

# 2025 GUEST SPEAKER TERRY FOSSUM

2025 EAGLE CLUB RECOGNITION BREAKFAST - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

RENOWNED MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, BEST SELLING AUTHOR, VETERAN, PHILANTHROPIST, AND EAGLE SCOUT

In the survival reality television show, Kicking and Screaming, 10 survival experts competed against each other for a \$500,000 prize in the Fijian jungle: a warlord, a ninja, two U.S. Air Force SERE Instructors, several U.S. Special Forces members...and a Scoutmaster?

To make matter worse, Scoutmaster Terry L. Fossom and the others did this while dragging along a complete novice, someone who had never camped before in their life, 'kicking and screaming' across the finish line. It sounds like a recipe for disaster. Then again, so did Terry's life.

Growing up in the poorest city in the United States surrounded by gangs and drugs, Terry faced a life with few opportunities. One night he found himself starting down the barrel of an assault rifle. Instead of following a path toward a dark future, he joined Scouting. It changed his life.

Terry overcame great obstacles to earn a Mechanical Engineering degree from Texas A&M University. As an Officer in the U.S. Air Force, he received numerous awards, including Officer of the Year, Fairchild Air Force Base; Humanitarian of the Year, Strategic Air Command; and Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer's School.

In 1991, following his military service, Terry built a global direct sales business and became a multimillion-dollar earner.

Author of four books and a recognized leadership and self-improvement expert, Terry keynotes at corporate and organizational events and guest lectures at universities across the US and abroad. His latest, The Oxcart Technique – Blueprint for Success, hit #1 Bestseller on Wall Street Journal, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble, as well as bestseller on USA Today.

His philanthropic efforts span the globe including the Terry L. Fossom educational center in Rwanda, Africa, an agricultural training center in Malawi, Africa, scholarships for underprivileged youth, and more.

Terry has been involved in Scouting for over 40 years. An Eagle Scout as a Youth, he's served on all levels of scouting from Assistant Scoutmaster to District, and Council Levels. Among many others, he's earned the Outstanding Scouting Service Award, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and OA's Vigil Honor. He is currently acting as Scoutmaster for Troop 400 in Spokane Valley, Washington. He enthusiastically credits scouting for shaping his life.

Terry has been the keynote speaker for diverse organizations such as New York Life, the Mays Business School MBA program, Washington Food Industry Association, the United States Air Force, Spokane Executive Women's International, Perione Produce Company, One Team Global, Girl Scouts of America, and Boy Scouts of America national conferences. He is often referred to as "the best speaker we've ever had."

## EAGLE CLUB PARTICIPATION LEVELS:

DIAMOND EAGLE  
\$5,000 and up

GOLDEN EAGLE  
\$3,000

BRONZE EAGLE  
\$750

EAGLE CLUB  
\$150

PLATINUM EAGLE  
\$4,000

SILVER EAGLE  
\$1,500

PATRON EAGLE  
\$300



## OVERVIEW

The Andrew Jackson Council is excited to host the **2nd Annual Eagle Club Recognition Breakfast**, which serves as the kick-off to launch another great year of Scouting in Central and Southwest Mississippi and the **2025 Friends of Scouting Campaign**. The funds raised by this campaign provide for all Scouting programs that instill character and leadership and teach young people the skills they will need for life. The 2nd Annual Eagle Club Recognition Breakfast will be as follows:

**WHEN:** 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
(Doors open @7:00 am)

**WHERE:** Sheraton Flowood -The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center

**WHY:** Because Scouting's community and business leaders are busy, active people, this breakfast is designed to create a stimulating environment demonstrating the achievements of Scouting and its impact on our daily lives.

The Friends of Scouting Campaign is the primary funding source for the council and provides over \$400,000.00 in support.

**PURPOSE:** The Eagle Club serves as an inspirational kick-off to our 2025 Friends of Scouting efforts. At breakfast, Eagle Club Table Hosts, Corporate leaders, Eagle Club Committee members, and Scouting volunteers will host their prospects and friends and encourage them to renew their Friends of Scouting gifts or give for the very first time. This is targeted to secure personal and corporate gifts from donors who make gifts annually. This will also enable us to enroll new givers to our annual Friends of Scouting campaign. This breakfast will enable the council to have a strong position in the first quarter of its fiscal year while conserving staff and volunteer time. This time saved can then be applied serving the council's growing membership and program.

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