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THE GATHERING OF EAGLES FOUNDATION

The Gathering of Eagles Foundation is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that aims to preserve the legacy of the United States Air Force through the celebration of airpower and empowerment of youth in Alabama's River Region.

A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

By Kim Atkins
GOEF PRESIDENT



We are excited to support the local community and build partnerships this academic year! The Gathering of Eagles Foundation (GOEF) is dedicated to outreach in the local River Region by providing STEM opportunities through scholarships and fundraising. Our organization raises money for students to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, AL, the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, FL, Discovery Red Tail Flight Academy, and for AFROTC cadets. Generous donors and fundraising efforts help support students get excited about STEM. Additionally, GOEF supports STARBASE Maxwell, a DoD Sponsored STEM program, which allows us to mentor and connect with 5th-8th grade students to encourage STEM-related occupations.

You can get involved by sharing your time with local schools, STARBASE Maxwell, or even a local AFROTC detachment. We cannot meet our goals without your support or the support of our River Region partners. Feel free to reach out and help us inspire the next generation of airpower!

Visit our website at <http://goefoundation.org/>



GOEF Foundation Fundraising



TEAM, We need your help! That's right, the Gathering of Eagles Foundation (GOEF) relies upon donations from our community and sponsors around the world to fund Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) scholarships for children in the River Region.

Did you know that last year alone the GOE Foundation raised over \$28,000? The money raised by your generous gifts enabled the GOE Foundation to award 40 scholarships for local children to attend the National Flight Academy, Space Camp, and Air Force ROTC. These scholarships enable aspiring young innovators to pursue higher education goals and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Many of these children would not have these opportunities without the GOEF scholarships.

But we believe we can do better! **This year, the GOE Foundation's goal is to raise \$50,000** which will enable the foundation to nearly double the number of scholarships awarded. Will you invest in forging the future of America's Air, Space, and Cyber leaders by donating to the GOE Foundation?

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY! ACSC FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS! STARBASE NEEDS YOU!

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GOE PROGRAM

STARBASE MAXWELL

What can you do in 30-minutes? Share your military experience, link your conversation to S.T.E.M., and influence fifth graders futures! Located across from the Maxwell Fitness Center, STARBASE Maxwell is a DoD Youth S.T.E.M. program that focuses on providing education to river region youth. The primary program, STARBASE 1.0, is a five-day, 25-hour hands-on S.T.E.M. curriculum delivered to a new cohort of students visiting Maxwell AFB each week.

ACSC students, staff, faculty, and spouses volunteer to share their talents and passion for S.T.E.M. as daily presenters. No matter your career field, please consider signing up for a 30-minute engagement opportunity. Your interaction is impactful and powerful to local children, most of whom have no military connection. They cherish the opportunity to meet women and men in uniform. You are sure to produce some smiles and remember the experience long after you leave ACSC!

Sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45aba622a2f9c43-starbase>



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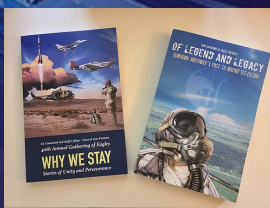
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Jonathan "Dash" Yates

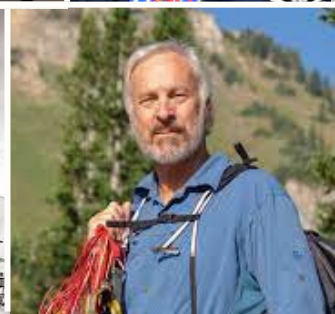
GOE PRESIDENT



Gathering of Eagles (GOE) is a program in Air University's Air Command and Staff College that studies and records first-hand accounts of historic events or achievements that celebrate airpower.

This year, our team has sought out a diverse group of "Eagle" candidates whose contributions to air, space, and cyberspace will help us shift our focus to Great Power Competition. The GOE program culminates in an annual Capstone event that honors our Eagles. This will give us the chance as growing leaders to hear their stories and lessons learned as we prepare to take on complex challenges in the future. Military members and the local community will attend Capstone to hear these stories from our Eagles. Over the past 40 years, GOE has brought over 450 distinguished honorees who have inspired courage, perseverance, and innovation.

The GOE team is in the final stages of selecting the AY23 Eagles and intend to solicit your feedback before announcing them in our next Issue. In the meantime, please save the date for our 2023 Capstone event which will be held May 22-24!



Above: Academic Year(s) 2021-22 Eagles.

Top Row: CW5 Mike W. Hardy and Gen (Ret.) MJanet Wolfenbarger;

Middle Row: Capt Niloofar Rahmani; Col (Ret) Ronald Terry and CMSgt Kaleith Wright; .

Bottom Row: Dean Kamen; Col (ret) Gerald Berry; Lt Col Dan Schilling

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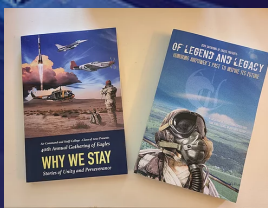
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2023 Eaglets

OUR TEAM



JONATHAN "DASH" YATES GOE PRESIDENT

Hello, I'm DASH! I'm from Niagara Falls, NY, and I am a KC-135 Instructor Pilot and Weapons Officer. I'm coming to ACSC from Scott AFB, IL., where I was working global logistics at USTRANSCOM. I'm here with my wife Meggin and our two boys Jonny and James. We have an incredible Gathering of Eagles team! I'm looking forward to working with the community, building new relationships, and inspiring future leaders along the way.

KIM ATKINS GOEF PRESIDENT

Hi, I'm Kim Atkins. I am a Force Support Officer by trade. My previous assignment was as a Recorder for the Selection Board Secretariat in San Antonio, TX where we ran promotions for the Air Force and Space Force. While at ACSC, I'm excited to work with the local community, to expand our River Region Reach, and to build relationships with fellow ACSC students.



JOHN "TOM" BREAM OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Greetings! I'm John "Tom" Bream, and I am an Intel Officer in the USAF. I grew up in Harrisburg, PA, and graduated from a small liberal arts school in WI. I'm happy to be part of a team that makes a difference in the local community in terms of scholarships and mentoring opportunities, and does so much to honor those who have gone before us and made an impact in the Air, Space, and Cyberspace domains.

KOREY FRATINI TREASURY DIRECTOR

Hey! I'm Korey Fratini, a New Hampshire native who loves New England and traveling the world. I've spent the last 10 years of my Air Force career as a Public Affairs officer communicating the various missions across the service. As a Public Affairs professional, I've spent a lot of time building relationships across the globe in the communities where our Airmen live and work. I'm excited to be in the River Region, where I have the opportunity to continue building relationships and making a difference!



CAREY COATS PA-SOCIAL MEDIA-MARKETING DIRECTOR

My name is Carey Coats and I am an Air Force Intelligence Officer. I am married and we have two well-loved fur kids. I look forward to continuing to honor our air, space, and cyber legacy while inspiring future generations through GOE.

MAURICE "MO" CHEEKS GRAPHIC DESIGN-MULTIMEDIA DIRECTOR

Hello, my name is Maurice Cheeks. I'm a Judge Advocate General Officer (Military Attorney). I am from Portsmouth, VA and have been in the Air Force for over 12 years. I've been stationed at eight locations, both stateside and overseas, and throughout these locations, I've had the opportunity to work in and serve various communities. As part of the GOE team, I look forward to serving our partners and giving back to the community here in the River Region.





BRANDON PASTERSKI TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Hello everyone! I am Brandon Pasterski, a USAF C-17A pilot by trade. I was born in Southern California and have moved all over the country with the Air Force. This has provided incredible opportunities to get to know different communities and people, and I look forward to working with the people of the River Region to build up the community and further the GOE legacy!

JUSTIN WRIGHT EVENTS DIRECTOR

Greetings! My name is Justin Wright, United States Army, and proud member of the GOE team. I have experience as an Army Infantry Officer, Human Resources Officer, and Public Affairs Officer. I have served in the 4th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division, and 5th Special Forces Group. Through those assignments I have accumulated 23 months of overseas service in Afghanistan and Iraq. I am passionate about telling the story of our Veterans to ensure that service members of today can benefit from the lessons learned from those that have come before us.



JOHN PETREE FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

Hello! My name is John Petree, I am an Army Officer coming from Ft. Belvoir, VA. My wife and I are originally from North Carolina and have a (almost) two-year-old boy and a baby girl arriving in January 2023! I am honored to be here at ACSC and look forward to contributing to the legacy of GOE and helping to bring opportunities to the next generation Air, Space, and Cyber leaders.

SAMORY "AR" ABDUL-RAHEEM FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

Howdy, everyone! I'm Samory Abdul-Raheem (AR) coming from Kadena Air Base Japan, and originally from Houston Texas. I am an Air Force Aircraft Maintenance Officer by trade, which has given me the opportunity to meet so many people in so many places while traveling across the world including, now here in the River Region. I am grateful to be part of the GOE team responsible for helping to preserve Airpower's heritage and fostering the growth of its future leaders.



MISSA HARDEN LOGISTICS DIRECTOR

Hello! I'm Missa Harden. I am an Air Force Brat, but call O'Fallon, Illinois my hometown. I am an Operations Research Analyst coming from Peterson SFB. I am looking forward to showing kids that math can be fun as well as contributing to the GOE legacy.

BRANDEN JARMON OUTREACH DIRECTOR

Hello, I am Branden Jarmon, a U.S. Space Force officer coming to ACSC from Schriever SFB. I am originally from St. Louis, Mo by way of Colorado Springs, Co. I graduated from Tuskegee University and I'm excited to be back in the South. I look forward to working with you all and the community this year.



ADRIANNA "ADDY" PEREZ OUTREACH DIRECTOR

Hi friends! I'm Addy, a Financial Management Officer born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to ACSC, I was a Branch Chief in one of the Air Force's newer organizations, The Installation & Mission Support Center in JB San Antonio, Texas. I'm excited to serve the River Region community and build relationships focused on helping students see themselves in air and space careers!



SARAH SPIES CAPSTONE DIRECTOR

Hey y'all, I'm Sarah Spies born in the Midwest and raised in the South. Prior to attending ACSC, I spent a year at Scott AFB, IL as the Special Programs Acquisitions Branch Chief for Air Mobility Command. However, I am a KC-135 Pilot and Weapons Officer by trade. I am excited to share southern life with my husband and two kids. I am extremely grateful and honored to be a part of the GOE legacy. I look forward to working with the River Region, serving young aspiring students in the community, and sharing the stories of legacy Eagles with you!

RON "TASER" FEESER GOE BOOK PRODUCTION

Y'all can call me Taser. I am an Air Force Chaplain and came to ACSC from Randolph AFB, Texas, and AFPC. Born and raised in Arkansas (Woo Pig Soobie!), my wife and the one boy left at home are enjoying being back in the South. I am excited to capture the stories of our Eagles and preserving them for future generations.



BRANDT HIGLEY LITHO-COIN-MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

Hello, ACSC teammates! My name is Brandt, and I hail from an Air Force family. I am very fortunate to serve as a leader and Health Services Administrator (the best job in the Air Force). My beautiful and talented spouse, Stephanie, is an entrepreneur. We have two daughters that brighten Maxwell and the surrounding community. Our family is passionate about promoting education and serving others. We wish you a year filled with development and enduring relationships. Cheers!

We Welcome you TO OUR TEAM

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