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## Dr. Martin Luther King Day for the year 2022 is celebrated/ observed on **Monday, January 17th.**



Martin Luther King Day also called MLK Day, King Day, and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Day is observed on the third Monday of January, which is close to King's actual birthday on January 15. The earliest Monday the holiday will ever be celebrated is January 15th and the latest is January 21st. The day is a federal United States holiday with all government and most business offices closed.

Martin Luther King, Jr was a Baptist minister and social activist that had a huge impact on the civil rights movement of the 1950's in the United States. King was assassinated in 1968 and will be remembered for his non-violent protests against segregation and his "I have a Dream" speech.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed MLK Day into law and 3 years later it was first observed. By the year 2000, all fifty states officially observed the day. Another related holiday back in 1948, National Freedom Day was signed into law by President Truman as a national observance recognizing the outlaw of slavery enacted earlier during 1865 under President Lincoln during the civil war years.

## Oviedo FL Sgt. Alwyn Cashe becomes 1st Black recipient of Medal of Honor since 9/11

By **Deena Zaru** and **Adia Robinson** / December 16, 2021, 3:12 PM

Emotional Medal of Honor ceremony takes place at White House President Joe Biden on Thursday awarded the Medal of Honor -- the nation's highest military award for valor -- to three U.S. soldiers for risking their lives "above and beyond the call of duty" during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, including Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn Cashe, the first Black service member to be so honored since the 9/11 attacks.



"Today, we honor three outstanding soldiers, whose actions embody the highest ideals of selfless service," Biden said at the ceremony. "We also remember the high price our military members and their families are willing to pay on behalf of our nation."

"We remember the strength and the sacrifices of these military families, caregivers and survivors," he added. "And we remember and renew our sacred obligation to those who served this nation in uniform." Cashe suffered fatal injuries while serving in Iraq on Oct. 17, 2005, after rescuing fellow soldiers from a burning vehicle during Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Salah Ad Din Province, according to the White House.

Cashe died 16 years ago at the age of 35 and his widow, Tamara Cashe, accepted the posthumous award on his behalf during a White House ceremony. Cashe's sister Kasinal Cashe-White recalled her brother as "very rambunctious," a "daredevil" and "a good kid all around." She told ABC News in an interview on Wednesday that receiving the Medal of Honor "means everything" to the family. "We lost our brother. He can't be replaced. But this award means that his name his legacy will go down in history," she said.

**Cashe grew up in Oviedo, Florida, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 1989 after graduating from Oviedo High School.** He was deployed in the 1991 Gulf War and served in Korea and Germany before being deployed to Iraq in 2005 while serving as a platoon sergeant in the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Asked how she feels about Cashe being the first Black soldier to receive the highest award for valor for service during the war on terror, Cashe-White said her brother "earned" the honor through his actions.

Cashe was initially awarded the Silver Star, the Army's third-highest honor for valor in combat, but his battalion commander, Lt. Gen. Gary Brito, and other officers advocated for years that Cashe deserved to be upgraded for the Medal of Honor. Cashe-White said that Brito and the 3rd Infantry Division had "been with us every step of the way." When asked whether she thought race was a factor at all when it came to the delay, she said, "I don't think so. I think it was just a matter of timing," adding, "Did I want it in 2005? Yes. Would I have been happy in 2007? Yes. Would I have been ecstatic if it happened before now? Yes. But I am just over exhilarated that it's happening now."

When the vehicle that Cashe was commanding became engulfed in flames during an attack, his uniform caught fire and he sustained severe burns while extinguishing the flames and rescuing his fellow soldiers, according to the White House. Even after suffering injuries, he repeatedly approached the vehicle and helped four soldiers escape while being targeted by live fire. "He went back into the inferno for a third time and got everyone out of that inferno," Biden said at Thursday's ceremony. "That was his code; his love for his Third Infantry Division ran deep. No soldier was going to be left behind on his watch."



## President's Message

Greetings in the month of January 2022, the first month of the new year. What a blessing to see the year 2022. The year 2022 can be a repeat of 2021 or it can be a better year depending on how we respond to the crisis that this country is in. Whether we refuse to admit it, as some do, or don't believe it as some do, or are unaware of as some are, this past year was a tumultuous one and the same people will bring those same problems into the new year.

In the year 2022 we still have many mountains to climb, rivers to cross and walls to break through. If you can't see that, then you are not aware of what's being done in this country by people from the Hall of congress, heads of states and other institutions, even our military which is supposed to be the strongest in the world are showing minor cracks in some areas.

In 2022 be aware of what's taking place in America, beware of the rhetoric, especially from some of those that are in power, be a good citizen, do your part, register to vote, and please vote.

This month is the month we celebrate the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, a great American and Civil Rights Leader whose action galvanized the conscience of a nation that was not living up to its creed that all men are created equal and should not be discriminated against because of the color of their skin. He paved the way for many of the civil right laws that were passed. Don't just remember Dr. King, remember those that stood by him and all who march with him. While he may have stood as a giant among men, we all need help on this life journey.

Freedom and COVID-19. Today everything we do we have to consider the risk of being affected by the Omicron or Delta Variant of COVID-19. What words do you hear most "My Freedom". Then we always hear "Freedom is not free" which to me means, a price must be paid for freedom.

### **The Quote is in the form of a question.**

What does Freedom mean to you? It seems like millions of people in America don't know the answer. —Unknown

Submitted by,

Arthur Jarvis, President  
RAFMAN Club, Inc.

### **All Members Take Note: Club Meeting**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

#### **12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch**

Host: RAFMAN Michael Dixon  
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!**





*Entertainment News and More.....From Simon*

**Happy New Year to everyone!** As 2021 comes to a close, it may be hard for us to find the good in what that year brought to us. Due to the continued impact of COVID-19, the increase in gun violence, and the fear of black people when stopped by law enforcement (just to name a few) these things have created unexpected challenges in everyone's lives. The ending of a year would usually bring about joyous moments and an exciting list of New Year's resolutions to accomplish. But instead, 2021 has left us in need of **hope, healing, and peace**. Kicking the year off with New Year's prayers can help us set the best intentions for 2022.



*I found a few words- that we may offer in prayer- that we can all apply:*

**Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You that You are with me, that You are in me. Resolutions might come in one year and go out the other. Please open my ears this year, so that I can hear You and enjoy You at every junction so that when You tell me to turn right or left, I will hear you, obey you and follow Your will. Please give me the courage to begin again — to overlook the difficulties I encounter by trusting in Your will, to overcome obstacles that may arise and to stay open to what Your will may bring as best I can. Help me be patient enough to know it takes time to start over, and wise enough to ask for help from friends and family when I need it. As I look to the future, may I reflect on the past and remember the lessons it's taught me. And God, may I always look to you for strength and guidance. I humbly ask for blessings, peace, love, joy and prosperity for EVERYONE in my circle that you have blessed me to know and love and for those who are in need of your Word in their lives. In Jesus' precious, holy and immaculate name I ask of you these things. Amen and Thank you God.**

***The best to you in 2022.***

*Peace.....Simon*



## SUBMARINE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

I discovered about two years ago that there were in fact submarine carriers. This discovery was made when I read an article about a Japanese attack on the mainland of the United States during World War II. This led me to researching the history of submarine carriers.

Here is what I have learned:

1. It is a submarine equipped with an aircraft;
2. The purpose is primarily for observation but it can be used for an attack;
3. It saw its most use during World War II;
4. Operational significance remained small;
5. Most famous of the submarine carriers were the Japanese I-400 and the French submarine Surcouf;
6. Germany was the first nation to experiment with submarine aircraft carriers during World War I i.e. SM U-12;
7. The British also experimented with its HMS E22 during World War I;
8. The United States studied the concept but abandoned development by the end of the 1920s; and
9. No submarine aircraft carrier remain in use today.



# Martin Luther King Jr.

## Biographical

Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.



In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.



At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

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## **The country's oldest surviving World War II veteran, Lawrence Brooks, died Wednesday at the age of 112, according to the National WWII Museum in New Orleans**



<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/oldest-u-s-veteran-wwii-does-it-big-112th-birthday-n1279104>

Lawrence Brooks, with a photo of him taken in 1943, as he celebrates his 110th birthday at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, on Sept. 12, 2019. Brooks, the oldest World War II veteran in the U.S. — and believed to be the oldest man in the country — died Wednesday, at the age of 112.

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By Doha Madani

The country's oldest surviving World War II veteran, Lawrence Brooks, died Wednesday at the age of 112, according to the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

Brooks, a Louisiana native and resident, was drafted in 1940 and served in the Army's 91st Engineer Battalion. His battalion was a predominately Black group of servicemen, due to the military's segregation practices at the time.

### **Community celebrates nation's oldest World War II veteran on 112 birthday**

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Stephen J. Watson, president and CEO of the National WWII Museum, called Brooks a man of great faith and "gentle spirit." "As the nation's oldest known living veteran, he proudly served our country during World War II, and returned home to serve his community and church," Watson said. "His kindness, smile and sense of humor





Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards offered condolences in a statement on Twitter. "I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Lawrence Brooks, America's oldest World War II veteran and a proud Louisianan," Edwards said Wednesday. "I am thankful I had the chance to meet him and learn from his service."

Born in a small village outside of Baton Rouge, Brooks was one of 15 children. His parents were sharecroppers who moved to Mississippi to find work after the Great Depression, according to the Army Times.

He was initially discharged and returned to New Orleans in November 1941 after his obligatory year of service, but rejoined the Army following the attack on Pearl Harbor weeks later.

Brooks served overseas in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines, earning his way to private first class. He once shared the story of a harrowing journey on a C-47 going from Australia to New Guinea when an engine failed.

The crew began unloading cargo to make the plane lighter, Brooks said, and he moved toward the cockpit.

"You have a pilot and a co-pilot, only two of them, they're the only two who have a parachute," Brooks said. "I said if they run and jump, I'm gonna grab one of them."

At the end of his service, Brooks returned home to the racism of the Jim Crow era. He rarely talked about these issues with his fellow soldiers, saying it would just anger him, according to the museum's biography.

"I was treated so much better in Australia than I was by my own white people," Brooks once said. "I wondered about that."

Brooks was denied GI Bill benefits, his daughter, Vanessa Brooks, said in recent interviews supporting a proposed congressional bill that would target racial inequities in the bill's provisions. Her father had always wanted to go to college, but without the bill — which includes tuition benefits — he wasn't able to after the war.

"It's too late for him, but he wants me to go to school and I want to go to Tulane, but it's just a dream," she told CBS News last month. "If the G.I. Bill is revived, I'll have the opportunity to go back to school on my daddy's shoulders."

Instead, Brooks fell back into civilian life as a forklift operator until retiring his 70s. His wife, Leona, died in 2008. He is survived by five children, 13 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Over the years, Brooks has been celebrated as one of the oldest surviving WWII veterans. The National WWII Museum has hosted birthday parties for him for the past seven years.

The parties shifted to drive-by events at his New Orleans home in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic. The museum also started a birthday card writing campaign for Brooks in 2020, which it said generated 21,500 cards from nearly 30 countries.

# Gregory Robinson, James Webb Space Telescope Program Director

Gregory L. Robinson is the Director for the James Webb Space Telescope Program in the NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD).

Previously, he was the Deputy Associate Administrator for Programs, responsible for assessing NASA programs as the projects and institutions for technical and cost effectiveness, quality, and performance. He also coordinates program and project content with the other NASA

Mission Directorates, and federal agencies in which SMD has partnerships. SMD has a portfolio of 97 missions in formulation, development, and operations.

Mr. Robinson served as Deputy Center Director at NASA's John H. Glenn Research Center (GRC), Cleveland Ohio. Mr. Robinson was responsible for planning, organizing, and controlling the effective accomplishment of all missions assigned to the Center. GRC is engaged in a diverse program of research, technology advancement, and project management related to aeronautical propulsion, space power propulsion, cryogenic fluids, micro-gravity science, expendable launch vehicles, space communications, materials, structures, instrumentation and controls, computational fluid dynamics, and electronics.

Mr. Robinson served as NASA Deputy Chief Engineer (2005-2013); He had primary responsibility and authority for oversight of Agency engineering work, including the design, manufacture, testing, operation, training, and maintenance practices and products. Additionally, he provided policy for and oversight of the readiness and execution of all NASA programs to ensure development efforts and mission operations were planned and conducted with sound engineering and proper programmatic controls.

Mr. Robinson served as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Acting National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) Deputy Assistant Administrator, Systems (2011-2012). He led the acquisition, and management of all NOAA satellite flight and ground acquisitions.

Prior to Mr. Robinson's reassignment to NASA Headquarters in 1999, he spent 11 years in various leadership positions at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Among his time with NASA, Mr. Robinson has received numerous individual and group performance awards, including the Presidential Rank, Distinguished Executive, and Meritorious Senior Professionals and Executives Award.

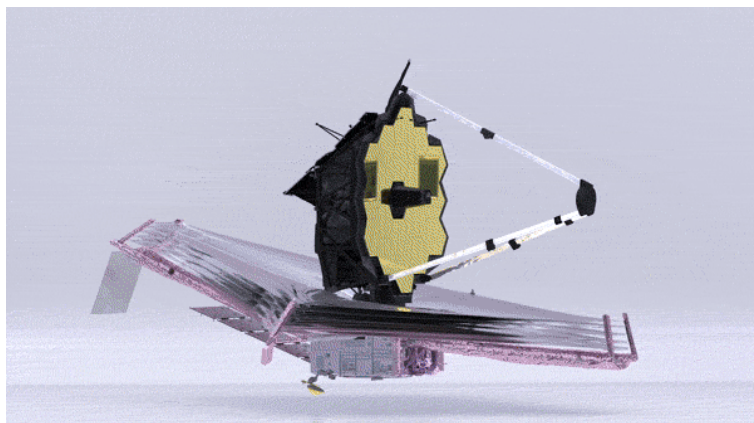
He holds a bachelor's degree in Math from Virginia Union University; a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Howard University; and a Master of Business Administration from Averett College. He also attended Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executive Fellows Program; and the Federal Executive Institute (Leadership for a Democratic Society).

Mr. Robinson is a native of Danville, Virginia. He and his wife, Cynthia reside in Manassas, VA, and have three adult daughters.



## What Is the James Webb Space Telescope?

The James Webb Space Telescope is the largest, most powerful space telescope ever built. It will allow scientists to look at what our universe was like about 200 million years after the **Big Bang**. The telescope will be able to capture images of some of the first galaxies ever formed. It will also be able to observe objects in our solar system from Mars outward, look inside dust clouds to see where new stars and planets are forming and examine the atmospheres of planets orbiting other stars.



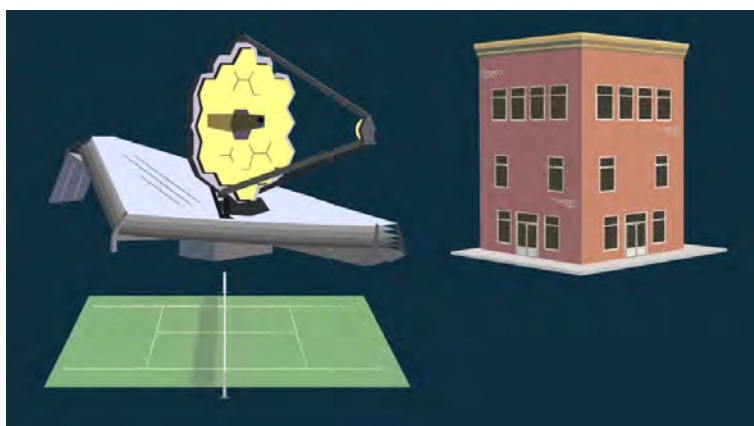
*An animation illustrating what the James Webb Space Telescope Looks like. Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (modified)*

Here are some fun facts about the James Webb Space Telescope:

### It is very, very big.

The Webb telescope is as tall as a 3-story building and as long as a tennis court! It is so big that it has to fold origami-style to fit inside the rocket to launch. The telescope will unfold, sunshield first, once in space.

*The James Webb Space Telescope is about the same size as a tennis court and about as tall as a 3-story building!*  
Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech



### It can see through dust clouds.

*Infrared cameras can see through dust and smoke. Credit: NASA/IPAC/Pasadena Fire Dept.*

The James Webb Space Telescope sees the universe in light that is invisible to human eyes. This light is called **infrared radiation**, and we can feel it as heat. Firefighters use infrared



cameras to see and rescue people through the smoke in a fire. The James Webb Space Telescope will use its infrared cameras to see through dust in our universe. Stars and planets form inside those dust clouds, so peeking inside could lead to exciting new discoveries! It will also be able to see objects (like the first galaxies) that are so far away that the expansion of the universe has made their light shift from visible to infrared!



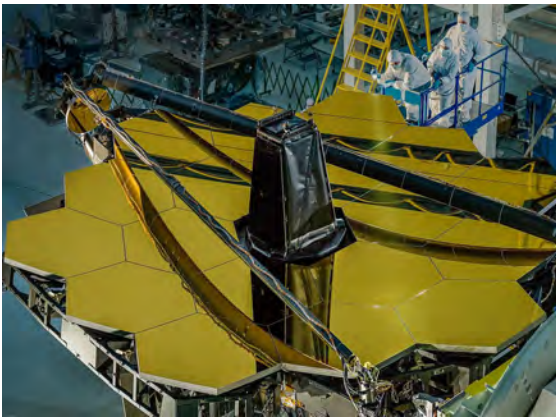
## It wears a "hat" to help block heat and light from the Sun.

*This animation shows how the sunshield will unfold when the Webb telescope reaches its home in orbit. Credit: NASA*

The Webb telescope's cameras are sensitive to heat from the Sun. Just like you might wear a hat or a visor to block the Sun from your eyes, Webb has a sunshield to protect its instruments and mirrors. The telescope's sunshield is about the size of a tennis court. The temperature difference between the sun-facing and shaded sides of the telescope is more than 600 degrees Fahrenheit!



## It uses giant, gold-coated mirrors to see the universe.



*Engineers inspecting the Webb telescope's mirrors at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Credit: NASA/Chris Gunn*

Space telescopes "see" by using mirrors to collect and focus light from distant stars. Visit <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/telescopes/en/> to learn more about how space telescopes work. The bigger the mirror, the more details the telescope can see. It's very difficult to launch a giant, heavy mirror into space. So, engineers gave the Webb telescope 18 smaller mirrors that fit together like a puzzle. The mirrors fold up inside the rocket, then unfold to form one large mirror in orbit.

Why are the mirrors gold? A thin layer of gold helps the mirrors reflect infrared light!

## It will be hunting for signs of life on other planets.

*Could life survive on this faraway planet? Astronomers study the light from stars and planets to see if they might have the ingredients for life. Animation credit: NASA/ESA/Dani Player (STScI), Music credit: Steve Combs*



Our solar system isn't the only home for planets! Scientists have discovered thousands of planets orbiting stars other than our Sun. These are called **exoplanets** visit <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/all-about-exoplanets/en/> The James Webb Space Telescope will help to study the atmospheres of exoplanets. Could the atmospheres of some exoplanets hold the building blocks for life? We will find out soon!

## What is the James Webb Space Telescope doing right now?

The James Webb Space Telescope launched on December 25, 2021. Want to stay up to date and learn more about NASA's biggest and most powerful telescope? Check out this **cool timeline** at <https://jwst.nasa.gov/content/webbLaunch/whereIsWebb.html> to learn what the telescope is doing right now! Also, Find more facts, photos, videos and more at the **James Webb Space Telescope Website** at <https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/>

**Related resources from NASA**



## Congratulations!



Alesha Ann Sullivan  
daughter of  
RAFMAN Donald Durant  
on her promotion to  
1st Sergeant US Air Force.  
She is station at  
Aviano Air Base Italy.

## The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Valencia College & RAFMAN CLUB Foundations' 2022 Scholarship Award

Theme: **TBA (To Be Announced)**

**Sponsorship Deadline : April 15, 2022**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the RAFMAN Club Foundation Annual Scholarship Banquet normally held in March each year has been cancelled.

We are still planning to select a number of Valencia College students for a RAFMAN Club Foundation scholarship. To pay for these scholarships we will be selling ads and asking our sponsors to help a student by purchasing:

### **CREDIT HOUR(S):**

- ☐ 3 Credit Hours (1 Class) - \$309.18
- ☐ 2 Credit Hours - \$206.12
- ☐ 1 Credit Hour - \$103.06

### **AD:** ☐ Full Page Ad (\$200)

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☐ Quarter Page Ad or Business Card (\$50)

### **DONATION:** ☐ \$500.00 in support of scholarships and expenses.

☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Whether you're spending the day relaxing, or throwing a big party to celebrate, we hope all your prayers and wishes come true! Have a blessed day and many more!



**RAFMAN  
Freddie Moore  
Member Since 1983  
January 14<sup>TH</sup>**



**RAFMAN  
Simon McRae  
Member Since 2002  
January 20<sup>TH</sup>**





## Sick n' Shut-ins:

None.

Thanking God for His keeping power!

## To Bereaved Families:

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

Our deepest sympathy goes out to RAFMAN Joe Cockerl and his wife Loretta whose grand-daughter Tekeya Smith passed in December of 2021 as the result of a car accident and was funeral-ized on January 1, 2022.



## **The Word and a New Year**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*  
—John 1:1

Michellan faced challenges while growing up in the Philippines, but she always loved words and found comfort in them. Then one day while attending university, she read the first chapter in the gospel of John, and her “stone heart stirred.” She felt like someone was saying, “Yes, you love words, and guess what? There is an Eternal Word, one who . . . can cut through the darkness, now and always. A Word who took on flesh. A Word who can love you back.”

She was reading the gospel that begins with words that would have reminded John's readers of the opening of Genesis: “In the beginning . . .” (Genesis 1:1). John sought to show that Jesus was not only with God at the beginning of time but was God (John 1:1). And this living Word became a man “and made his dwelling among us” (v. 14). Further, those who receive Him, believing in His name, become His children (v. 12).

Michellan embraced God's love that day and was “born of God” (v. 13). She credits God for saving her from her family's pattern of addiction and now

writes about the good news of Jesus, delighting in sharing her words about the Living Word.

If we're believers in Christ, we too can share God's message and His love. As we begin 2022, what grace-filled words can we speak this year?

By Amy Boucher Pye

## **SCRIPTURE:** John 1:1-14 NIV

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome<sup>[a]</sup> it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **REFLECT & PRAY**

What does it mean that Jesus is the Word of God?

What difference will this make to your life in this new year?

Jesus, thank you for revealing yourself the Divine Word of God in the flesh and for teaching us how to live at peace with one another. Give us the words to speak, that we might bless someone with Your grace and love today and through out this new year. We love you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5 , LYNN COLLETON	6 World Day for War Orphans	7	8 RAFMAN MEETING
9	10	11	12	13	14 FREDDIE MOORE	15 MLK Birthday 1929
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr's Day & Kid Inventors' Day	18	19	20 SIMON MCRAE	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Vietnam Peace Day	28	29
30	31					

**FEBRUARY 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 G.I. Joe Day National Freedom Day	2	3 Four Chaplains Day— WWII	4 USO Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 International "Red Hand Day" Against the Use of Child Soldiers
13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Remember the U.S.S. Maine Day	16	17	18	19 Coast Guard Reserve Birthday Iwo Jima Day
20	21 President's Day	22 Washington's Birthday (Actual) ←	23	24	25	26
27	28		<a href="https://www.hfotusa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2022/">https://www.hfotusa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2022/</a> <a href="http://www.holidays-and-observances.com/military-holidays.html...">http://www.holidays-and-observances.com/military-holidays.html...</a> <a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2022">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2022</a>			

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