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Wine Country Network Donates Premium Spirits and Award-Winning Bourbon to Colorado Veterans Project Silent Auction at Polaris Pour: Bourbon at the Gate

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Wine Country Network, Inc., producer of the North American Bourbon and Whiskey Competition (NABWC), the Denver International Spirits Competition (DISC), the Tequila Mezcal Challenge (TMC), and Wine Country International Magazine, today announced a donation of premium spirits and highly acclaimed bourbon to the Colorado Veterans Project. The donated bottles will be featured in the Colorado Veterans Project's silent auction, held during the 2nd Annual Polaris Pour: Bourbon at the Gate, taking place at Hotel Polaris in Colorado Springs on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

The donation totals 75 bottles from more than 20 producers, with a combined estimated retail value exceeding \$12,000. Highlights include several rare selections from Buffalo Trace's Antique Collection — George T. Stagg, William Larue Weller, Eagle Rare 17-Year-Old, Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye, and Sazerac 18-Year-Old Rye — alongside standout bottlings such as Colonel E.H. Taylor Single Barrel and Bottled-in-Bond Rye, Garrison Brothers Cowboy Bourbon, Weller C.Y.P.B., and W.L. Weller 12 Year, along with contributions from Stranahan's, Uncle Nearest, WhistlePig, Bushmill's, and other respected craft and heritage brands.

Proceeds from the Colorado Veterans Project's silent auction supports the organization's mission of serving Colorado's veteran community. Polaris Pour: Bourbon at the Gate brings together bourbon enthusiasts, sponsors, and supporters for a weekend celebrating fine spirits while raising funds for a good cause.

“This donation features some of the most sought-after bottles in bourbon, and we’re proud they will help raise funds for those who served,” said Christopher J. Davies, CEO of Wine Country Network, Inc.



Polaris Pour: Bourbon at the Gate takes place August 21–22, 2026, at Hotel Polaris in Colorado Springs. For more information about the event, visit: <https://www.thehotelpolaris.com/polaris-pour/>

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About Wine Country Network, Inc. Founded in 2002, Wine Country Network, Inc. produces professional beverage competitions and publications including the North American Bourbon and Whiskey Competition (NABWC), the Denver International Spirits Competition (DISC), the Tequila Mezcal Challenge (TMC), and Wine Country International © Magazine. The company leads festival sales, sponsorship strategy, and marketing across its properties. www.winecountrynetwork.com

Colorado Veterans Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization raising funds to support a mission focused on helping Veterans ATTAIN ECONOMIC STABILITY AND continuing to live lives of purpose and fulfillment. <https://www.coloradoveteransproject.org/>

About Hotel Polaris

Hotel Polaris is a 375-room resort-style hotel located in the new TrueNorth Commons mixed-use development outside the North Gate of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Hotel Polaris offers six food and beverage experiences highlighted by Pamela's, celebrating American cuisine; The Aviator Bar, with stunning rooftop views and a refined cocktail experience; and Doolies soda shop with a fun, casual, family-friendly vibe. In addition, the Ascend Spa & Wellness offers a full-service, six-room spa and wellness center. A full array of wellness programs is available at the spa, from active classes to outdoor adventure and special events that connect guests to the Academy and mountains. The hotel offers an array of signature guest services, including the only hotel flight simulators in the United States. Hotel Polaris also offers more than 26,000 square feet of expansive indoor meeting space. Learn more about Hotel Polaris at thehotelpolaris.com, and follow the hotel on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).