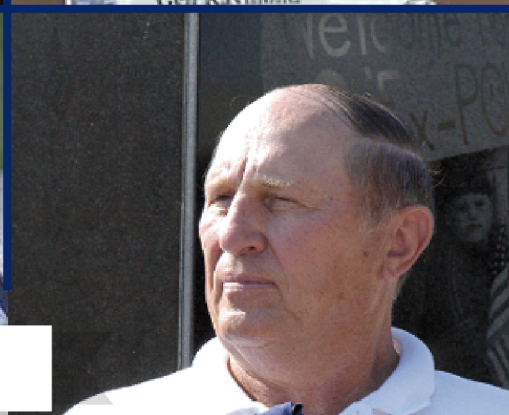


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**GATHERING OF EAGLES**  
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THIS ISSUE!

**THE 2023 EAGLES**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS



## GATHERING OF EAGLES FOUNDATION

Kim Atkins  
GOEF PRESIDENT



We finished Fall 2022 strong with over \$19,000 in donations from corporate and community sponsors! None of this would have been possible without your support. The Gathering of Eagles Foundation (GOEF) would like to thank you for your philanthropic efforts to help provide STEM scholarship opportunities to local 4th-12th grade students throughout the River Region and to AFROTC cadets. Additionally, GOEF's community outreach and fundraising events through YMCA Prattville, the Montgomery Academy Science Festival (STEAMfest), ACSC's Trunk or Treat, Fall Crawl fundraiser, free doughnut day and more brought exposure to GOEF's efforts to serve the community and inspire the next generation of airpower.

There are still opportunities to volunteer this Spring at STARBASE Maxwell which inspires local elementary school students to STEM careers. As a volunteer you will be able to share your military story, mentor, and share STEM related experiences.

We look forward to an amazing Spring semester!

## GATHERING OF EAGLES PROGRAM

Jonathan Yates  
GOE PRESIDENT



The Gathering of Eagles (GOE) Team has had an extremely productive first half of the year, researching an exceptional group of men and women to be honored as the academic year 2023 Eagles. All of our Eagle candidates are heroes in their own rights, having made exceptional contributions to air, space, and cyber. Thanks to your votes, we have narrowed our list down to a final eight, highlighted here in the following pages.

Since its inception in 1982, our GOE program has sought to honor aerospace heritage and inspire military and community leaders of the future. Honored Eagles will have the opportunity to tell their story here at Maxwell AFB, alongside our Montgomery community partners, at our CAPSTONE event occurring 22-24 May 2023. They will have their stories immortalized in the annual published GOE book, which will be available in May 2023. This GOE program continues to stand true to its mission to Honor Heritage, Serve the Community, and Forge Futures. We look forward to the opportunity to share the legacy of these Eagles and inspire future generations of air, space, and cyber leaders.

## Newsletter Highlights

A Message from  
the GOEF and  
GOE Presidents

AY 2023 Eagles

Scholarships

Outreach

Fundraising

On the Cover (from left  
to right):

Top: Brig Gen (RET) Weldon  
Honeycutt, CAPT Victor  
Glover

Middle: CWO (RET)  
Raymond Wilson, Lt Gen  
(RET) Stayce Harris, Gen  
(RET) John Raymond

Bottom: CH Maj Gen (RET)  
Charles Baldwin, Patty  
Wagstaff, Col (RET) Leroy  
Stutz (POW)



# MEET THE 2023 EAGLES



GEN (RET) JOHN "JAY" RAYMOND, USSF

General (Ret) John "Jay" Raymond was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to air and space power as the first Chief of Space Operations, United States Space Force. Responsible for standing up the newest branch of armed service since 1947, he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and acted as a key military advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the US President. He also planned, established, and served as the first Commander of United States Space Command and as the only non-rated officer selected as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in the United States Air Force's history. His leadership was instrumental in ensuring US readiness to conduct global space operations that enhance the way our joint and coalition forces fight.

LT GEN (RET) STAYCE HARRIS, USAF

Lt Gen Stayce Harris was selected as an Eagle for her significant contributions to Airpower and Air Mobility. She has more than 2,500 hours in C-130J, KC-135R, C-141B/C, T-38, and T-37. She's also deployed in numerous operations throughout her 36 year Air Force career. This trailblazer hosts a list of first throughout her distinguished military career, including being the first Black Woman to earn 3-Star in the Air Force; to serve as the Inspector General of the Air Force; to command a Numbered Air Force; to command a flying wing; and to command an operational flying squadron.



CH MAJ GEN (RET) CHARLES BALDWIN

CH Maj Gen (Ret) Charles Baldwin was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to Airpower, specifically to the Chaplain Corps and caring for Airmen.. Originally, he flew the EC-121 Warning Star and then volunteered to re-train and fly the HH-53 Super Jolly as a rescue pilot serving out of Da Nang Air Base from 1972-73. Ch Baldwin was at the Pentagon on September 11th, where he witnessed the fireball and ministered to the wounded on site in the immediate aftermath of the attacks. He retired in 2008 after serving as the AF Chief of Chaplains.



### BRIG GEN (RET) WELDON "BLACKJACK" HONEYCUTT

Brig Gen (Ret) Weldon "Blackjack" Honeycutt was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to Aipower.

While serving in the Army, he led tactics development in the Air Mobile concept during the Vietnam Conflict. He also designed, recruited, trained, and equipped one of the first complete Aviation Task forces in Vietnam. Blackjack taught notable General Officers to fly and solo, to include Gen William Westmoreland, Gen Melvin Zais and many others.

### CAPT VICTOR J. GLOVER, JR.

Captain Victor J. Glover, Jr. was selected as an Eagle for his numerous contributions to air and space. He is a NASA astronaut, a Navy F-18/AF Test Pilot, and pilot for NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 mission, the first crew rotational flight of a U.S. commercial spacecraft with astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS) from November 15, 2020 to May 2, 2021. He is the first African American with a long duration stay on the ISS. He completed 168 days in orbit and participated in four spacewalks. CAPT Glover is also selected as an Artemis mission team member for the return to the moon.

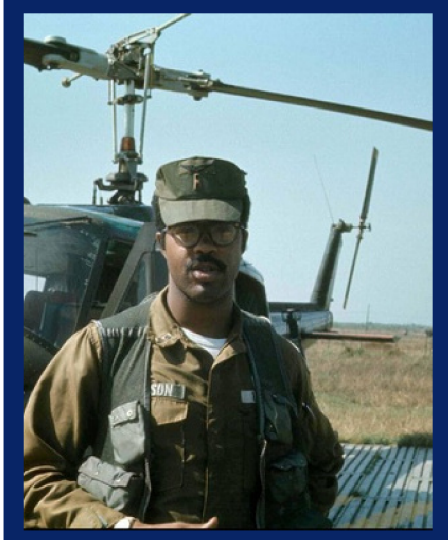


### COL (RET) LEROY STUTZ (POW)

Colonel (Ret) Leroy Stutz (POW) was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to aviation. He served in the KS ANG and USAF. While serving in Vietnam, he became a POW, where he remained for 6.5 years. He was imprisoned with Robbie Risner, James Stockdale, and John McCain in the Hanoi Hilton. While serving, he received numerous medals, including two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars (Valor), and the Distinguished Flying Cross.





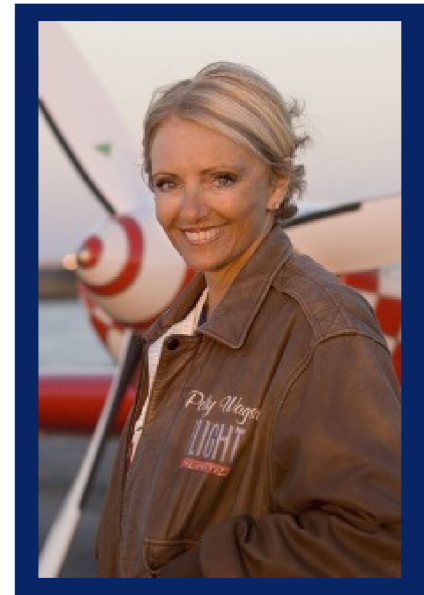


## CWO (RET) RAYMOND WILSON

CWO (Ret) Raymond Wilson was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to airpower. Chief Wilson overcame adversity at the height of the civil rights movement to attain his dream of flying. He was a Huey pilot who served over a year in Vietnam and helped lead the U.S Army's transition to the HH-60 Blackhawk. Along with Vietnam, he flew in the Arab-Israeli War, operations in Nicaragua, and Operation JUST CAUSE.

## PATTY WAGSTAFF

Patty Wagstaff was selected as an Eagle because she is a multitime U.S. Aerobatic medal winner, winning gold, silver, and bronze medals in international competitions for several years. In 1991, she won her first of three US National Aerobatic Championships, the first woman to win that competition. She was the International Aerobatic Club champion in 1993. The following year, her Goodrich-sponsored Extra 260 airplane was put on display next to Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Vega at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. From 1988-1994, she won the Betty Skelton First Lady of Aerobatics award six times in a row. In 1996, Wagstaff was the top-scoring US pilot at the World Aerobatics Championship. In 2002, she won the Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Award. In 2004, she was elected into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.



# THE GATHERING OF EAGLES SCHOLARSHIPS

GOEF aims to preserve Airpower Heritage and celebrate aviation history by:

1. Financing educational opportunities linking air power & innovation with rising military and Alabama River Region youth.
2. Providing annual STEM scholarships to ROTC cadets and River Region youth.



**by Branden Jarmon and Adrianna Perez**

GOEF OUTREACH & SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORS

The Gathering of Eagles Foundation is committed to impacting the local community through outreach and scholarship. This year GOEF has hit the ground running to continue in this tradition. Our goal this year is to raise over \$40,000 for scholarships. Students receiving this year's scholarship will have the opportunity to attend the National Flight Academy, Space Camp, Aviation Camp, Cyber Camp, and Red Tail Flight Academy. GOEF also has ROTC Scholarships.

We encourage all students ages 9-17 that are interested in STEM to submit an application.

**Applications can be found at**

**<http://goefoundation.org/scholarship-program/>.**

Applications have already begun to flood in so don't forget the deadline of **31 January 2023**,  
and **31 March 2023** for ROTC.



## Testimonials

National Flight Academy  
Scholarship Recipients



I enjoyed my experience at National Flight Academy. I learned a lot of new things about the Navy, NFA, and NAS. If given the opportunity, I would come back. -Nicholas Cooke

I had a lot of fun at flight camp! - Ja'kobe Johnson

Thank you for this amazing opportunity! I really enjoyed learning how to fly and work with a team. Overall it was a great experience! - Khora Osborne

Thank you for the amazing experience. I learned a lot on this 3 day cruise. It taught me a lot about airplanes and went into good detail about them. This was a great opportunity for me so thanks again! - Salise Rogers



GOEF would not be successful without the contributions of our donors so we would like to thank the student at Air Command and Staff College and Squadron Officer School for their donations.



**Partner with the GOEF to give the students in the River Region an opportunity to experience first-class STEM education. Add your business or organization to the list of generous sponsors. You can donate at [GoEFoundation.org](http://GoEFoundation.org).**





On Monday, 22 October 2022, The Gathering of Eagles Foundation (GOEF) participated in the Montgomery Academy's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) festival. This event hosted over kindergarten through 6th grade students to expose them to the world of science. Over 30 different organizations were in attendance to include Starbase Maxwell, Alabama Wildlife Federation, the Children's Museum of Montgomery, the Alabama Dance Theater, and more. STEAMfest allowed GOEF to hand out scholarship applications and inform parents about the science opportunities offered by the foundation. These opportunities are only made possible by generous donors in and around the community.

To be a part of a life changing experience for youth in the River Region go to <https://goefoundation.org/> to donate.

#### Space Camp Scholarship Recipient

#### 3-Day National Flight Academy Cruise:

The Fly Like the Blues Cruise is designed for students in 5th-12th grade, ages 17 and under. Students will plan and then fly an X-12B Triad in a six-plane formation air show over Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

#### 3-Day Pathfinder Space Camp:

This camp is designed for students in 4th-8th grade. Students will build a model rocket, train like an astronaut and work in mission control or launch as part of the flight crew on a simulated space mission.

#### 6-Day Aviation Challenge:

is in Huntsville, Alabama and designed for students in 5th-12th grade ages 9-18. Trainees are immersed in the fascinating realms of flight. Students learn basic principles of aviation and put their knowledge to the test in a variety of flight simulators. Taking the role of fighter pilots, students run control systems and scenario-based missions and learn basic water and land survival skills. They also learn about careers in aviation.

#### 6-Day U.S. Cyber Academy:

Cyber Academy is in Huntsville, Alabama and designed for students ages 12-18; must be a U.S. citizen to attend. Trainees get hands-on experience solving challenges developed in cooperation with the FBI. Students learn programming, coding, how to defend against cyber threats, build a computer, and explore cryptography and digital forensics. They also learn about careers in cyber.

#### Red Tail Flight Academy Discovery Program:

The Discovery Program is offered for students ages 9-18. Students will experience the thrill of flight with a Certified Flight Instructor at Moton Field, the National Historic Site of the Tuskegee Airmen. The 30-minute discovery flight will offer instruction, the opportunity to fly the plane, and tour the historic airfield.

# THE GATHERING OF EAGLES OUTREACH

by Branden Jarmon and Adrianna Perez  
GOEF OUTREACH DIRECTOR



## WHAT IS STARBASE MAXWELL?

STARBASE Maxwell is a DoD Youth S.T.E.M. program that focuses on providing hands-on S.T.E.M. education to students in surrounding counties. Their main program, STARBASE 1.0, is designed for fifth-grade students. STARBASE 1.0 is our five-day, 25-hour hands-on S.T.E.M. curriculum delivered to students from their facility at Maxwell AFB. Each year, ACSC faculty, staff, spouses, and students volunteer their time and share their talent and passion for S.T.E.M. as daily presenters.



## SERVING COMMUNITY

## GRITS COOKOFF

On October 15, 2022, your Gathering of Eagles Foundation participated in the 9th Annual Great Grits Cook-off and Festival. This event, sponsored by the Prattville YMCA, supports their Coach a Child Scholarship Fund. Ch, Maj Ron Feeser, and Maj Addy Perez hosted a GOEF table to connect with nearly 1,500 members of the Prattville community and share information about GOEF STEM scholarship opportunities available to children in the River Region. The event, which also included the Nitty Gritty 5K, raised a record \$17,000 for local scholarships. The GOEF is proud to have been a part of such a great event and to support our local communities.



## FALL FEST

GoEF participated in the 42nd Force Support Squadron's annual Family Festival on October 22, 2022. Under the theme of "Spooky STEM" Maj Carey Coats and her "mad scientist" spouse, Christopher Shenk, handed out candy to 500 children. The event helped educate 100 military families on various STEM opportunities offered through GoEF.



# THE GATHERING OF EAGLES FUNDRAISING

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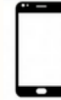


by John Petree  
GOEF FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR



On Friday, October 21, 2022, the Gathering of Eagles Foundation hosted its Annual Fall Crawl Fundraiser in downtown Montgomery. The Fall Crawl Fundraiser provides a fun and safe opportunity for students and faculty of the Air University at Maxwell AFB to support local restaurants and bars in Montgomery while raising money for GOE Foundation's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) scholarship fund. The Fall Crawl featured over 200 participants from Air University and the local community and raised over \$2,000 to support GOE Foundation's scholarship fund. The money raised during the Fall Crawl will cover the full expense for four children from the River Region to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. Stay tuned for upcoming GOE Foundation fundraising events to include an Air Command and Staff College Spirit Week, a Spring Crawl Fundraiser, and the 2nd Annual GOE Golf Tournament in April 2023! As always, we greatly appreciate your financial support- all GOE Scholarships are funded through your generous donations!

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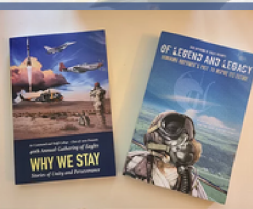
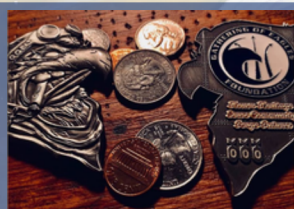
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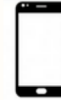


by John Petree & Justin Knepp  
GOEF FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

On Friday, 9 December, 2022, the Gathering of Eagles Foundation hosted a donut day and ugly sweater day. GOE gave away an assortment of donuts to faculty and staff at ACSC, and discussed the objectives and the mission of the scholarship foundation. Numerous students and faculty donated to GOEF throughout the day. As always, we greatly appreciate your financial support- all GOE Scholarships are funded through your generous donations!



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