



WA State Aerie E-News

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Welcome to the E-News!

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If you have something of interest you would like posted, please send it to:

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Deadline will be the 25th of each month.

Editor, Dave Andrews

Membership News

As of 7/27

Aerie

Members	Net Gain
32225	-7183 -18.23%

Auxiliary

Members	Net Gain
15516	-2741 -15.01%

From State Worthy President Fred Brattain

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters. Thanks for taking the time to join with me in this the 21st Century version of the "Fireside Chat". Volume two. We left off last month with pretty much an introduction to each other and few visions that I hope to accomplish. In this episode, now that Myloe and I have begun our travels, I will share the highlights of our adventures. We began in June in visiting my home aerie Castle Rock 556 and Chehalis 1550. We had great dinners and fun with many folks we see often. In July I had other commitments and could not attend the Grand Convention in Grand Rapids, but Myloe was there and can share her time in her travels. Our first visitations began in Tonasket #3002 then Republic #68 then Okanogan #3004 and finished up in Oroville #3865. By the time I returned home I had added close to 900 miles on my car but what a great time. I am a proud Washington native and spent many a day of my childhood camping in that part of the state. There are many changes and yet many things have remained the same. What stunning scenery we have. Myloe and I met many new friends, renewed old friendships and had a wonderful time doing it. I do have some concerns about all the great food that we ate along the way. I may require some new sizing of my belt. Our dinners varied from spareribs bbq'ed to perfection to tacos on Indian fry bread. Great food, great friends and where else can you travel from one aerie to another and be aware of possibly seeing deer, elk, moose, coyote, bear and the occasional weasel? We will be finishing up the month with a visit to Granite Falls #3358, Everett #13 and I will be visiting Whidbey Island #3418. August promises to be busy but we do have one change. Last month I mentioned that Dave Wooster, our Grand Aerie President was coming to Washington for a six aerie visit but unfortunately, he has other obligations and will only be visiting Wilkeson #1409 on July 11th, Castle Rock #556 on the 12th and finishes up at Seattle #1 on the 13th. If you have the opportunity, come on by one or all those aeries and meet Brother Dave.

In case you haven't noticed I have a tendency to be a bit long winded so I will wind this up soon and save something for the next ten episodes. As I mentioned last month Myloe and I are jointly supporting the Northwest Autism Center in Spokane this year. We both have strong reasons for this, and we will be explaining those during our visits. We ask that you consider holding a bottle raffle, a dinner or any fund-raising event for this cause. We all either know of someone within the autistic spectrum or perhaps we ourselves may be involved with this speed bump to human happiness. The Northwest Autism Center is working with all ages of folks to help them cope through life. O.K. Enough. I will mail this off, bank the coals for next month and look forward to sharing some amazing adventures that we have waiting for us this coming month. Until then, thanks for doing what you do for the F.O.E and we will keep the lights on for ya.

-Fraternally Fred Brattain. Washington State Worthy President.





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August Calendar

District Schedule

District Deputies/ Secretaries:

Please send your upcoming
schedules in!

[For Complete District Info Click
Here](#)

State President's Visits:

Aug 4th, White Center

Aug 5th, Kent

Aug 6th So. Tacoma

Aug 9th, Hells Canyon

Aug 10th, Blue Mountain

Aug 13th, Republic

Aug 17th, Cle Elum

Aug 18th Yakima

Aug 20th Roslyn

Aug 21st Wenatchee

Aug 26th Wilkeson

Aug 28th, Stevenson

UNDERLINE = SWP Visit,
BOLD = SMP Visits, all others
Joint Visitations

Save the Date:

BBQ Weekend, Eagle Valley
August 15th-17th

Funvention, Wenatchee
August 22nd -24th

Fall Conference, Kelso
October 3rd -5th

PNWR Conference
Kenai, AK
Oct 17th-19th

For More info, Click Below:
[Flyers, Registrations etc](#)

From Jr Past State Worthy President Dave

Some thoughts from Grand Convention, Grand Rapids, MI.

First of all, we all got our steps in! For some reason I thought it would be a good idea to install a pedometer app on my phone, it turns out I averaged 12000 steps a day, which equates to 27 miles for the week! It was over a quarter mile round trip from my hotel room to the Washington State Hospitality room!

Dale Burgener and Loni Andrews were in charge of our Hospitality room this year and, with the help of many volunteers, put on a great show all week. Everyone we talked to enjoyed their time at the room. It takes a lot to run that room so be sure to thank them for their hard work. Also, kudos to our 'transport' team who drove and hauled what was needed to run the room: Dale, Jim Holmes, Bill and Carey Stotko, Linda Knowles and Eric Kelm (who also provided the smoked salmon this year.) Sadly, attendance from WA State was down this year, hopefully we can get more people to come to Dallas next year to help Bob Peel and Carey Stotko run the room!

Ritual

The Aerie fielded two teams from the State, with the Daffodil 2308 team taking 3rd in the 'B' Class and the WA State Team taking 6th in 'B-3.' I would like to thank all those who competed, as it takes a lot of hard work and sacrifice to do so. Also, we had two Brothers compete in Shotgun, with Jonas White from Daffodil taking second place having drawn President with a score of 99.9. Probably would have been good enough for first except I happened to get 100. This was Jonas' first time competing at Grand and he was able to learn a lot. We also helped fill out teams in at Sure-Shot, so we both ended up competing four times.

I also had the honor of nominating Bill Stotko from Everett 13 for Grand Aerie Office. I had attended nominations before, but it sure looks different from the 'other side' of things! Thank you, Bill!

Jr Past State Worthy President Dave Andrews.

GWP Dave Wooster's WA State Visits

Monday August 11th, Wilkeson #1409

Tuesday August 12th, Castle Rock #556

Wednesday August 13th, Seattle #1





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From State Membership Chairman, PSP Jack Anderson

Hello one and all:

Jack Anderson here. State Worthy President Fred has entrusted me to serve the year as your State Membership Chairman. Wow! Thank you Fred.

We are planning “Camping with Fred” in our program. Besides some of the prizes to those that successfully sponsor the required number of new and re-enrolled members throughout the fraternal year, SWP Fred and I are still trying to get the final details worked but our plan is to have drawing for prizes and multiple winners for a camping trip with Fred to be drawn at State Convention. Stay tuned for those details.

As you are all aware, Grand Aerie raised our per capita taxes paid to them forcing us all to raise dues. Whenever dues are raised the percentage of members dropped due to non-payment of dues always has a big increase. This year is no different. When the weekly Monday, July 21st, 2025 report was sent out, it shows we dropped 8,080 members that week, with us needing 7,517 for net gain. What a shame to lose that many brothers from our wonderful Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Here is an idea. How about getting approval at a membership meeting of having a 30-60 day re-enrollment special to waive re-enrollment fees for all re-enrollment applicants. Then send notices via newsletters, social media and phone calls to all of the recently dropped brothers. Be sure to include a description of the benefits to our brotherhood (don't forget to include if they were part of the July 2025 dropped list and they re-enroll before May 2026 they get their years of service credit returned – encouraging them to take advantage of the no re-enrollment special term). Hopefully we can get a good portion of those dropped brothers back into our fold.

On another note, Fall Conference is fast approaching. Kelso is hosting this year. It is scheduled for Oct 3-5, 2025. The Fall Conference packets were recently sent out by Kelso. Be sure to ask your secretary for a copy. They are required to report these as communication at the membership meetings. If they haven't done that, please ask. Another option, go to the Washington State website and find the packet in the Flyers, registration drop down box. Deadlines and motel suggestions are in the packet. Program ads, registration and meal orders are all due BY September 15th, 2025. Make motel reservations sooner rather than later.

Speaking of Fall Conference, has your Aerie ever considered hosting Fall Conference? We received no interest at state convention for delegates to approve anyone to host the Fall Conference 2026. And in October 2026, Washington is also responsible for hosting the Pacific Northwest Regional Conference. If you are interested in hosting either event, please contact State Secretary Rick McBee ASAP for a copy of the requirements and then let him know by September 15th of your desire to be contacted to host. Brother Rick will forward the information to the correct committee members, and it can be discussed at the State Aerie Fall executive board meeting.

Upon closing, one of my favorite words is “ostrobogulous”, it amuses me. Do you know what it means?

Until next month, Brother Jack Anderson, 2025-2026 WA State Aerie Membership Chairman



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2025-26 WA State Aerie Officers

Jr Past SWP Dave Andrews
 State Worthy President Fred Brattain
 State WVP-President Elect Dale Burgener
 State Worthy Chaplain Bob Peel
 State Secretary Rick McBee
 State Treasurer Ken Schnorr
 State Worthy Conductor Charles Carter
 State Inside Guard Dan Olsen
 State Outside Guard John Cacioppo
 State Trustees:
 Jera Graham
 Scott Reetz
 Mark Parcel
 Mark Weatherhogg
 Mike Holloway
 Trustee at Large Jesse Carrillo

State Aerie Fundraising Chairmen

Autism (SWP Charity) Dave Morton
 Cancer Rich Kennedy
 Children's Fund: Mark Crouchet
 Alzheimer's: Lori Fouste
 Eagle Valley: Bryan Hamby
 Patriotism: Dan Thompson

WA State Aerie Hall of Fame

It is not too early to be thinking about nominating an Aerie Brother for the Hall of Fame!

See Form Attached

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Nominee must have been an Eagle member for a minimum of 12 years' continuous membership.
2. Nominee must be in good standing in his Aerie.
3. Nominee must be at least 33 years of age.
4. Nominee should have been or still be active in at least his local Aerie and the State Aerie.

2025 Grand Aerie Ritual Competition

3rd Place 'B' Team

(Any Brothers from One Aerie)
 Daffodil 2308
 Score 99.94
 Jr Past Jerry Delaurenti
 President Dave Andrews
 Vice President Frank Archer
 Chaplain Jonas White
 Conductor Doug Davidson

6th Place 'B-3' Team

(Any Brothers, no more than two from one Aerie)
 WA State Team
 Score 99.58
 Jr Past Jim Holmes 1722
 President Dave Andrews 2308
 Vice President Tim Cant 556
 Chaplain Jonas White 2308
 Conductor Dave Morton 3564

Shotgun

Dave Andrews, President 100
 Jonas White, President 99.9

WA State Aerie Hall of Fame Recipients 2025

Gary Plumb
 Daffodil 2308

Paul Millikin
 Spokane Valley 3433

Jack Anderson
 Castle Rock 556

WA State Auxiliary Hall of Fame Recipients 2025

Ginny Baker
 Olympia 21

Phyllis Dickson
 Daffodil 2308

JoAnn Schultz
 Walla Walla 26



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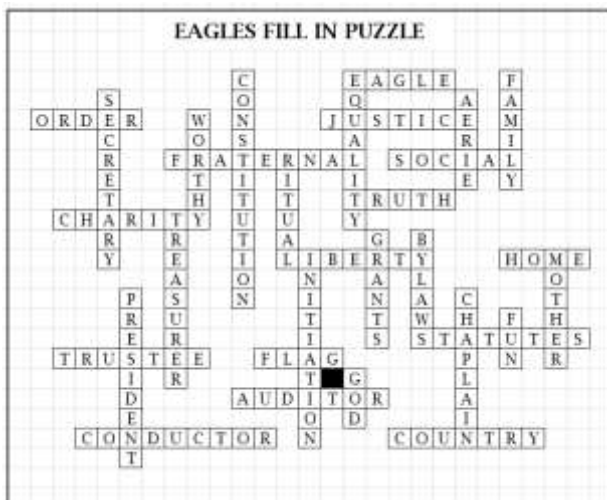
Grand Convention Hospitality Room Report

Brothers and Sisters of Washington State,

Thank you all who made donations to the WA State Hospitality room this year, and a HUGE shout out to those of that volunteered to drive the totes to Grand Rapids, who helped bartend, do pull-tabs, clean up and especially to the ones that helped prepare the food.

Dale and I want to thank you all. You definitely show that Eagles are People Helping People

Dale Burgener & Loni Andrews 2025 WA State Grand Hospitality Room Chairmen.



July Fill in Puzzle Answer



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FUN AND GAMES!

(Last Month NO ONE responded to Where in the World or Trivia 😞! RayNora Piatt PSMP out of Oregon, sent a completed Fill In Puzzle)

Where in the World?

We all know Eagles fly all over, and you never know where they will land next!



Can you figure out where
Dave's been?

If so, shoot us an email!

We'll post the first correct
response in next month's
issue, and if it catches on,
maybe some prizes in the
future!

← #1

#2 →



Separated at Birth?

Oregon SWP Dan Winings

And WA SWP Fred Brattain

Who's Partner is it Anyway?

Can you match the Past State Presidents with their Year?

Rick McBee	2012-13	Donna Simonds
Mark Crouchet	2023-24	Linda Knowles
Karma Krogh	2016-17	Carol Wright
Bill Walton	2014-15	Karen Hildebrand
Mike Simonds	2010-11	Sharon Hayes
Jack Anderson	2018-19	JoAnna Anderson
Rich Kennedy	2015-16	Carol Schnorr
Bill Stotko	2022-23	Joanna Pellerin

(Answers in next month's issue!)

Answers July Fun and Games Where's Waldo #1 Coeur d'Alene Aerie, #2 Longbeach, WA

Trivia, #1 PSP Ivan Wilson, #2 Spokane Valley, #3 PSP Mike O'Connor, #4 Milwaukee, WI, #5 Fisher House