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THE USMC CELEBRATES 246 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ITS NATION

ARLINGTON, VA --

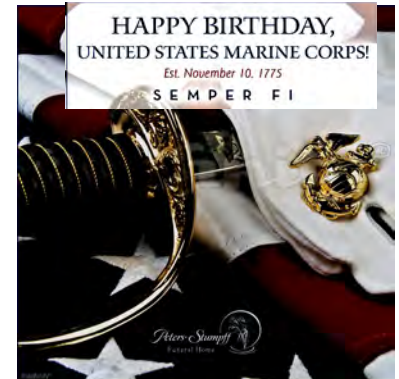
On November 10, 2021, Marines across the globe will recognize and acknowledge 246 years of service to their country, the sacrifices made to defend democracy, and the Marine Corps' enduring legacy as America's premier fighting force.

The Marine Corps' annual tradition celebrates the establishment of the organization on November 10, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress. Following their role in the American Revolution, the Marines were abolished following the Treaty of Paris in April 1783. Then, on July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the creation of the Marine Corps and directed that it be available for service under the Secretary of the Navy.

The birthday, also known as Marine Corps Day, was originally celebrated on July 11 from 1799 until 1921 when Major General Lejeune issued an order to formalize the tradition and establish the official day to honor the birthday of the Marine Corps. The ceremony traditionally includes a guest of honor, a reading of Gen. Lejeune's birthday message and the current Commandant's message, recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine present, and a cake cutting.

While the first cake ceremony is unknown, the first on record took place at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., in 1937. Major General Thomas Holcomb, the Commandant, presided at an open house for Marine Corps officers, including the cutting of a huge cake in the shape of Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Corps.

<https://www.marines.mil/News/News-Display/Article/2836164/the-usmc-celebrates-246-years-of-service-to-its-nation/>





President's message,

Greetings in the month of November 2021. We all have our favorite time of the year, for me, living in Florida, my favorite time is fall followed by Winter. The great thing about November is Thanksgiving, which is one of America's most cherished holidays.

We just celebrated Veterans Day which is another holiday which is widely observed throughout the United States. As a Veteran it is gratifying to hear someone who maybe a complete stranger says "Thank you for your service". To all my fellow veterans, we all joined the Military for various reasons, and the number one reason is not patriotism, but for whatever reason you joined, I say to you God bless you and "Thank you for your service" to our Country.

Remembering those in need: *As the Thanksgiving and Christmas season approaches, remember there are many individuals and families in the Orlando area that are in need of the basic necessities in life and won't have access to things that many others take for granted. If we all do our part, we can make a difference in the life of someone in need.*

On Oct 27th the RAFMAN Club reached another milestone, the club Celebrated its 47th Birthday with its annual church service at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Winter Garden. Again, we thank Pastor Taylor, Deacon Melvin Henry and the congregation for their support and hospitality. Additionally, we thank all the families, friends and guest who were in attendance.

As more is becoming known about the coronavirus and how to control it, we can relax a little, but don't let your guard completely down, the virus is still with us and is still deadly. The difference is as more people get vaccinated the risk of getting it is reduced. Remember you are responsible for your health and well-being.

I will close with this quote on "Freedom"

Freedom do not absolve you of your responsibilities.

——Unknown

Arthur Jarvis
President

All Members Take Note: Club Meeting

Saturday, November 13, 2021

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: Joe Cockerl
Golden Corral
8032 International Dr. Orlando

3:00 PM — Club Meeting

L. Claudia Allen Senior Center
1840 Mable Butler Ave.
Orlando, FL 32805

Keep Safe!

From Simon.....

Entertainment News and More.....

We- the RAFMAN Club- just celebrated another Anniversary at Bethlehem Baptist Church and we keep moving towards our 50th year in existence to celebrate. How awesome is that!

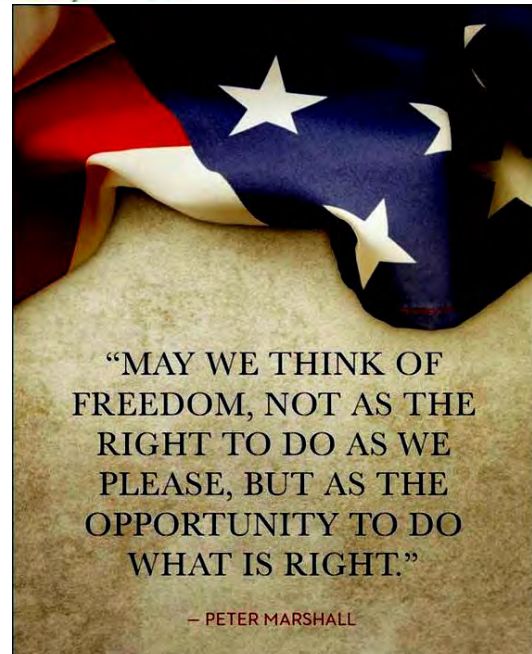
Well, in 2021 we have come to November in the calendar year. As you all know November is the second to last month of the year and is also the month during which many different special occasions and events can be enjoyed. It's an important time of the year for the United States in many different ways, with one of the country's favorite holidays – Thanksgiving – being held near the end of the month and one of the most important events – Election Day – also occurring in November, with new presidents being elected every four years. November also bears the honor of having Veteran's Day - a most important time- when we Veterans are honored. The date of November 11 was chosen for Veterans Day as this was the date on which World War I was officially ended. Unlike Memorial Day, which focuses on the people who died during their military service, Veteran's Day is more focused on living veterans. For many years people took Veterans for granted. The appreciation for their service just became popular in the last decade. These days it is rare for a person to not acknowledge a veteran and say "thank you for your service". This good will gesture has gone a long way where - for many years- returning home from defending our country people could care less about our welfare. Now that has changed somewhat. Nowadays some companies and schools close down for Veteran's Day and federal workers all receive a paid day off. As well, parades and services may be held around the nation to honor veterans and you will see various acts of patriotism which are also performed. So, November has the distinct honor of all three of these important days and no other month has quite as many significant holidays. Of course, December has the honor of most people's favorite holiday but we'll talk about that next month.

Are you enjoying your home team Magic this year? There seems to be some fight in them and more pride than previous seasons. Who knows? The season is young so with a little more steadfastness and hard work we may have a playoff team in town.

Here's hoping that all of you will enjoy a wonderful Veteran's Day. Take advantage of some of those free meals some restaurants are offering-if you can weather standing in the long lines. Thanksgiving is a beautiful time of the year and wishes and prayers go out to each of you for a sensational day of food, fun, family and friends- and oh yes, football too. Be well and take care RAFMAN family.

Keep the faith and I'll see you soon.

Peace..... Simon



President Jarvis: Recipient of the NAACP's Brooks/Williams Community Service Award

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2021, President Arthur Jarvis was the recipient of the Orange County Branch of the NAACP Brooks/Williams Community Service Award. The Award is named in honor of two former Branch Presidents, Rufus C. Brooks and Willie Williams. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Military during the Korean War. Mr. Brooks served in the United States Army and Mr. Williams served in the United States Air Force. Following their military service each earned college degrees and became active in Orlando and the Central Florida Community. Mr. Brooks was an educator who firmly believed in the value of an education. He was a classroom teacher and later a principal at various elementary schools in Orange County for more than 30 years. Mr. Williams began his career as an educator but changed careers and worked as an engineer at Martin Marietta now Lockheed Martin. Mr. Williams was inducted into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2017.



President Jarvis is an example of that commitment to service that characterized the lives of Mr. Brooks and Mr. Williams. For a quarter of a century, President Jarvis has chaired the RAFMAN Foundation Scholarship Banquet. More than \$85,000 has been raised in this effort by the RAFMAN Club to assist students in need of financial assistance. President Jarvis is a member of the Valencia College Black Advisory Committee and he also serves on the City of Orlando Mayor's Veterans Advisory Committee.

**Congratulations
President Jarvis.**





Founded on Feb. 12, 1909, the NAACP is the foremost, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization in the nation. Its more than half a million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and leading grassroots campaigns for equal opportunity.

The Orange County Branch was chartered in 1929, and continues to be a voice for the citizens of Orange County.

<https://orangecountynaacp.org/>

Ms. Tiffany Hughes
NAACP President



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



For 100 years, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has served as the heart of Arlington National Cemetery. As a sacred memorial site and the grave of three unknown American service members, the Tomb connects visitors with the legacy of the United States armed forces throughout the nation's history. It stands as a people's memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning. Since November 11, 1921, the Tomb has provided a final resting place for one of America's unidentified World War I service members, and Unknowns from later wars were added in 1958 and 1984.

A TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT

We Mourn the Passing
of Former Secretary
of State and Chairman
of the Joint Chief of Staff
Colin Powell



April 5, 1937 – October 18, 2021



Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

(Colin Powell)

izquotes.com

HAPPY Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving will be observed on Thursday, November 25, 2021, and military personnel serving around the world will give thanks in many ways.



UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATION

<https://www.uso.org>



Since 1941, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is keeping service members and their families connected to family, home and country.

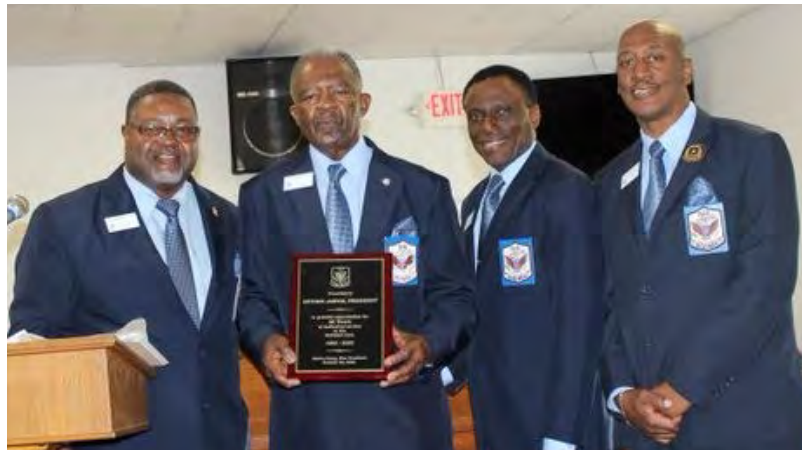
Today's USO continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. We operate USO centers at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed USO service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy.

USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. Our trademark USO tours bring America and its celebrities to service members who are assigned far from home, to entertain them and convey the support of the nation. And our many specialized programs offer a continuum support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until the last time they take it off.

The USO is not part of the federal government. A congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities, and is powered by a family of volunteers to accomplish our mission of connection.

RAFMAN 47TH ANNUAL CHURCH CELEBRATION

IN MEMORY OF LESLIE J. STOVES, CLUB FOUNDER




Sunday, October 31, 2021—3:30 PM
**“Being a Godly Man
 in Tough Times”—Psalm 55:22**




**Speaker: Tiffany Hughes, President
 Orange County Branch NAACP**







RAFMAN
Leslie Stoves III
November 3



RAFMAN
James E. King, Sr.
November 11





Thank You!

Ms. Maxwell thank you for the many years you have been our photographer. We also thank you for your flexibility and being so generous with your time. Your relaxed personable approach put everyone at ease and ready to have their photo taken.



Additionally, we thank you for your attention to details in preparation for the photograph being taken such as posture, spacing, position, lighting, always selecting the best background for the pictures being taken so that it will capture the event's spirit as well as the people enjoying it.

Finally, thank you again for all your hard work and being there when we need your help. Your effort is revealed through the wonderful high-quality pictures that you take and the quantity of pictures we receive. May God's blessing always be with you.

The RAFMAN Club, Inc.

RAFMAN Club Meeting

L. Claudia Allen Senior Center, 1840 Mable Butler Ave., Orlando, FL 32805

Date: _____ Notes: _____



Sick n' Shut-ins/Recoveries:

Donald Durant

To Bereaved Families:

We extend our prayers and heart-felt sympathy to families everywhere!

To Sister Valleaner (Dea. Sylvester) Franklin and the entire Franklin/Johnson Family—
Our prayers are with you in the passing of
“Papa Gus”

Minister Augustus Gussie G. Johnson, Jr.
Savannah, GA



Our Daily Bread
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When You Can't Go On

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed . . . great is [His] faithfulness.—

Lamentations 3:22–23

In 2006, my dad was diagnosed with a neurological disease that robbed him of his memory, speech, and control over body movements. He became bedridden in 2011 and continues to be cared for by my mom at home. The beginning of his illness was a dark time. I was fearful: I knew nothing about caring for a sick person, and I was anxious about finances and my mom's health.

The words of Lamentations 3:22 helped me get up many mornings when the light was as gray as the

state of my heart: “Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed.” The Hebrew word for “consumed” means “to be used up completely” or “to come to an end.”

God's great love enables us to go on, to get up to face the day. Our trials may feel overwhelming, but we won't be destroyed by them because God's love is far greater!

There are many times I can recount when God has shown His faithful, loving ways to my family. I saw His provision in the kindness of relatives and friends, the wise counsel of doctors, financial provision, and the reminder in our hearts that—one day—my dad will be whole again in heaven.

If you're going through a dark time, don't lose hope. God can help you to not be consumed by what you face. Keep trusting in His faithful love and provision for you.—By Karen Huang



SCRIPTURE:

Lamentations 3:21-23 NIV

²¹ *Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:*

²² *Because of the LORD's great love we are not
consumed, for his compassions never fail.*

²³ *They are new every morning;*

REFLECT & PRAY

In the midst of difficulty, where do you go for strength? How can you remind yourself to trust in God's great love?

Father, help me to keep trusting You. Open my eyes so I can see Your love and faithfulness.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/... NIV>

<https://odb.org/>

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Military Veterans upcoming events in Central Florida

Missing in America – Wed. Dec 1 – Cape Canaveral National Cemetery at 2pm. 5525 U.S. Highway 1, North Mims, FL 32754. The purpose of the Missing in America Project (MIAP) is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans. Cremains of 25 veterans and 3 spouses of veterans will receive full military honors. Persons and organizations will provide honor, respect and dignity to those who have served this country through this securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes. The veterans to be interred served in the US Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard during World War II Korea, and Vietnam. The longest that any of these to be interred has sat unclaimed since 1979. Covid precautions to be observed. Info: Kathy at (904) 219-3035, miapjax @yahoo .com www.miap.us

Wreath laying ceremony for Dorie Miller – Tues Dec 7 – ‘Pearl Harbor Day’ - American Legion Post 331 in Orlando, the Dorie Miller Memorial Post, will lay a memorial wreath at the statue of Dorie Miller outside their Post. 4325 Fairmont St, Orlando, 32808 (along S.R. 50/ Colonial Drive – near the Central Florida Fairgrounds.) (You may recall that actor Cuba Gooding Jr. portrayed Navy sailor Dorie Miller in the movie “Pearl Harbor.” A statue of Dorie Miller, recipient of the Navy Cross and Purple Heart, is at the post.) Info: Post (or contact me, Cathy Haynes)

National WWII Museum virtual fieldtrip: Tues. Dec 7 - The Path to Pearl Harbor Electronic Field Trip - On the **80th anniversary** of the attack on Pearl Harbor, join The National WWII Museum with student reporters from Hawaii and New Orleans to learn more about why on December 7, 1941, the Japanese military launched a surprise attack on the US Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. 10am and 2pm. Designed for grades 6–12, but anyone can access. The program will be approximately one hour long and is open to everyone, including home school students and lifelong learners interested in WWII history! Register ahead at the Museum website or [www. Nationalww2museum .org/electronic-field-trip-registration-form](http://www.Nationalww2museum.org/electronic-field-trip-registration-form) The Museum is in New Orleans and supports numerous exhibits, videos, speakers, educational opportunities, etc.

AAAA Social – Fri. Dec 10 – Quad-A (Army Aviation Association of America) social sponsored this month by KRATOS. Please bring a toy(s) for Toys for Tots. Start the weekend off well from 1630 -1900 hours at Frogger’s Grill & Bar, 27 Alafaya Woods Blvd, Oviedo, 32765. PRICE \$10 per person for wings, beer and soft drinks, 50/50’s are \$1 a ticket or \$5 for 10 tickets. The CFL AAAA Chapter has been supporting Army Aviators and their families since 1985 with support to the community, our membership, and to our local military Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and civilians. This support includes education related to Army aviation, scholarship awards, and growth through well planned social and professional activities. Info: Facebook or CFLQuadA@ gmail .com

Army vs. Navy football on Sat. Dec 11. Is there a public gathering of alums and veterans to cheer this game? West Point Army Black Knights vs. Annapolis Navy Academy Midshipmen in this famous rivalry!

Cathy Haynes

NOVEMBER 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 ELECTION DAY | 3 LESLIE STOVES III | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 DAYLIGHT SAV- ING TIME ENDS | 8 | 9 | 10 MARINE CORPS BIRTH- DAY | 11 VETERANS DAY JAMES E. KING, SR. | 12 | 13 RAFMAN CLUB MEETING |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 THANKSGIVING DAY | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

<https://www.hfotusa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2021/>
<http://www.holidays-and-observances.com/military-holidays.html...>
<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2021>

DECEMBER 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 <i>Rosa Parks Day</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 <i>St Nicholas Day</i> | 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 RAFMAN Club Meeting |
| 12 | 13 <i>National Guard Birthday</i> | 14 | 15 <i>Bill of Rights Day</i> | 16 | 17 <i>Pan American Aviation Day</i> | 18 National Wreaths Across America Day |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> | 25 Merry Christmas! |
| 26 Kwanzaa (first day) | 27 | 28 MARY DAWSON | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | |

RETIRED...

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Motto:

"Men Striving Together to Make This A Better
Community for All Concerned."

The RAFMAN Club Foundation is a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization that consist of military veterans providing academic scholarships to students, social service for senior citizen, youth mentoring and civic outreach for those in need within the Central Florida Community.

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