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Fall 2010 e-Newsletter



AEF Hatched Eaglet Released To Honor U.S. Soldier - Army Cpl. Jason Hovater



To honor a fallen hero, U.S. Army Cpl. Jason Hovater, a bald eaglet named "Norris" was released into the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. This video documenting the event is in two parts: [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#).

On July 27, 2010, two captive-hatched bald eaglets were released from the American Eagle Foundation's hacking tower located on Douglas Lake in East Tennessee.

One eaglet was named "Norris" by Jenna Hovater, the wife of Army Cpl. Jason D. Hovater of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 183rd Airborne Brigade.

Eagle "Challenger" Appears On Grand Ole Opry With Country Star Charlie Daniels



Eagle "Challenger" and AEF President Al Cecere listen to Charlie Daniels' fiddle rendition of the National Anthem backstage at the Ryman. Photo by: Julia Cecere

Challenger, the Bald Eagle, was presented on-stage during The Charlie Daniels Band's performance of the song *In America* at the Grand Ole Opry show at the Ryman auditorium Saturday, November 20, 2010.

Legendary keyboardist and Late Show sidekick Paul Shaffer joined the Opry lineup that Saturday night along with Marty Stuart, Connie Smith, Charley Pride and Radney Foster.

[More information](#)

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Little "Libby" Aids Eagle Cause With Her Lemonade Stand

The other eaglet was named "Mayflower" by Julia Unnerstall's 4th grade Character Council Class at Alma Schrader Elementary School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri who won the AEF's annual "Name An Eaglet" Contest.

Specialist Hovater died on July 13, 2008 (2 summers ago) at age 24 during the Battle of Wanat in Afghanistan with 8 other members of Chosen Company (members of the platoon called themselves the "Chosen Few"). His outpost in the village of Manat was attacked by small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades from enemy Taliban forces (numbering 200 or more).

Hovater bravely and unselfishly backed up his platoon leader Jonathan P. Brostrom during that battle while they both attempted to assist the rest of their platoon who were dug in and under siege by the Taliban inside TopSide Lookout in the village. Both Hovater and Brostrom grabbed as much ammunition as they could and ran together under heavy fire toward the TopSide lookout, but were gunned down by Taliban forces.

The AEF is very honored to pay tribute to Cpl. Hovater.

[More information](#)

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Fox & Friends TV Show Welcomes AEF President Al Cecere & Eagle "Challenger" On Veterans Day In New York City



In honor of Veterans Day, Al Cecere and Eagle "Challenger" made a guest appearance on Fox and Friends in New York - Nov. 11, 2010. Click on image to play video.

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Soaring Once More: Boone Lake Eagle Release Returns Rehabilitated Eagle & Osprey To Tennessee Wilds



The American Eagle Foundation released two birds of prey, a bald eagle and an osprey, on Boone Lake in October 2010.

Photo by: Lee Talbert / Johnson City Press

Original story by James Brooks, Johnson City Press.

"The Osprey was brought to us without an injury, but it was sick, wouldn't eat, and had lost a lot of weight," Al Cecere of



Above: Libby Underwood meets the Eagle "Challenger", opens first lemonade stand, and still continues today!

Years ago, a 5-year-old girl named Libby (Elizabeth) Underwood from Clarksville, TN met AEF President Al Cecere and the Eagle "Challenger" at the Fort Campbell, KY Army Post. Libby fell in love with Challenger, visited him at the Foundation's facilities in Pigeon Forge, TN, and decided to do something to help all the eagles.

She told everyone what Mr. Cecere and Mr. Bob Hatcher (education correspondent for the AEF) had taught her, and even opened a lemonade stand in front of her home and at Wal-Mart. She donated the money raised from that venture directly to the American Eagle Foundation for the care of eagles.

Libby was interviewed on Q108 Radio Station, where she told the whole city of Clarksville about the plight of the eagle. She drew the attention of customer service girls at Wal-Mart, raised almost \$100, was nominated and won "Clarksville Star Kid" Award.

Since then, Rural King has supported Elizabeth (as she now wants to be called) in her efforts. This 11-year-old can still be seen in Rural King's parking lot selling lemonade for eagles in between school, homework, soccer practice, and club meetings.

Elizabeth's dad is a Green Beret soldier in the 5th Special Forces Group attached to the 101st Airborne Division "Screaming Eagles" at Fort Campbell. He was injured in Iraq, and is currently in the Warrior Transition Unit.

We thank and are proud to honor this dedicated young lady who has done so much to raise awareness and funding for eagles! A glass of lemonade anyone?

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Eagle "Challenger" Participates In California Event To Benefit Wounded Warriors & Cancer Research

the American Eagle Foundation said. "We've had him for several months, so he's now strong enough to be out on his own again."

At first, the Osprey only flew about three feet before landing on the grass. After a few minutes, the bird stretched its wings and took off, almost at once over the water. One of the spectators said it was headed toward their lake home. He soon circled back and did a fly-by out over the water.

The Bald Eagle was next. This time Cecere and his assistant, Kevin Buchanan, had a struggle on their hands, getting the big, strong bird out of its cage without causing new injury. This bird was brought to the Foundation with a broken wing and had to be kept in cage rest for a month while the fracture healed. Then he was placed into our flight cage for several months.

"Both these birds are mature birds and they already know how to hunt," Cecere said.

The birds were released at the summer lake home of Wayne Huizenga (Blockbuster & Waste Management founder) and his wife Marti on Boone Lake.

[More information.](#)

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So Children May Hear: American Eagle Foundation & Eagle "Challenger" Support Starkey Hearing Mission At Charlotte Motor Speedway



TOP: NASCAR legend Richard Petty, AEF President Al Cecere, and Eagle "Challenger" were among celebrities who supported the Starkey Hearing Mission at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

BOTTOM: Children receiving the gift of hearing share a photo op with supporters.
Photos by: Laura Cecere

On May 10, 2010, the Starkey Hearing Foundation "raced" to deliver the gift of hearing to underserved children and adults throughout the Carolinas. The event was held on the center track at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Charlotte, NC.

A number of celebrities met the children and signed autographs, including seven-time NASCAR champion Richard Petty.

American Eagle Foundation founder/president Al Cecere and the Eagle "Challenger" were on hand as the children were presented with hearing aids from the [Starkey Hearing Foundation](#). The children were obviously delighted with an up-close view of the majestic bird.

[More Information About Starkey Foundation \(pdf\)](#)

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TOP: ABC's "Good Morning America" host Robin Roberts and AEF Founder/President Al Cecere with Bald Eagle "Challenger" at Life Changing Lives Fundraising Gala Event.

BOTTOM: AEF Founder/President Al Cecere and Bald Eagle "Challenger" with a group of Wounded Warriors (U.S. Soldiers) at Life Changing Lives Fundraising Gala Event.

Photos by: Laura Cecere

Life Changing Lives, based in Orange County, California is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 by philanthropists Glenn and Mindy Stearns. Since the event's inception, Life Changing Lives has raised more than \$1 million for a variety of philanthropic organizations.

The event honored ABC's Good Morning America host Robin Roberts, Olympic Gold Medalist Apolo Ohno, and members of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen. Also, a group of New York City firemen were honored who endured the events of 9/11.

Charities benefiting from this year's gala event included: [The Wounded Warrior Project](#), [Susan G. Komen for the Cure](#), and [Festival of Children](#).

Kicking off the night at the event was the Color Guard of Orange County and America's Got Talent star Barbara Padillo who delivered a stirring a capella rendition of the National Anthem. The performance reached its climax as Barbara sang the words "Land of the Free" and the Eagle "Challenger" took flight across the ballroom.

Special appearances from sports legends and celebrity guests underscored the high regard with which this black tie event is held. Those attending included American Idol winner Taylor Hicks, Good Morning America Co-Host Robin Roberts, The Canadian Tenors, and various stars from the Sopranos TV show, including Tony Sirico, Lorraine Bracco, Steve Schirripa, Michael Imperioli, Vince Curtola and Vincent Pastore.

[More information about Life Changing Lives](#)

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Life Project For Africa Names AEF's Al Cecere To Board Of Directors

New York City, NY -- Life Project for Africa (LPA), a charitable organization dedicated to supporting professional healthcare and childcare services to poor communities in Tanzania and southeast Africa, announced in August that Al Louis Cecere had accepted an invitation to join the Life Project Board of Directors.

The Mission of Life Project for Africa (LPA) is to save lives and give hope to the poor in Africa through services that promote health, provide education, tackle poverty, and

Eaglet Rescued By Young Boater Released Into Wild On South Holston Lake (TN)



(left to right) TWRA officer Bryan Kegley & AEF Founder/President Al Cecere releasing rehabilitated immature bald eagle on South Holston Lake, TN.
Photo by: Kevin Tierney

In July 2010, the American Eagle Foundation released a rehabilitated immature bald eagle on South Holston Lake near Bristol, Tennessee.

The eaglet had been found by 17-year-old Joe Slagle near the South Holston dam tangled in fishing line and with a catfish hook in its wing. After initial treatment at the UT Veterinary College in Knoxville, the bird was transferred to the AEF center in Pigeon Forge for further care and rehabilitation.

After several months of treatment and exercise in a flight enclosure, it was successfully released.

[More information.](#)

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Bald Eagles Frequently Die From Lead Poisoning



University of Minnesota Raptor Rehabilitation Center cares for eagle poisoned by lead.
(Click on image to play video)

Between the months of November and March, veterinarians are consistently seeing an increase in the number of bald eagles that are seriously ill or dying from eating animals that have been wounded with lead pellets or bullets during the hunting season. Many of these wounded animals die without being retrieved by the hunter.

Eagles are scavengers. They will often find the dead animal and ingest the lead fragments while feeding. If this happens, the eagle becomes extremely sick and listless, unable to fly or care for itself. Some find their way to veterinary clinics, but there is no good treatment and the outcome is often fatal.

The American Eagle Foundation urges hunters to use non-toxic bullets (readily available) that do not impact negatively on other wildlife. **NEVER use bullets that contain lead!**

More information:
[National Wildlife Health Center](#)
[Peregrine Fund \(Boise State University\)](#)

provide homes (shelter) to the homeless. LPA also supports orphans and vulnerable children among very poor communities.

[More information about LPA](#)

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"Sammy" Kestrel May Be Oldest Known Captive Bird Of His Species



The American Kestrel is the smallest falcon found in the United States. Despite their size, these little birds are fast and capable of reaching speeds of 100 mph.
Photo by: Bethany Pack

The American Kestrel normally has a relatively short lifespan, averaging about 3 years in the wild. But here at the AEF center, "Sammy" is doing far better than that!

"Sammy" was hatched in 1993 and celebrated his 17th birthday this past June. The AEF believes "Sammy" just might be the oldest living American kestrel ever in captivity.

"Sammy" has arthritis and has retired from the AEF's educational programs, including their "Wings of America" show at Dollywood. He enjoys spending his golden years sunning himself outside on warm days and dining on his favorite foods: quail and mice. He is cared for by AEF staff member Bethany Pack.

You can adopt "Sammy" for a year (in name only) for a \$24 donation. The "adoption" can be made in your name, or in honor of or in memory of someone. The adoptee will receive a color photograph, biography and certificate suitable for framing.

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Eagle "Challenger" Practices Before Performing At Titans-Colts Game



AEF President Al Cecere practices with Eagle "Challenger" before Dec. 9, 2010 Titans-Colts game in Nashville.
Photo by: George Walker IV / Tennessean

On December 9, 2010, the Eagle "Challenger" returned to LP Field in Nashville, TN to do a fly-by during the playing of the National Anthem. Prior to the live performance, he practiced several times to acclimate himself to his surroundings. Challenger has done this many times - and each time he flies, tens of thousands of people are inspired by this magnificent eagle.

[More information | Watch Video](#)

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New "YouTube" Videos From American Eagle Foundation



This Birds Of Prey show video is a short and edited preview of the full bird show that the American Eagle Foundation (AEF) performed at Dollywood in 2009. Click image to play.

Our Bald Eagle Info Channel on "YouTube" is constantly being updated with inspiring and informative new videos. Our videos have been viewed well over 4,000,000 times.

Be Sure To Check For Updates Regularly!

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Buy Eagle-Themed Christmas & New Year Gifts To Support Care Of Eagles



Adopt An Eagle (or bird of prey) in honor or in memory of a soldier, grandparent, parent, or dear friend.

The American Eagle Foundation has searched far and wide to bring quality merchandise to its online store in time for Christmas and New Years giving.

We have [Gold & Silver Bald Eagle Commemorative Coins](#) from the U.S. Mint, [books](#) about eagles and other birds of prey, [t-shirts](#), [jackets](#), [hats](#), [jewelry](#), [toys](#) and [puzzles](#)—and lots more.

In addition, we encourage "alternative giving" -- [Adopt An Eagle \(or bird of prey\)](#) in honor or in memory of a soldier, grandparent, parent, or dear friend. Or [give a membership to the American Eagle Foundation](#) in their honor.

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If you would like to Adopt An Eagle, become a member of the American Eagle Foundation (AEF), or buy an eagle-themed gift, please click on the links below. You will be assisting the AEF in its efforts to ensure that our national bird keeps flying strong and free for generations to come.

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