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★ NOTICE ★

Do to circumstances beyond our control the **scholarship edition** of the newsletter will be published in **July 2022**.
—Arthur Jarvis

***Special Thanks**
to all of you who continually contribute to the newsletter.

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Happy Father's Day



To: Veterans, Active Military Dads,
and Fathers Everywhere!



Our Dad ★ OUR HERO





President's Message

First, my apologies to Mothers. Please forgive me for not honoring you during the month of May on Mother's Day. In compiling this month's newsletter two quotes came to mind—

"Charge it to my head and not my heart" meaning sometimes I do forget!

To RAFMAN Club members, honorary members, Veterans, and active military and their spouses who are Fathers or Mothers—

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22:6 KJV

Again, my apologies, **Happy Belated Mother's Day!** Thank you for doing an awesome job of nurturing a child/children.



All Members Take Note:

Club Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2022

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Jerald Marks
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!

Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day 2022! Every year the third Sunday of June is dedicated to fathers all around the world. In many countries including India, Father's Day is celebrated to show respect and cherish the father figures in one's life. A father is said to be like the shade of a tree in our life. Whenever we feel troubled, our fathers give us the support we need. He is not only a father but also a role model, friend, protector, guide and hero. Just as a mother gives us life, a father teaches us to live this life right while also saving us from troubles.

When Is Father's Day 2022? Date, Significance and History of This Special Day for Super Dads Everywhere!

It is impossible to describe the importance of father in just a few words but we can definitely express our love, and respect for our father. This year Father's Day will be celebrated on June 19. To make your father happy on this day, you can give him cards, gifts and flowers. You can also decorate your father's room, bake cakes for him and prepare his favorite dishes. Most important: don't forget to say thank you to your father.

Father's Day Date & History

According to history, Sonora Smart Dodd founded Father's Day after being inspired by the love and sacrifice of her father, William Jackson Smart. Sonora's father took part in the American Civil War. After the passing of four siblings and mother, Sonora's father raised her. **Father's Day was first celebrated in America on June 19, 1910.** Later, in 1966, US President Lyndon B. Johnson approved celebrating Father's Day on the third Sunday of June.

This day is completely dedicated to the fathers. This day expresses the immense respect you have towards your father for him. Father's Day is celebrated on different days in different countries. This day is dedicated to showing respect to the father and his love and sacrifice. A father's contribution to the upbringing of a child is often overlooked. They work day and night to keep their families healthy and happy, these unintentional efforts are often taken lightly and turned into responsibilities. Go ahead and remind your dad how happy you are because of him.

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Submitted by,

Arthur Jarvis





From Simon.....

Entertainment News and More.....

Father's Day...with this holiday impending upon us, I looked around to find some things to share. Here we are:



This holiday is a time to express to our fathers...if you still have yours... the gratitude we have for the sacrifices they made. It is a time to elevate our relationships with them to the forefront of our hearts and minds. God showed us the importance of this relationship clearly throughout scripture and capitalizing it in the Gospels. It gives us an intimate view of the relationship between Christ, the Son, and God the Father. Jesus gave thanks to the Father as an example to us. Father's Day is the time we designate to thank our earthly fathers and our Heavenly Father, just as our Savior did.

Father's Day is about being thankful for the man or men in our lives that stepped up and shouldered the responsibility of fatherhood for us. It is about recognizing the sacrifices that those men made to be a good figure in our lives. We are called by God to love our fathers and mothers every day, but this holiday is specifically to recognize the role and impact fathers have. As followers of Christ, it is about being grateful to our Heavenly Father for those men.

What's the difference between a dad and a father? Most people familiar with the terms "**dad**" and "**father**" have heard the frequently used quote, "Any man can become a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad."

This particular quote, along with several other quotes, statements, and jokes, tells us that many people feel that there is a big difference between the definition of a **father** and a **dad**. It seems that to most people, the word **father** has a negative connotation while the word **dad** is warm and loving.

What are the real differences between a dad and a father? Understanding the differences might encourage you to lean one way more than the other, but it can help open your eyes to the men you associate yourself with. Knowing the difference **is** key to being the parent that you truly want to be.

Father's Day is to me is about being thankful to the men in our lives who take on the responsibility and obligations of guiding us through life. Most of the time, taking that responsibility begins at the birth of their child. But sometimes God gives children their father through other paths.

In two weeks, I am going to my brother-Clyde's- 90th birthday party. He has a large, loving family. Must have been a good Dad.

I lost my Dad early in life, but other good men stepped up. I hope that all of us RAFMAN brothers have been good Dads. The road probably wasn't always easy, but what in life is?

Happy Father's Day, RAFMAN brothers.

Keep the faith and I'll see you soon.

Peace..... Simon

A WELL-REGULATED MILITIA, ...



RAFMAN Larry Colleton

The above-stated clause is the beginning of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Twenty-seven words make up the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment reads as follows: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

It is the above-stated twenty seven words that has resulted in more than 400 million guns to be in the possession of 23% of this nation. That’s correct. 77% of the people who live in the United States do not own or possess a firearm.

Let’s look at the numbers more closely. There are approximately 330 million people in the United States. Of that number in the United States, approximately 80 million or roughly 23% own or possess a firearm. Therefore, the average firearm owner owns at least four firearms.

Today, the question the country faces is the incredible lethality of the weapons available for purchase and the easiness upon which they can be purchased. As an example, 45 year-old Michael Louis purchased a semi-automatic rifle just hours before he killed Dr. Preston Phillips, 59; Dr. Stephanie Husen, 48; Amanda Glenn, 40; and William Love, 73 on June 1, 2022. At 2 p.m., Louis purchased an AR-15. At 4:52 p.m., he shot two doctors, the receptionist and a patient at the facility with the AR-15.

Does the country have the courage and commitment to address the issue of gun violence that plague the United States? The answer may rest with those of us willing to stand up to the gun manufacturers of the world, the National Rifle Association, the Republican Party and white America. Standing up to this billion dollar industry and the lobbying who fund political campaign is no easy task but it is time to speak the truth about the Second Amendment.

The truth is the Second Amendment did not give everyone living in the United States the right to bear arms. For those originalists who like to say we must look at the Constitution as it was written in 1789 and amended in 1791. First of all, Blacks and Native Americans could not own or possess firearms. The Native Americans were considered savages by the Constitution and Blacks were considered 3/5 of a white man. The 3/5 clause was just for counting the number of humans in the U.S. for apportionment of congressional districts.

At the passage of the Second Amendment, states were expected to establish their individual Militia for its protection and that of the country. However, Congress was given the authority to regulate. Therefore, the prefatory language of the Second Amendment is critically important that is “A well-regulated militia,”. The right of the people to bear arms shall not be infringed upon in order for a well-regulated militia to be established.

So how did the Second Amendment become this right that every person over 18 can purchase any gun he or she wants legally. This is due primarily to white fear, white supremacy, and white domination through the use of the gun. Additionally, the gun manufacturers of the world have bought a gun advocacy group, namely the National Rifle Association. The National Rifle Association in conjunction with the gun manufacturers of the world have bought the Republican Party, the so-called conservatives of the U.S. and white evangelical Christians. Therefore, there is a ready an willing opposition to any meaningful federal gun control or gun safety legislation in this country.

In a simple language, it needs to be said that the country and more importantly, each state, the District of Columbia, and the various territories of the United States has a citizen militia. It is called the National Guard. A National Guard that can be called up by the governor of each state as well as being federalized by the President of the United States.

The time is now to speak the truth about the Second Amendment. We are the who that must speak the truth.



Admiral Linda L. Fagan

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard



Admiral Linda L. Fagan assumed the duties as the 27th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on June 1st, 2022. As Commandant, she oversees all global Coast Guard operations and 42,000 active-duty, 7,000 reserve, and 8,700 civilian personnel, as well as the support of 21,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers. She previously served as the 32nd Vice Commandant. Prior flag assignments include Commander, Pacific Area, and Commander, Coast Guard Defense Force West; Deputy Commandant for Operations, Policy, and Capability; Commander, First Coast Guard District; and a joint assignment as Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters, United States Northern Command.



Admiral Fagan has served on all seven continents, from the snows of Ross Island, Antarctica to the heart of Africa, from Tokyo to Geneva, and in many ports along the way. Operational tours include Commander, Sector New York, more than 15 years as a Marine Inspector, and sea duty in USCGC POLAR STAR, a 399 ft heavy polar icebreaker. Staff assignments include Executive Assistant to the Commandant and Vice Commandant, and Division Chief of the Foreign and Offshore Compliance Office.

Possessing extensive interagency as well as intergovernmental experience, Admiral Fagan has worked with both the International Maritime Organization and International Labor Organization on flag state and port state issues. This work includes the development of the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS), and the Consolidated Maritime Labor Convention.

Admiral Fagan holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science in Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington, and a Master in National Resource Strategy degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. She has earned numerous personal and team awards during her 37 years of Coast Guard service. Admiral Fagan is the longest serving active-duty Marine Safety Officer and holds the distinction of being the Coast Guard's first-ever Gold Ancient Tri-dent.



1776—1777 First American Flag Created

Continental Congressman Francis Hopkinson designs a United States flag and a flag for the U.S. Navy, however, Hopkinson's naval flag becomes the preferred National flag and the Continental Marine Committee sponsors the U.S. Flag Resolution on **June 14, 1777**.

1916—President Woodrow Wilson Recognizes Flag Day

Celebrating the selection of the first American flag back in 1777, President Wilson signs off on establishing June 14 of each year as Flag Day.

July 4, 1960—The Current U.S. Flag is Completed

The 50th star, representing Hawaii (not Alaska), completes the flag flown in the U.S. today.

July 20, 1969—The U.S. Flag Sees the Moon

There are now six U.S. flags present on the moon, but the first was placed by Neil Armstrong in 1969.

The first flag featured the same 13 red and white stripes we see today. However, the number and arrangement of stars have changed as the number of states has increased over the centuries. The current flag has remained the same since 1960. Will we ever go from 50 to 51?

<https://nationaltoday.com/flag-day/>



U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY JUNE 14



<https://nationaltoday.com/army-birthday/>

HISTORY OF ARMY BIRTHDAY

The U.S. Army is 247 years old, and counting. That's a LOT of birthday candles! The annual celebration marks the date in history in 1775 when the Continental Army was formed by the Second Continental Congress and commanded under General George Washington to fight against Britain.

Of course, the U.S. Army wasn't always the strongest military in the world as it is today. The original 'army' was formed from volunteer soldiers, amateur troops, and minutemen, who just had the passion and dedication to defend their land against the British. Actually, military forces existed in the United States before the country even formally existed. Independent colonial armies commanded inexperienced militia.

The Revolutionary War started in America on April 19, 1775, with exchanges of musketry between Massachusetts militiamen and British regulars at Lexington and Concord. As soldiers were alerted in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, they responded to the alarm, and a state of war was in the air between the British government and the four colonies. Called the Army of Observation, a force of New Englanders surrounded Boston and had the British troops who occupied it under siege, but they needed help. Delegate representatives of all 13 colonies were approached and requested to join them in the battle for American liberty.

When the Continental Army delegates assembled on May 10 in Philadelphia, they learned that British forts at Ticonderoga and Crown Point on Lake Champlain in New York were captured by armed men led by Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen. The situation quickly turned into a crisis, as the delegates realized that the military coup would need to be addressed if the desired reconciliation was to happen. The next step was taken by the Congress, which eventually transformed the small rebellion into a full war for independence. The establishment of the Continental Army resulted in the U.S. Army that we know today.

There was a time when there were never more than 48,000 Continental soldiers. Today, the United States Army boasts over one million soldiers on duty, with an additional 800,000 Reserve- and National Guard members.

The resilience of the U.S. Army and its history is a testimony to how integral the military is in peacekeeping. Gratitude is expressed tremendously on the Army's Birthday with events and ceremonies.

U.S. ARMY 247TH BIRTHDAY

June 14, 2022

**Congratulations
RAFMAN Club Members!**



JAMES E. KING, SR.



MELVIN HENRY



DONALD DURANT



LESLIE STOVES, III



Inaugural Juneteenth Celebration

<https://www.orlando.gov/Events/Inaugural-Juneteenth-Celebration>

When: Next date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 | 12:00 PM to 05:00 PM

Location: Lake Lorna Doone Park, 1519 West Church Street, Orlando, FL 32805

Join Mayor Buddy Dyer, District 5 Commissioner Regina I. Hill and District 6 Commissioner Bakari F. Burns for the Inaugural Juneteenth Celebration at Lake Lorna Doone Park. The event will feature live music and entertainment, a kid's zone, vendor village and food trucks.



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100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc.



Non Profit <https://www.blackorganizations.com/us/florida/orlando-non-profit>

100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc. ,a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation has executed the national strategy since its establishment in 1991. Education enhancement projects have included annual participation in the Orange County Teach-In; in-kind and professional mentorship to Orange County Public Schools; support for the Nap Ford Charter School in Orlando; and a \$10,000 contribution to the Florida A&M University College of Law Scholarship Fund. Each year, 100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc. awards scholarships to Jones High School graduates, with the intent of providing financial support during their four-year undergraduate term. Currently, 100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc. supports 20 students in undergraduate and graduate school. To date, over \$1,500,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded to Jones High School graduates. The Organization is also a Life Member of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The membership of 100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc. represents leadership in a range of professions including business, construction, law, higher education, medicine, communications, government, architecture and engineering. They are committed to serving the Orlando community, returning the investment this community and many others have made into their personal and professional success.

The 100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc. is committed to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of the African-American community based on the following: respect for family, spirituality, justice, and integrity.

The 100 Black Men of Orlando, Inc. seeks to serve as a beacon of leadership by utilizing members diverse skills and talents to create an environment where our children are motivated to achieve and to empower our people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the community we serve.

100 Black Men of Greater Orlando, Inc. is dedicated to the advancement of youth in the community.



Sick n' Shut-ins:

Orita McRae (surgery on right knee)

To Bereaved Families:

We extend our prayers and heart-felt sympathy to families everywhere! God bless President Volodymyr Zelensky and the Ukrainian people.



FATHERLESS NO MORE

[God is] a father to the fatherless.
Psalm 68:5

Guy Bryant, single and with no children of his own, worked in New York City's child welfare department. Daily, he encountered the intense need for foster parents and decided to do something about it. For more than a decade, Bryant fostered more than fifty children, once caring for nine at a time. "Every time I turned around there was a kid who needed a place to stay," Bryant explained. "If you have the space in your home and heart, you just do it. You don't really think about it." The foster children who've grown and established their own lives still have keys to Bryant's apartment and often return on Sundays for lunch with "Pops." Bryant has shown the love of a father to many.

The Scriptures tell us that God pursues all who are forgotten or cast aside. Although some believers will find themselves destitute and vulnerable in this life, He promises to be with them. God is "a father to the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5). If, through neglect or tragedy, we're alone, God is still there—reaching out to us, drawing us near, and giving us hope. Indeed, "God sets the lonely in families" (v.6) in Jesus, other believers comprise our spiritual family.

Whatever our challenging family stories, our isolation, our abandonment, or our relational dysfunction may be, we can know that we're loved. With God, we're fatherless no more.

By Winn Collier

SCRIPTURE: Psalm:68:1-10 NIV

- 1 May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.
- 2 May you blow them away like smoke—
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.
- 3 But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.
- 5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
- 6 God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
- 7 When you, God, went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.
- 10 Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor



REFLECT & PRAYER

What does it mean for you to have a Heavenly Father who loves you and will never leave you? How does He meet your deepest needs?

Father God, I need a good father, a true father, one who will not leave me. I'm trusting You to be this Father for me.

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

<https://odb.org/>

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National Military Appreciation Month**JUNE 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	http:// www.dday.org		1	2	3	4 Mary Stoves
5 Mary Dickson	6 WWII Allied invasion in Nor- mandy, France, D-Day (1944)	7	8	9	10	11 Meeting Host Jerald Marks
12	13	14 Flag Day the adoption of the U.S. flag Army Birthday	15	16	17	18
19 Happy Father's Day	20 Juneteenth Observed Monday, June 20	21	22	23 Coast Guard <u>Auxiliary</u> Birthday	24	25 Anniversary start of the Korean War (1950)
26	27 Martha Moore	28	28	30		
27-National PTSD Awareness Day A day set aside to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD. PTSD resources at https://www.operationwearehere.com/otsd.html						

<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>

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Thomas Carter	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28	29	30		

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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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