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Memorial Day has been a federal holiday since 1971, but Memorial Day's history stretches back to the Civil War when it was known as Decoration Day. May 30 was designated "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." ... www.msn.com

*See Memorial Day, Remembering the United States Colored Troops who helped win the Civil War <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2021/05/31/memorial-day-united-states-colored-troops/7470065002/>



The President's message

Each year the month of May and June bring joy and happiness to high school and college graduates all over America. Having the opportunity to finish both high school and college is a wonderful thing. Also, you are never too young to start and never too old to finish.

Congratulations to all who have reached this milestone in the year 2022. A special congratulations to Haley Taylor Schlitz who is graduating from Southern Methodist University Law school in Texas at the age of (19) and a very special congratulations to Beckye Inge who kept her dream alive and finished at the age of 75. Beckye is an honorary RAFMAN member and was the wife of the late US Air Force Retired Percy Inge who was a member of the RAFMAN Club for more than (30) years.

Congratulations to **SIMON MCRAE**



On his second retirement, first as a Chief Damage Controlman from the U.S. Navy after (20+) years and second as a Regional Manager with Stericycle.

Submitted by

Arthur Jarvis, President



May United States Military Holidays and Observances:

Entire month of May:

National Military Appreciation Month

May 1st: **Silver Star Service Banner Day**
(honoring America's wounded, injured and ill service members)

May 1st: **Loyalty Day**
(recognizing the American spirit of loyalty)

May 8th: **V-E Day**

First full week in May:

Public Service Recognition Week

2nd Saturday through 3rd Sunday in May:
Armed Forces Week

2nd Friday in May: **Military Spouse Day**

3rd Saturday in May: **Armed Forces Day**

May 22nd: **Maritime Day**

Last Monday in May: **Memorial Day**

All Members Take Note: **Club Meeting**

Saturday, March 12, 2022

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Arthur Jarvis
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!

Congratulations!

Honorary Member Rebecca Inge

Submitted by President Arthur Jarvis

After being admitted into a Historically Black College and University in 1965, and leaving during her junior year, 75-year-old Rebecca Inge returned to the institution to complete her studies. Culminating a 57-year journey, the grandmother was able to walk across the commencement stage in her cap and gown to receive her bachelor's degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.



About Shaw University

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE SINCE 1865

Shaw University, located in Raleigh, North Carolina, is the first historically black institution of higher education in the South and among the oldest in the nation. Founded in 1865 by Henry Martin Tupper, our mission is to advance knowledge, facilitate student learning and achievement, to enhance the spiritual and ethical values of its students, and to transform a diverse community of learners into future global leaders.

We offer numerous undergraduate degree programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Social Work. In addition, graduate level degrees are also offered leading to the Master of Divinity, the Master of Arts in Christian Education and the Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction - Early Childhood Education. Our accredited programs include kinesiotherapy, social work, divinity and teacher education.

Our students represent over 30 states and numerous foreign countries. The small 17 to 1 student to teacher ratio provides an environment conducive to learning that helps promote student development and achievement.

For over 150 years, we have produced outstanding professionals who have contributed to the advancement of society. Our graduates include college presidents, academic vice presidents, judges, lawyers, recording artists, school principals, pastors, and other notable persons. In addition, the founder of North Carolina Central University and the first presidents of Elizabeth City State and North Carolina A&T Universities were all Shaw graduates. The third president of Fayetteville State University was also a Shaw graduate.

19-Year-Old Poised to Become Youngest African American to Graduate Law School in the Country

Noah A. McGee

SMU Dedman School of Law

What were you doing at 19-years-old? Graduating high school? Freshman in college? Wondering what your summer job was going to be? That's what most people at that age are doing.

But for one 19-year-old, she is preparing to represent clients in court.

is not only set to become the youngest law school graduate at Southern Methodist University ever, but she is also going to become the youngest African American law school graduate in the history of the United States, according to a news release from the university.

I mean, talk about an historic accomplishment.

I won't ever get tired of Black excellence, especially when it comes from a woman.

Three years ago when she was 16-years-old, she was accepted into nine different law schools. She opted for SMU's Dedman School of Law.

More from SMU's news release:

And Haley knows where she is going: After she graduates from SMU Dedman Law on May 13, she hopes to work on education policy issues for an elected official or non-profit organization. Haley is also interested in increasing the opportunities for gifted and talented girls and students of color.

"I really want to help students realize their potential even if they can't home-school," Taylor Schlitz told the Dallas Morning News. "I want to help families open their eyes to the opportunities that they don't even realize are there."

Some of her honors and activities at the university include serving as a mentor in the Young Scholar Program, an organization where young Black women mentor and develop leadership skills for young Black girls, according to the news release.

Haley and her mother, Dr. Myiesha Taylor, published their book, *The Homeschool Alternative*, which shares their experiences with homeschooling and how Black families can blend a "homeschool mindset" into their children's education.

In June 2020, a 17-year-old Haley ran for and was elected to serve as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, becoming one of the youngest delegates.



Read more about **HALEY TAYLOR SCHLITZ**
<https://www.haleytaylor Schlitz.com/about>

From Simon.....

Entertainment News and More.....

I have finally hung up the boxing gloves of the working world. I started on the work journey over fifty-five years ago by signing on to the military -United States Navy- at the age of 18. My career after retiring from the navy in 1995 took a major turn. After retiring from the Navy in 1995-being bored to tears-I took on several small jobs to keep busy. That was a disaster! So, like a lot of the retired military veterans, I signed up with the US Postal Service. I quickly learned that this job was not for me. Having people meet you at the mailbox on public assistance mail days was CRAZY. Others, in their cars, would track me down in the mail truck to just hand them their check. I cannot begin to remember what the last straw was believe you me, I hung up the keys to that truck and took off the postal uniform in about three weeks. After my short stint with the post office, I moved to Orlando and joined a company called Stericycle. I initially thought at the post office that I could work there long enough until I could get transferred to Orlando but I just could not fake it for that long.



Being with Stericycle, Inc was very new to/for me. I started out as a medical waste driver and ran a route to the east coast of Florida daily. I loved meeting all of the vendors in Melbourne, around Andrews Airforce Base and all of the beach areas. I enjoyed going over to east coast and then beating all of the drivers back to the yard daily and would usually finish my day by 11AM, 12 noon at the latest. After five years I was promoted to Transportation Supervisor. After four years I was again promoted and this time to Transportation Manager overseeing the three locations of Apopka, Lakeland and Jacksonville. Three years of that launched me to become BioSystem's Medical Waste Regional Manager. My duties included managing over 64 hospitals and 100 staff members. My area of responsibility was all Central Florida, West Florida, North Florida, most of North Georgia, and a small portion of South Carolina. Ensuring that all of my hospitals had pickups as scheduled and stayed in compliance and was my goal. As well, making sure that each employee and new hire was trained timely and sufficiently prepared with ever changing new information and standards was a daily demand. When the company obtained new hospitals to service, I took teams to the new acquired hospitals and did installations of sometimes up to 300 containers. I was also a certified as an OSHA HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) trainer.



At one of my company retirement's get togethers: (from left to right) Joseph (Regional Manager); ME-with retirement plaque, Greg House (Former District Manager); Rich (Southeast Region Manager)

After twenty- six years and ten months I hung up the keys and left the daily grind of trying to tell people -who really didn't want to work-how and why to do something. I must admit, however, that I did have a fairly large group of loyal, dedicated, employees who took their responsibilities seriously and desired to put in a good days' work. During my years I was awarded Safety Free from 2005 until 2010. Additionally, my hospitals served earned me the Customer Service Standard award for ten years and as a driver I was "Driver of the Year" for five years. Some days I wake up and miss it all but most times I just look back on the good times and days and thank God that I made it.

Now, my garden is flourishing and some days I just do nothing. Isn't nothing grand? No demands, no schedules, no stress!! WOW!! Two careers under my belt and I feel good. So many blessings to count!

Keep the faith and I'll see you soon.

Peace Simon

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

Election Dates



RAFMAN Larry H. Colleton

Election Day

Every two years, a state Primary Election is held 11 weeks before the General Election. The Primary Election is for the purpose of nominating party nominees to be voted for in the General Election to fill a national, state, county, or district office. A General Election is held on the second Tuesday in November of every even-numbered year.

A president is elected every 4 years in a year which is a multiple of four. The next presidential election year is 2024. A Presidential Preference Primary Election is held on the third Tuesday of March. A governor is elected in a separate 4-year election cycle. The next gubernatorial election year is 2022.

Election Dates for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: August 23
- General Election: November 8

Note: Special elections may be called at any time during the year. Local elections may also be held throughout the year. Check the [Local Elections Database](#) which contain dates as reported by the county for elections (county-specific, municipal, special district, or other local election) scheduled within one county. Contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Deadline to Register (Book Closing)

Eligible individuals can register to vote at any time. The deadline to register in order to participate in an upcoming election is 29 days before the election. The registration deadlines for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: July 25
- General Election: October 11

Vote-by-Mail Ballot 'Send' Deadline

State law requires Supervisors of Elections to send, within the following specified timeframes, to voters who already have requests on file:

For absent stateside and overseas uniformed service member and overseas civilian voters (also known as UOCAVA voters), Supervisors of Elections send the ballots no later than 45 days before an election. The send deadlines for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: July 9
- General Election: September 24

For domestic voters, Supervisors of Elections send the ballots during a 7-day window which is between 40 and 33 days before an election. The send periods for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: July 14 - 21
- General Election: September 29 – October 6

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request and Return Deadlines

The deadline to request that a vote-by-mail ballot be **mailed** is no later than 5:00 p.m. (local time) on the 10th day before the election. The deadlines for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: August 13
- General Election: October 29

A vote-by-mail ballot must be **returned and received** by the Supervisor of Elections in the county of registration no later than 7:00 p.m. (local time) on election day for the respective election in order to be counted.

*A 10-day extension exists only for overseas voters for the Presidential Preference Primary and General Election only.

For more information about voting by mail, visit the Division of Elections' webpages [Vote-by-Mail](#) and [Military and Overseas Citizens Voting](#).

Early Voting Period

By law, early voting must be held at least for 8 days. The mandatory early voting periods for 2022 are:

- Primary Election: August 13 - 20
- General Election: October 29 - November 5

Each county Supervisor of Elections may offer more days of early voting from one or more of the following days:

- Primary Election: August 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 21
- General Election: October 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and November 6

Check with your [county Supervisor of Elections](#) for the additional days of early voting that may be offered in your county. For more information about early voting, visit the Division of Elections' webpage on Early Voting.

<https://www.dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/election-dates/>



RAFMAN Joe Cockerl

Declaration of Black Financial Empowerment

From this day forward, I declare my vigilant and lifelong commitment to financial empowerment. I pledge the following:

- 1) To save and invest 10% to 15% of my after-tax income
- 2) To be a proactive and informed investor
- 3) To be a disciplined and knowledgeable consumer
- 4) To measure my personal wealth by net worth, not income
- 5) To engage in sound budget, credit and tax management practices
- 6) To teach business and financial principles to my children
- 7) To use a portion of my wealth to strengthen my community
- 8) To support the creation and growth of profitable, competitive black-owned enterprises
- 9) To maximize my earning power through a commitment to career development, technology literacy and professional excellence
- 10) To ensure that wealth is passed on to future generations

WHO ARE THESE CHRISTIANS

Last week, Right Wing Watch, the liberal watchdog group, flagged online video of a recent interview with Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene by one Michael Voris of Church Militant, a far-right Catholic organization. In it, the Republican congresswoman, whose website touts her “strong Christian faith,” unburdens herself of an opinion that is, to put it mildly, startling. “Satan’s controlling the church,” she says. “The church is not doing its job. And it’s not adhering to the teachings of Christ. And it’s not adhering to what the word of God says we’re supposed to do and how we’re supposed to live.” Maybe you wonder what precipitated such harsh criticism. Was it some act of fiscal malfeasance? Some new scandal of pedophile priests? Actually, Greene’s ire was stirred by the idea of Catholic bishops rendering aid to undocumented immigrants on the Southern border. “Oh, we have to love these people and take care of these migrants,” she says in a mocking singsong. “Yes, we’re supposed to love one another, but their definition of what ‘love one another’ means means destroying our laws. . . . The true meaning of loving one another . . . means that you also have to uphold the law.” It’s a bizarre exegesis supported by no Bible. To the contrary, Greene’s take invalidates generations of Christian activism, thousands of believers — Martin Luther King is only the most prominent — arrested in every cause from racial equality to climate change to nuclear arms to the death penalty. Further, it ignores that the very founder of the faith was a refugee who was later executed — spoiler alert: it didn’t stick — for supposedly breaking the law. The congresswoman’s misapplication of the faith she claims to uphold ought not surprise anyone. The Bible says God created mankind “in his own image.” But many alleged conservatives invert that. They create the deity in their image, a God who thinks and acts like them, who bears their limitations and biases, their solipsism and illogicality, their mendacity and abiding fear. And they hold to that false deity with ferocious vigor. Author Eddy Harris once described a conversation with a white woman in Mississippi whose mother belonged to a whites-only church in the 1960s. The older woman was asked whether Jesus would have allowed African Americans to worship in his church. “Of course he would have,” she said, “but Jesus would have been wrong.” In other words, asked to choose between the prime directive of her faith — “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind . . . love your neighbor as yourself” — and the miserly nature of her own heart, she chose the latter. As does Greene. As do millions of other putative Christians on a daily basis. It’s not hard to understand why they create God in their own image. If God is just like you, it makes life a lot easier. If God is just like you, you already are everything you need to be. So there’s no cause to work, challenge, stretch or pray yourself into becoming a better, humbler, gentler, kinder, more liberal and generous soul. You don’t have to care about the plight of the stranger, the hungry, the broken, the unhoused, the immigrant at the border. If God is just like you, you can be self-satisfied and judgmental instead. Why not? If God is just like you, you are, by definition, correct in all your biases and fears. But what if God is not?

Read more at: <https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/leonard-pittsjr/article260860097.html#storylink=cpy>

Charles Young: A century after his death, the first Black US Army colonel is promoted to general



By Chandelis Duster, CNN /<https://www.cnn.com/>

Charles Young, the first Black US Army colonel whose groundbreaking military career was hampered a century ago by the racism of the era, was posthumously promoted on Friday to brigadier general.



Young's promotion retroactively makes him the first Black American recognized with that rank, the Army said.

The honorary designation, following years of efforts to posthumously promote him, was the focus of an official promotion ceremony at the United States Military Academy at West Point on Friday. After Young was passed over for promotion before his death in 1922, a Black service member wouldn't join the general officers rank in the Army until Benjamin Davis Sr. was promoted to brigadier general in 1940.

Young's "promotion today to brigadier general has been a long time delayed, but fortunately for all of us no longer denied," Under Secretary of the Army Gabe Camarillo said Friday in remarks during the ceremony. Camarillo also praised Young as a "model leader" and called his legacy "frankly inspiring." Members of Young's family were in attendance at the ceremony, including his great niece Renotta Young, who was presented with Young's posthumous honorary promotion order and certificate, a gold-plated leather belt that general officers wear, and a one-star general officer flag.

"Charles Young weathered social isolation not only at West Point but throughout his military and National Parks career," Renotta Young recalled in a speech Friday, adding that despite the hardships Young faced, he "managed to love" the American experiment.

"While he felt the sharp sting of discriminatory treatment from his classmates here at West Point, at various points in his career from his superiors also, he did not consign all of White America to the racist side of the ledger," she added.

Renotta Young told CNN it's taken half a century to get her uncle promoted to brigadier general, an effort largely driven by her family and the Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc. in which Young is an honorary member.

"Even though it was long overdue, this was the time it happened, and I think this is the right time for folks to communicate the legacy of his life and what he has done for our country," she told CNN.

Racism blocked Young's career path

Born in 1864 in May's Lick, Kentucky, to enslaved parents, Young graduated from high school with honors and became an elementary school teacher for two years. After encouragement from his father, Young took entrance exams for West Point but was not selected to attend despite having the second highest score. It wasn't until a candidate dropped out the following year that Young received his acceptance letter and became the ninth Black attendee of the academy in 1884. During his time at the academy, he faced racism from instructors and fellow cadets but persevered. In 1889, he became the third Black graduate from the academy following Henry Ossian Flipper and John Hanks Alexander.

After graduating from the academy, it was three months before he received an assignment because at the time, Black officers were not allowed to command White troops, according to his National Park Service biography. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to the Ninth Cavalry in Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and Fort Duchesne, Utah, a regiment of the "Buffalo Soldiers." The Buffalo Soldiers were regiments of Black soldiers who played a key role in the US' expansion of the West and were initially commanded by White officers. They also served as some of the first national park rangers and protected parks from poachers.

Young would break another barrier in 1903 when he became the first Black national park superintendent after he and his troops were assigned to manage Sequoia National Park in northern California. He was the first Black military attaché, became the first military attaché to Haiti and the Dominican Republic on the island of Hispaniola in 1904, and was appointed military attaché to Liberia in 1912. He also taught military sciences and tactics at Wilberforce University in Ohio in between his military duties.

Young received additional promotions during his military career, including major in 1912 and lieutenant colonel in 1916, according to NPS. He was medically retired in July 1917 and was promoted to colonel, the first Black man to reach that rank.

At the time, as he wrote to his longtime friend and civil rights activist W.E.B. DuBois, he was skeptical of the reasoning for the medical retirement, as he insisted he was in fine health and wanted to continue with his active service.

He was later recalled to helped train Black soldiers during World War I and in 1920, Young was sent back as military attaché in Liberia. While on a research expedition in Nigeria, Young became ill and died on January 8, 1922. After his death, his body was repatriated to the US and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Young's legacy grew in the century after his death. The Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument was established in 2013 in Wilberforce, Ohio, and in February 2020, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, a Democrat, posthumously promoted Young to brigadier general in the Kentucky National Guard and sent a letter to President Joe Biden requesting he recognize Young with the promotion at the federal level. In November 2021, Under Secretary of Defense Gilbert Cisneros Jr. informed the House and Senate armed service committees that he had approved Young's honorary promotion.

It was an attempt to address a long-running stain on the history of the US Army and to honor a man who, as memorialized by DuBois, was a "triumph of tragedy."

"No one ever knew the truth about the Hell he went through at West Point," DuBois wrote in an edition of the NAACP's "The Crisis" publication a month after Young's death.

"He was one of the few men I know who literally turned the other cheek with Jesus Christ," DuBois wrote. "He was laughed at for it and his own people chided him bitterly, yet he persisted. When a white Southern pigmy at West Point protested at taking food from a dish passed first to Young, Young passed it to him first and afterward to himself. When officers of inferior rank refused to salute a 'n***er,' he saluted them. Seldom did he lose his temper, seldom complain."

Johnnie Jones, World War II veteran and Army's first Black warrant officer, dies

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World War II veteran Johnnie Jones, Sr., poses for a portrait at his home in Baton Rouge, La., May 28, 2019. His goddaughter, Mada McDonald, tells WAFB-TV that Jones died on Saturday, April, 23, 2022, at a veterans' home in Jackson, La. (Gerald Herbert/AP)

BATON ROUGE, La. — Johnnie A. Jones Sr., a Louisiana civil rights attorney and World War II veteran who was wounded during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, has died. Jones was 102 years old. Jones' goddaughter, Mada McDonald, told WAFB-TV that Jones died Saturday at the Louisiana War Veterans' Home in Jackson, Louisiana.

Jones was born Nov. 30, 1919, in Laurel Hill, La., and raised on Rosemound Plantation by his parents, who farmed 73 acres of land but insisted that their son get an education. He graduated from Southern University and then was drafted in 1942. He became the Army's first African American warrant officer. He was assigned to a unit responsible for unloading equipment and supplies onto Normandy.

During the June 6, 1944 invasion — as Jones came ashore on Omaha Beach — he came under fire from a German sniper. Jones grabbed his weapon and returned fire, a memory that haunted him all his life.

"I still see him, I see him every night," Jones told The Associated Press in a 2019 interview.

Jones almost never made it to the beachhead that day. His ship hit a mine, and he was blown from the second deck to the first. The explosion, "blew me sky high into the air," Jones was quoted as saying in an Department of Veterans Affairs interview. Later, Jones got hit with shrapnel when he didn't hit the ground fast enough during a bomb attack.

By the end of World War II, more than a million African Americans were in uniform including the famed Tuskegee Airmen and the 761st Tank Battalion. But they returned from the war only to encounter discrimination back home.

Jones told the AP in 2019 that after returning from Europe, he had to move to the back of a bus filled with fellow soldiers as it crossed the Mason-Dixon line separating North from South.

"I couldn't sit with the soldiers I had been on the battlefield with. I had to go to the back of the bus," said Jones. Moreover, while traveling to New Orleans to get shrapnel removed from his neck, Jones was pulled over by a white police officer and roughed up.

Such events served as a call to action, to fight racism. He obtained a law degree and was recruited in 1953 to help organize a bus boycott in Baton Rouge and defend the participants. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King used that event to plan his larger bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., several years later.

Jones also defended students arrested during sit-ins as civil rights protests gained momentum in the South. His car was bombed twice.

The French government in 2020 presented Jones with the Legion of Honor award for his World War II service.

It took decades for Jones' sacrifice and courage during World War II to be recognized. In 2021 — at age 101 — he finally received a Purple Heart, which is awarded to U.S. service members killed or wounded in action.

The Louisiana Digital Library has [an interview with Jones](#) on its website. Funeral arrangements are pending, McDonald told the TV station.



One of the Last Surviving Tuskegee Airmen Requests Birthday Cards for His 100th Birthday

Meghan Overdeep



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Retired Sgt. Victor W. Butler is turning 100 this month, and the WWII vet only has one wish: birthday cards.

Butler is believed to be the last surviving Tuskegee Airman in Rhode Island, WJAR reports.

"Oh, I'll read every one of them," he told the Providence-based news station. Butler was a mechanic for the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, the first all-Black unit of the WWII Army Air Forces.

"The airfield was very nice. It was the visit to the town that was bad," he recalled to WJAR. "Being in Tuskegee, Alabama, it wasn't very acceptable to white people for black soldiers to be walking around."

More than 900 men trained at Tuskegee from 1940 to 1946. About 450 deployed overseas and 150 lost their lives during that period.

"You could say that one of the things we were fighting for was equality," the late Charles McGee told *The Associated Press* in 1995. "Equality of opportunity. We knew we had the same skills, or better." © Provided by Southern Living/Courtesy WJAR

Butler, who enjoys doing puzzles to "occupy the time," shared a little bit of well-earned wisdom. "Just enjoy life as it is. Be thankful," he told WJAR. "I'm thankful that I have a nice wife, and a nice home to live in."

"There are so many people that have lost their home and I am very fortunate to have a nice home and wife and my family who come to visit me often," he added.

WATCH: Charles McGee, Legendary Tuskegee Airman, Dies at 102

Butler is turning 100 on May 21. If you would like to send him a birthday card, you can mail it to:

Victor W. Butler
 C/O Gary Butler
 P.O. Box. 3523
 Cranston, RI 02910





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! God bless President Volodymyr Zelensky and the Ukrainian people.



The Fierce Struggle

Our struggle is . . . against the powers of this dark world. Ephesians 6:12 NIV

In 1896, an explorer named Carl Akeley found himself in a remote section of Ethiopia, chased by an eighty-pound leopard. He remembered the leopard pouncing, trying “to sink her teeth into my throat.” She missed, snagging his right arm with her vicious jaws. The two rolled in the sand—a long, fierce struggle. Akeley weakened, and “it became a question of who would give up first.” Summoning his last bit of strength, Akeley was able to suffocate the big cat with his bare hands.

The apostle Paul explained how each of us who believe in Jesus will inevitably encounter our own fierce struggles, those places where we feel overwhelmed and are tempted to surrender. Instead, we must take our “stand against the devil’s schemes” and “stand firm” (Ephesians 6:11, 14). Rather than cower in fear or crumble as we recognize our weakness and vulnerability, Paul challenged us to step forward in faith, remembering that we don’t rely on our own courage and strength but on God. “Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power,” he wrote (v. 10). In the challenges we face, He’s only a prayer away (v. 18).

Yes, we have many struggles, and we’ll never escape them by our own power or ingenuity. But God is more powerful than any enemy or evil we’ll ever face.

By Winn Collier

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:10-20 NIV

The Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

REFLECT & PRAYER

What fight are you (or someone you love) facing right now? How is God inviting you to stand firm in His strength and fight?

God, the fight is real. The evil is real. We don’t know what to do, but we’re trusting You and Your mighty power to be with us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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

<https://odb.org/>

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National Military Appreciation Month**May 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Silver Star Banner Day	2	3	4	5	6 Mallory Graham Military Spouse Appreciation	7 Rep. Val Demings Military Service Academy Day
8	9	10	11	12	13 Children of Fall- en Patriots Day	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Loretta Cockerl Memorial Day					

<https://militarybenefits.info/national-vietnam-war-veterans-day/><https://www.hfotusa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2022/><http://www.holidays-and-observances.com/military-holidays.html...><https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2022>**JUNE 2022**

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5 Mary Dickson	6	7	8	9	10	11 Meeting Host June: Arthur Jarvis
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27 Martha Moore	28	28	30		

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