - 300 lives through tissue donation.
- Every 8 minutes a new person is added to the national organ transplant waiting list. An average of 13 people die each day while waiting for an organ transplant. Technology plays a huge roll in transplants. Funds raised will help purchase some of this technology to assist in keeping organs viable for transplant.

✿ Together, we can achieve tremendous support for those who are waiting ✿

Our state charity days and nights will be starting soon. Let's get out and have some fun, make new friends and great donations.

For those who will be traveling to National Convention, travel safe, learn lots and share your info when returning home.

~ *Connie Borschel, MSP*

Cindy Balsanek is turning 75!
And her Sister Cat, too!
 ~ Cat is on the Left, Cindy on the Right ~

Hello dear Family & Friends,

They say a picture is worth a thousand words
- we hope the invitation below says it all



The Twins Turn 75!



Let's CELEBRATE!

ON AUGUST 22, 2026
 FROM 2PM TO 4PM
 WILDWOODS VENUE - HICK'S PLACE
 (DIRECTIONS NEXT PAGE)

please rsvp
 CAROLANNE ROBINSON

**WILDWOODS VENUE
 AKA HICK'S PLACE**
 6658 PASHBY ROAD
 CEDAR FALLS, IA 50613

DIRECTIONS:
 TAKE YOUR BEST ROUTE
 TO 218N,
 THEN EXIT 192
 LEFT ON WEST CEDAR
 WAPSIE ROAD & C57
 GO ABOUT 10 MI.
 LEFT ON PASHBY RD.
 FOLLOW SIGNS

please rsvp
 CAROLANNE ROBINSON

Please RSVP at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/bo9J78pHAv7EJ5dm9>

Your presence will make the celebration complete

We hope to see you soon!

With love, Lisa, Morgan and The Robinson Family

With Our Sympathy

Jim Zumbach and Family

468 S Tama St

Manchester, IA 52057

(Jim's Wife - Cathy passed in July)

To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

Randy Woods, PWP

2937 Avenue J ~ Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Email: rwoods17@cox.net 712-328-8612

AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 07/15/26	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	171	24	0	0	0	-36
109	Des Moines	309	36	11	2	13	-40
114	Ottumwa	93	12	0	0	0	-25
150	Burlington	377	48	10	6	16	-93
276	Oskaloosa	45	12	0	0	0	-15
568	Dubuque	67	12	1	0	1	-14
695	Iowa City	287	36	1	0	1	-32
764	Waterloo	152	12	1	0	1	-31
1287	Ft Madison	336	36	6	0	6	-30
1381	Le Mars	111	12	1	0	1	-4
1398	Creston	288	36	0	7	7	-49
1865	Hawarden	102	12	1	6	7	-12
2272	Cedar Rapids	187	24	2	0	2	-67
2297	Sheldon	346	36	0	0	0	-55
2545	Grinnell	150	12	1	0	1	-16
2774	Chariton	15	12	0	0	0	0
2828	Tama-Toledo	191	24	3	1	4	-38
3369	Ft Dodge	49	12	0	0	0	0
3495	Osceola	143	12	7	2	9	-7
3583	Albia	28	12	0	1	1	-13
3784	Glenwood	179	24	3	0	3	-54
3849	Shenandoah	72	2	2	2	4	-14
3866	Maquoketa	173	24	0	0	0	-13
3876	Missouri Valley	164	12	5	4	9	1
4074	Cedar Falls	163	12	13	1	14	-8
4114	Guttenberg	100	12	0	3	3	-12
4458	Asbury	145	12	3	3	6	-11
4466	Monticello	39	12	0	0	0	-34
4544	Independence	11	12	0	0	0	0
- - -	JULY TOTAL	4493	554	71	38	109	-722

To Contact the Aux State Secretary

Cindy Balsanek, PSP

PO BOX 11127 ~ Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-1127

Email: iowastateauxiliary@gmail.com (319) 350-3966

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL

CONFERENCE 2026

September 18-20

South Sioux City Marriott Riverfront

385 E. 4th St

(402) 494-4000

We would appreciate all Delegates to the Conference to register before arriving at the Conference as this helps aid us in calculating our food needs.

To register, send name, address, phone number, Aerie/Auxiliary office held (PSP, PWP, PMP, etc) and registration fee to:

DENNIS MICEK

704 COMANCHE ST

COLUMBUS NE 68601

(402) 276-2603

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL

Checks to be made out to **Nebraska State Aerie** with "WCR" in the memo line

Pre Registration DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 12th, 2026 and this puts your name in the drawing for a FREE night of lodging!!

REGISTRATION - \$50 (includes Friday night hospitality from 5-11, the Saturday Banquet and hospitality after the Banquet). Friday and Saturday lunch will be available in the hospitality from for a **FREE WILL DONATION. PLEASE** support this. **Fee goes up \$10 if registering less than 7 days prior to the Conference. NON-REFUNDABLE**

SATURDAY – Meeting starting at 9:30 am.

Friday night we will have an auction of items with proceeds to the Grand Charities.

Please bring an auction item for Friday night (all proceeds raised will go for the Grand Presidents Charities).

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South Sioux City Marriott Riverfront

385 East 4th St.

South Sioux City, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

(402) 494-4000



THE WCR COMMITTEE IS OFFERING A

DEAL YOU CAN'T PASS UP!!

WHEN YOU PRE-REGISTER (BEFORE September 12TH , 2026)

YOUR NAME WILL GO IN A HAT TO BE DRAWN FOR ONE

NIGHT ROOM FREE DURING THE CONFERENCE

WCR REGISTRATION

\$50 PER DELEGATE

NAME	ADDRESS	OFFICE	AERIE #	FEE

PRE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 12th 2026

TOTAL SENT

AUXILIARY STATE MEMBERSHIP - 2026 – 2027

Hello everyone,

What a great year we are going to have this year. I am super excited for the future of the Eagles and memberships is the frontier. We have a community of sister hood, family. Keep ever before you the goal to build our family. Be kind, ask questions and respect - are some keys to keeping members. I see several clubs are on their way to a great start.

Thank you everyone. Keep up the good work.

~ Make sure and book your State Charity Events with James May at (641) 455-8589

~ "Red Poppy" aka Dara May ~ State Auxiliary Membership Chairman

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State Conductor: ~ Rhonda Lanphier

State Inside Guard: ~ Roxy Adams

State Outside Guard: - Kris Dooley

State Secretary: ~ Cindy Balsanek

State Treasurer: ~ Turi Colglazier

State Trustee #1: - Patty Scott

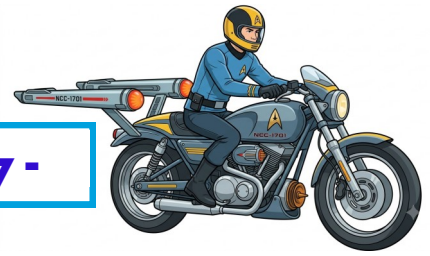
State Trustee #2: - Judy Carder

State Trustee #3: - Sindie Paul





- IOWA STATE EAGLE RIDERS - 2026 – 2027 -



Good day to you all,

It was a wonderful conference in Des Moines. Our Riders Night was enjoyed by many, and we thank you all for coming. Food flowed and it was quite delicious.

The **Annual Iowa State Eagle Riders Raffle** was held and here are the results:

\$500 - Mo Valley (1/2 donated to THE FINAL SALUTE charity - "you guys are awesome")

\$300 - Michael aka "Atlas"... (*&^^%*v as my Wife says)

\$100 - Steven Mutchler... Mo Valley

~ \$2,500 - extra funds contributed to the FINAL SALUTE

Wow! That total was wonderful to see! and we all made that happen!

Next year the **19th Annual Iowa State Eagle Riders Rally** will be in Albion for 2027. I'm sure more information will come later on this event.

Congrats to Dennis and Patty for a great year and we look forward to a great next year with Connie and Kent.

18th Annual Iowa State Eagle Riders Rally was a GREAT weekend. We want to thank all of those that took the time to come. We loved having you all there. Friday night we had a few games, the unscramble, battle-ship pong, corn hole and such....and a bit of Karaoke. Was a wonderful time.

Kansas brought 14 members up this year. Was great to see them, and a few new members from their club. It was wonderful for them to travel so far. It would be great to see more of our IOWA members next time.

This year we had 44 members, 26 bikes and 2 rescue vehicles for the ride. We rode approx. 145 miles and had wonderful roads and scenery to see. It was a bit hot but we had no problems. A few did duck out a bit early because of the heat, but that was understandable. We made it back to the club to start Saturday night with cooling off, cleaning up & a bit of food.

We had 2 winners for the Poker Hands. High hand went to Lora Dumler from Shenandoah Club and the Lowest hand was Bob Beals from Des Moines Club.

Trophy Awards:

LONGEST TRAVEL - went to Sunshine - 258 miles

EAGLES CHOICE - went to Zach Keinig from Junction City

~ with a sweet blue Street Glide

BEST CHOICE went to Tim Helmers from Ashton, IA

~ with a 2026 beautiful Black trike

More games were played but you had to be there to enjoy them. A wonderful time was had by all.... The band HELEN BACH rounded the evening with a fantastic set of music that was enjoyed by all.

Travel safe out there whether on 2 or 4 wheels and enjoy the ride.
Thanks to all that came, helped and participated in both events.
We will see you down the open road.

Michael Anderson
State Eagle Riders Coordinator

STATE CHARITY - 2026 – 2027

Greetings from your 2026/27 State Charity Chairmen:

Your State Presidents, Auxiliary Madam Connie Borschel, Burlington and Aerie Worthy President Kent George, Waterloo chose us: Denise George and James May as their State Charity Chairmen for the ensuing year. We are looking forward to raising money for the Iowa Donor Network. This charity holds dear to them both, Connie's husband has had a recent kidney transplant and Kent's is twofold; his step-son was a tissue donor 14 years ago, also a very close friend from his home-town, is a recipient of a kidney and liver transplant. Both Connie and Kent are also registered organ donors. As we begin our journey, we will share information on organ and tissue donation in upcoming bulletins.

We will be contacting you, unless you have reached out, for available dates to hold your charity events, we already have several closed dates, for personal reasons. You can contact James May @ 641-455-8589 or Denise George @ 319-404-5355. Please keep in mind to leave a message as we may not recognize phone numbers, we will return your call. Thank you.

Now let's get busy and raise some money for this GREAT charity!!!

~ Denise George and James May ~ State Charity Chairmen



Thoughts From an Old-Timer

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to take this time to congratulate all of the new officers and remind them of the oath that they took when they were installed. To follow the Rule and Regulations and the Constitution of our Order. The office is not just a title but it is a job and responsibility to complete the duties prescribed for you.

It takes everyone doing their job to make things run smoothly. Here's wishing Kent and Connie a successful year and put Iowa another step forward in moving back to the wonderful state that we know we are.

Iowa has a great deal of history in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and in Dallas, that history will be added on to as Kim Haidsiak becomes the Grand Madam President. Best of Luck and Safe Travels for Kim as she represents our Great organization.

This is the old-timer signing off for the foreseeable future and I will see you down the Eagle trail.

~ Fraternally, Dennis Verploegh ~ Iowa F.O.E. - PSP

GRAND AERIE F.O.E.

CURSORY and RECEIVER TRAINING

Saturday - September 26 - 27, 2026

**Registration both days starts at 8:00 am
with the class starting at 9:00 am.**



CURSORY TRAINING:
Saturday, September 26th
~ 8:00 am Registration -
Class at 9:00 am

RECEIVER TRAINING:
Sunday, September 27th
- 8:00 am Registration -
Class at 9:00 am

~ A Light Lunch Will Be Served Both Sessions ~

*** You Must Attend CURSORY TRAINING on Saturday
to Attend RECEIVER TRAINING on Sunday ***

REGISTRATION PAPERWORK:
Due to Cindy Balsanek by August 20th

HOTEL INFO:

Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham — DSM Airport
1901 Hackley Ave DSM - Ph: 515-256-0603

~ Book Your Room by August 26th
to get the rate of \$125 per night
~ Use the QR code: or type link to
<https://tinyurl.com/2h8ryzsu>
to go directly to our booking page



Des Moines Aerie #109 is Hosting This Event

- State Officers and any PSPs who are doing Cursory Audits **MUST** Attend -
- In order to allow the trainers to prepare packets for attendees please
Email or Text your intent to attend to Cindy Balsanek by **August 20th**