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Ian's Horrific Trail of Destruction

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Thanks

to all of you who continually contribute to the newsletter.
—President Jarvis



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CNN— As of Tuesday, Oct. 4 at least 109 people have been reported killed by the hurricane in the United States, with 105 of those deaths in Florida and 55 of them in Lee County.



<https://www.outraveler.com/news/2022/10/03/pics-show-ians-horrific-trail-destruction#media-gallery-media-4>

By Eric Levenson

Ian's path of devastation

(CNN) – Whether as a hurricane, tropical storm, or disorganized system, Ian's combination of high winds, heavy rain, and historic storm surge left a trail of destruction in its wake.

The storm first struck Cuba last Tuesday before strengthening into a Category 4 major hurricane and smashing into Florida's west coast. Ian then cut northeast across the state and into the Atlantic Ocean, where it regained some intensity and made landfall in South Carolina on Friday.

Ian demolished buildings and swept away vehicles and boats, dumping the debris all throughout the town of Fort Myers Beach...

When asked if **Sanibel Island** is currently livable, Mayor Smith said, "Frankly, no."

"It's just not the coast of Florida that's been impacted," he told CNN on Sunday. "We've got impacts all the way through Orlando, up to the East Coast. Places like St. Augustine had devastating flooding."

North Carolina

The remnants of Ian hit North Carolina on Friday and Saturday and caused **four deaths there**, including three fatal vehicle crashes and one death from carbon monoxide poisoning due to a generator running in a closed garage, according to Gov. Roy Cooper's office...





President's message

Greetings in the month of October 2022, the 10th month of the year. The end of September and the beginning of October of this year will long be remembered as the time when hurricane Ian came ashore on Florida's west coast and caused catastrophe flooding and wind damage in parts of the state of Florida.

While many of us are thankful that we escaped the fury and destructive power of Ian, many didn't, many lost everything they owned, some of those people are right here in central FL. Now is the time to come together, not just to remember those in need with thoughts and prayers, but to assist them in whatever way we can. We all know that the need is there.

In the mist of all that is taking place with the RAFMAN Club is preparing for our 48th Anniversary celebration with our annual church service at Bethlehem MB Church, Winter Garden FL on Oct 30, at 3:00 pm. We request and encourage those who can to please come out and celebrate this milestone with us. Forty-eight years is a long time, so again join us for this wonderful occasion. The keynote speaker will be our RAFMAN Brother, Minister Charles Dorsey.

Please take a moment to read our sick list in the newsletter, we have several people on the sick list. Keep them in your prayer.

Saint Augustine once quoted these words:

"Find out how much God has given you, and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others"

Submitted by:

*Arthur Jarvis, President
RAFMAN Club*

All Members Take Note:

Club Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Joe Cockerl
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.....



October!! The best month of the year for the sport fanatic. Yes, all of the sports are active from the NFL to the NBA, NCAA (collegiate) to High School, to the NLB (where it is almost time for the World Series). You can choose any one on almost any given day with Sunday-after Church of course), Monday, Thursday, and Saturday offering the best pickings. I hope that all of your teams fare well from start to finish and that the home team(s) find themselves in great position.

We recently had a late Hurricane in our very own backyards. I hope that all of you find yourself and your family without any personal damages. We know that property and tangibles can be restored although it hurts badly. But, if the mind and body came out well, then there is the blessing. It is concerning, however, to see so many of our friends and neighbors bear such great loss with the flooding and wind damages. Much prayer to all who had a loss to know and find the understanding that, with mind and body intact, you can rebuild and obtain all that you had and more of what was before. Want He do it?

Here are some fun facts for October to keep us going in a lighter mood:

- The name for the month of October originates from the Latin word “octō”, which means “eight”.
- The meaning behind October’s name is far from accurate these days. The ancient Roman calendar was based on the lunar cycles, as opposed to our current calendar which is based on the solar cycles. This meant that there were originally 10 months in their calendar, and October was the eighth month. Its name literally translated into “the eighth month” in Latin. In 451 BC the two months of Ianuarius and Februarius were added to the beginning of the calendar, making October the 10th month.
- Every year, October ends on the same day as February.
- Those born in October can be born under one of two very different star signs. If you’re born before October 23rd, then you have the sign of Libra. Those born on October 23rd or later have the sign of Scorpio. Libras are said to value harmony and diplomacy and are said to be both intelligent and kind. Scorpions are quite different, valuing trust and honesty above other things, as well as being quite intense yet imaginative people.
- It wouldn’t be October without Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31st. The celebration’s origins go all the way back to the Gaelic people of modern-day England, Scotland, and Ireland, who celebrated the festival of Samhain. Among other activities, the original celebrants of Samhain would dress in costumes or disguises and go door-to-door receiving gifts of food, much like how today’s children dress up and receive treats!

So, October is here and quickly behind it comes the joyful holiday season. Let’s keep the same wonderful spirit throughout the year and the world would be at peace. I’ll start and maybe it will spread through the RAFMAN brotherhood.

Keep the faith and I’ll see you soon.

Peace..... Simon



The Black men that became America's first paramedics

Paramedics are the lifelines in U.S. communities, responding to all kinds of medical emergencies, and yet the history of the emergency medical services (EMS) and Paramedics is little known.

In 1966, the National academy of Sciences wrote a paper damning the nation's medical emergency response system. Essentially, there were no standard or uniform procedures in responding to medical emergencies. The use of ambulances, in some cases, hearses were used, driven by undertakers from funeral homes. In other situations, the sick and injured might be treated by a police officer or volunteer firefighter who was not trained in emergency care.

Peter Safar, a local doctor that was deeply concerned about the quality of emergency medical treatment rendered to the sick and injured in the city of Pittsburgh. The Doctor had lost his daughter to an asthma attack. He felt that she didn't get the right help between her home and the hospital.

Doctor Safar sought help from a local Black nonprofit organization named Freedom House. Freedom House provided work to black men. Their primary job was delivering vegetables to low-income Black families. Freedom House mission was changed from food delivery to transporting the sick and injured to hospitals.

Doctor Safar designed the modern ambulance - including life saving medical equipment. He also developed the first course to train paramedics. A group of 30 Black men were the first to enroll in the course. In the time span of eight months these men learned how to manage emergencies like heart attacks and seizures.

These black paramedics saw their first call during the 1968 uprising that followed the assassination of DR. Martin Luther King junior. History showed that the paramedics' training was effective. In 1972, 1400 patients were brought to local area hospitals in Pittsburg. The Freedom House provided the best critical care for these patients. The Freedom House paramedics provided care for 89 percent of the patients, police and volunteers delivered 38 percent and 13 percent respectively.

The city of Pittsburgh ended the Freedom House success in 1975. Pittsburgh's Mayor Peter Flaherty felt that he could develop a better system by replacing them with an all-white paramedic system. The Freedom House paramedics' served as the model in which the nation and every country has emulated. It is unfortunate that society has ignored these Black paramedics' enormous contribution to man kind. Perhaps their deeds will be fully appreciated in the future.

Submitted by Joe Cockerl

The United States Armed Forces Medal of Honor



The Medal of Honor is the United States Armed Forces highest and most prestigious military decoration that may be awarded to recognize American soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, guardians...



Awarded for Conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

Presented by The **president of the United States** in the name of the **United States Congress**.

Eligibility United States Armed Forces service members

Status Currently awarded

Established Department of the Navy: December 21, 1861 · Department of the Army: July 12, 1862 · Department of the Air Force: April 14, 1965

First awarded March 25, 1863

Last awarded December 16, 2021

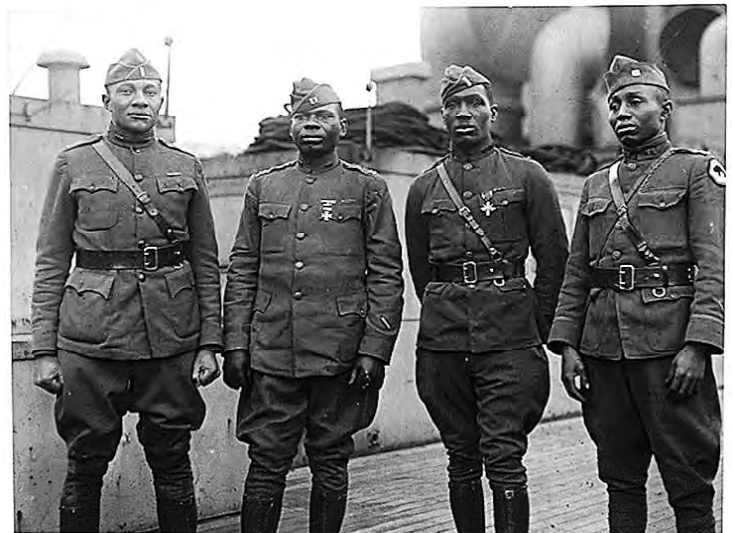
MIGHTY HEROES (<https://www.wearethemighty.com/mighty-heroes/first-african-american-veterans-monument/>)

The first African American Veterans Monument is now open



The African American Veterans Monument is now open in Buffalo, New York (Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park).

Since the Revolutionary War, African Americans have fought in the service of the United States. Over the course of American history, African Americans have helped to ensure the freedom and security of the nation. Despite this, it wasn't until 1948 that segregation was banned in the U.S. military. Moreover, the vital duties that African Americans have performed in military service are often overlooked. In recognition of African American service members past, present, and future, the [African American Veterans Monument](#) was built; the first of its kind in the nation.



Officers of the 366th Infantry Regiment returning home from World War I service.

On September 24, 2022, the African American Veterans Monument was dedicated and unveiled at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park in Buffalo, New York. The event was attended by [African American](#) veterans, community leaders, and state and local officials. “The African American Veterans Monument will enhance visitors’ understanding of the diversity in the armed forces throughout American history,” said Robin Hodges, vice chairman of the African American Veterans Monument, at the unveiling. “Visitors will experience a shared history which includes significant achievements of African Americans in all branches of the armed forces.”

The ceremony was attended by government officials including the governor of New York (Gov. Kathy Hochul’s Office)

The monument was designed by the late Jonathan Casey. It consists of 12 black pillars standing 10 feet tall and 3 feet in diameter. Placed in chronological order, each pillar represents the 12 wars that African Americans have fought in from the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terror. Additionally, the spacing between each pillar represents the time that passed between each conflict. The vision of the monument states, “We strive to restore meaning, and understanding of the indispensable military service of African Americans, which has been omitted from U.S. mainstream narratives and has consequently fallen into obscurity.”



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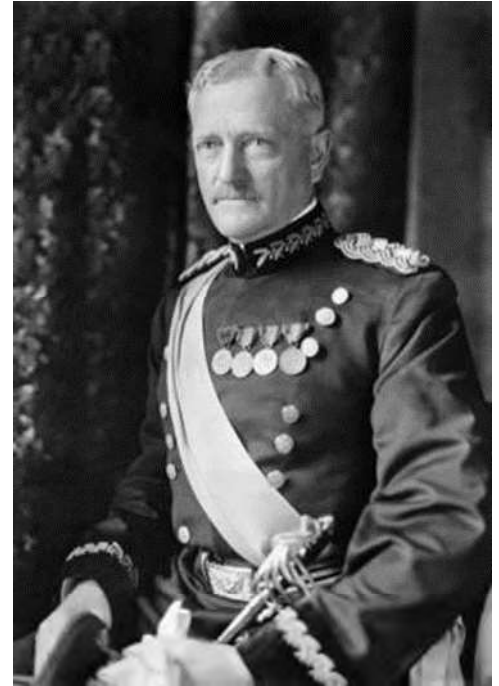
6-Star General: Only Two Individuals Have Been Promoted to the Prestigious Rank

Samantha Franco -

Promotion to 6-star general

When Pershing returned home, he was recognized for his efforts during WWI and became the first person to be promoted to the rank of 6-star general. The title is officially known as the "General of the Armies of the United States," and as Pershing was the first person named to the rank, there was no insignia established for the position. This led him to create it himself, wearing gold stars, which differed from the silver worn by generals.

Pershing retained his 6-star rank for the rest of his military career. According to the US Army Center of Military History, he retired from the Army on September 13, 1924 and retained his rank until his death in 1948.



A posthumous promotion to 6-star general

When Washington was promoted to lieutenant general, four- and five-star generals didn't yet exist, yet alone the rank of six-star. As these rankings were developed, Congress agreed it was inappropriate for Washington to be outranked by officers who'd served in the American Civil War, the First World War or World War II.

On March 13, 1978, a law was passed to promote Washington to the rank of 6-star general, General of the Armies of the United States, effective July 4, 1976. It determined that "no officer of the United States Army should outrank Lieutenant General George Washington on the Army list."



<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/history/6-star-general.html>

Who Are the Five-Star Generals in U.S. History?

<https://officerassignments.com/5-star-generals/>

Five U.S. Army generals have held the rank of five-star general, beginning in 1944.



George Marshall:
December 16, 1944



Douglas MacArthur:
December 18, 1944



Dwight D. Eisenhower:
December 20, 1944



Henry H. Arnold:
December 21, 1944



Omar Bradley:
September 20, 1950

Did you know?

5-star generals never retire and continue to draw full active duty pay for life.

What are each general stars Called?

A 1 star general is known as a Brigadier General.

A 2 star general is known as a Major General.

A 3 star general is known as a Lieutenant General.

A 4 star general is known as a General.

A 5 star general is known as a General of the Army or Air Force or Fleet Admiral for the Navy.

A 6 star general is known as the General of the Armies.



US Navy Birthday

The US Navy Celebrates 247 Years in 2022

Congratulations RAFMAN Club Members!



On October 13th, 2022, the US Navy will celebrate its 247th Birthday! According to Statista, as of 2019, there were 332,528 serving in the active duty Navy and 103,678 serving in the Navy Reserve.



Arthur Jarvis



Simon McRae



Freddie Moore



Charles Dorsey



Michael Dixon



Robert Saunders



Larry H. Colleton



Thomas Carter

Julie Provost

“Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh. Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay. Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam, Until we meet once more. Here’s wishing you a happy voyage home.”

<https://www.mymilitarybenefits.com/military-life/navy-birthday/>

U.S. Military Academies

College Admissions Information for the United States Military Academies

Military Academies in the United States offer an excellent option for students who are interested in serving their country and receiving a quality education at no cost. Students at these institutions typically receive free tuition, room, and board as well as a small stipend for expenses. All five of the undergraduate military academies have selective admissions, and all require at least five years of service upon graduation. These schools are not for everyone, but those with a desire to serve their country will receive an excellent education for free.

United States Air Force Academy - USAFA

Although the Air Force Academy does not have the lowest acceptance rate of the military academies, it does have the highest admissions bar. Successful applicants will need grades and standardized test scores that are well above average.

- **Location:** Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **Enrollment:** 4,338 (all undergraduate)
- **Nomination Requirement:** From a member of Congress
- **Service Requirement:** Five years in the Air Force
- **Popular Majors:** Business Administration, Systems Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Behavioral Sciences, Biology
- **Athletics:** NCAA Division I Mountain West Conference
- For acceptance rates, test scores and other admissions data, see the [Air Force Academy profile](#)

United States Coast Guard Academy - USCGA

An impressive 80% of graduates from the Coast Guard Academy go on to graduate school, often funded by the Coast Guard. Graduates of USCGA receive commissions as ensigns and work for at least five years aboard cutters or in ports.

- **Location:** New London, Connecticut
- **Enrollment:** 1,071 (all undergraduate)
- **Nomination Requirement:** None. Admissions are entirely merit-based.
- **Service Requirement:** 5 years in the Coast Guard
- **Popular Majors:** Civil Engineering, Business Administration, Political Science, Mechanical Engineering, Oceanography, Marine Engineering
- **Athletics:** Division III except for Division I Rifle and Pistol
- For acceptance rates, test scores and other admissions data, see the [Coast Guard Academy profile](#)

United States Merchant Marine Academy - USMMA

All students at USMMA train in fields related to transportation and shipping. Graduates have more options than those from other service academies. They can work five years in the U.S.

maritime industry with eight years as a reserve officer in any branch of the armed forces. They also have the option of serving five years of active duty in one of the armed forces.

- **Location:** Kings Point, New York
- **Enrollment:** 1,015 (all undergraduate)
- **Nomination Requirement:** From a member of Congress
- **Service Requirement:** At least 5 years
- **Popular Majors:** Marine Science, Naval Architecture, Systems Engineering
- **Athletics:** Division III
- For acceptance rates, test scores and other admissions data, see the [Merchant Marine Academy profile](#).

United States Military Academy at West Point

West Point is one of the most selective of the military academies. Graduates are given the rank of second lieutenant in the Army. Two U.S. presidents and numerous successful scholars and business leaders hail from West Point.

- **Location:** West Point, New York
- **Enrollment:** 4,589 (all undergraduate)
- **Nomination Requirement:** From a member of Congress
- **Service Requirement:** 5 years in the Army; 3 years in the Reserves
- **Popular Majors:** Mechanical Engineering, Systems Engineering, Economics, Civil Engineering, Industrial Management, Business Administration
- **Athletics:** NCAA Division I [Patriot League](#)
- For acceptance rates, test scores and other admissions data, see the [West Point profile](#)

United States Naval Academy - Annapolis

Students at the Naval Academy are midshipmen who are on active duty in the Navy. Upon graduation, students receive commissions as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marines.

- **Location:** Annapolis, Maryland
- **Enrollment:** 4,512 (all undergraduate)
- **Nomination Requirement:** From a member of Congress
- **Service Requirement:** 5 years or longer
- **Popular Majors:** Political Science, Oceanography, Economics, History, Mechanical Engineering, Systems Engineering
- **Athletics:** NCAA Division I [Patriot League](#)
- For acceptance rates, test scores and other admissions data, see the [Annapolis profile](#)

The appeal of a free education is obviously a big draw for these five excellent institutions, but they are not for everyone. The demands of both course work and training are rigorous, and matriculation does commit you to years of service upon graduation.

The History Place™

This Month in History

October

October 5, 1986— Birthday - "Father of the Space Age" Robert Goddard (1882-1945) was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. During his lifetime he was ridiculed by the public and the press over his idea of constructing a space flight machine. In 1926, he launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket on a farm near Auburn, Mass. In 1935, his liquid-fueled rocket surpassed the speed of sound. Other developments included a steering apparatus for rocket machines, staged rockets to reach high altitudes, rocket fuel pumps, and a self-cooling rocket motor.

-- **8, 1918** - During World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

Birthday - American fighter pilot Ace Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) was born in Columbus, Ohio. He commanded the first U.S. aero unit to take part in World War I and was credited with 26 victories, becoming America's leading Ace. He was awarded the Medal of Honor. He later got involved in auto racing and headed Eastern Air Lines from 1934-63.

-- **11, 1939** - Albert Einstein warned President Franklin D. Roosevelt that his theories could lead to Nazi Germany's development of an atomic bomb. Einstein suggested the U.S. develop its own bomb. This resulted in the top secret "Manhattan Project."

-- **13, 1775** - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

-- **14, 1947** - U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier, flying in a rocket-powered research aircraft.

Birthday - Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969) the 34th U.S. President was born in Denison, Texas. He served two terms as President, from January 20, 1953 to January 20, 1961. Nicknamed "Ike," he was a West Point graduate and career Army officer who became Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe during World War II. He held the rank of Five-star General of the Army.

-- **17-25, 1944** - The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history, took place off the Philippine Islands, during World War II in the Pacific. The battle involved 216 U.S. warships and 64 Japanese ships and resulted in the destruction of the Japanese Navy including the Japanese Battleship *Musashi*, one of the largest ever built.

-- **21, 1967** - Thousands of anti-war protesters stormed the Pentagon during a rally against the Vietnam War in Washington, D.C. About 250 were arrested. No shots were fired, but demonstrators were struck with nightsticks and rifle butts.

-- **22, 1962** - President John F. Kennedy appeared on television to inform Americans of the existence of Russian missiles in Cuba. The President demanded their removal and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba. Six days later, the Russians announced they would remove the weapons. In return, the U.S. later removed missiles from Turkey.

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-- **23, 1983** - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

-- **24, 1945** - The United Nations was founded.

-- **25, 1955** - Austria reassumed its sovereignty with the departure of the last Allied forces. The country had been occupied by the Nazis from 1938-45. After World War II, it was divided into four occupation zones by the U.S., Russia, Britain and France.

-- **25-30, 1983** - The Caribbean island of Grenada was invaded by the U.S. to restore "order and democracy." Over 2,000 Marines and Army Rangers seized control after a political coup the previous week had made the island a "Soviet-Cuban colony," according to President Ronald Reagan.

-- **28, 1886** - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolutionary War. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300 feet (92.9 meters) tall. The pedestal contains the words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

-- **28, 1918** - In the waning days of World War I, mutiny broke out in the German fleet at Kiel. Ships in port ran up the red flag of revolution. The uprising spread to Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck, resulting in a general strike in Berlin which brought the government of Kaiser Wilhelm to a halt.

-- **28, 1962** - The Cuban Missile Crisis ended with the announcement by Soviet Russia's leader Nikita Khrushchev that his Soviet government was halting construction of missile bases in Cuba and would remove the offensive missiles. President Kennedy immediately accepted the offer then lifted the U.S. naval blockade of Cuba.

Birthday - Admiral William "Bull" Halsey (1882-1959) was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was the American fleet commander during World War II in the Pacific and played a leading role in the defeat of the Japanese. In 1942, he launched the Doolittle Raid, the first air raid on Japan. From 1942-44, he coordinated successful attacks on the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. In 1944, he led the U.S. fleet to victory at the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history.

-- **31, 1952** - The U.S. detonated its first hydrogen bomb at the Elugelab Atoll in the Eniwetok Proving Grounds in the Pacific Marshall Islands.

-- **31, 1968** - During the Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson ordered a halt of American bombing of North Vietnam



RAFMAN Donald Durant
October 1



RAFMAN Charles Dorsey
October 24

**May your birthday and every day
be filled with**

**The warmth of sunshine,
The happiness of smiles,
The sounds of laughter,
The feeling of love and
The sharing of good cheer.**



National Day of the Deployed October 26

Meeting Notes:/ October 8, 2022

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RAFMAN CLUB, INC.

RETIREED AIR FORCE ★ MARINE ★ ARMY ★ NAVY

*The 48th Year of Serving the Lord
In Our Service to Others"*

Sunday, October 30, 2022 — 3:30 PM



Greetings!

We invite you to help the RAFMAN Club in our efforts to continue to support our communities by placing an ad in our celebration booklet.

Gold Sponsor \$150.00
Silver Sponsor..... 100.00
Full Page (8" x 10") 75.00
Half Page (8" x 5")..... 50.00
Quarter Page (4"x 5")..... 25.00
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Patron 1.00 or More
Picture in Ad..... 25.00

*Please type or print your ad and pictures must be clear (in editable formats: Word, jpeg, or ping; no scans please.

*Ad Deadline: Saturday, October 15, 2022

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord, and not unto men;
Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance:
for ye serve the Lord Christ."
—Colossians 3:23, 24



Guest Speaker
Rev. Charles Dorsey, Pastor
True Word Ministries, Inc.



Host Church

BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. C. Redding Taylor, Pastor
55 Center Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787

The sponsor letter and Ad Contract will be available on August 18, 2022. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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2022 Veterans Day Parade

Next date: Saturday, November 12, 2022 | 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM



Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and his Veterans Advisory Council will honor the courageous men and women of the armed forces at the 23rd annual City of Orlando Veterans Day Parade in downtown Orlando.

This year's parade will open with a tribute to those who have fought for our country and defended our freedom, led by Mayor Dyer and local veterans. The parade's theme is celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs) and Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVEs).



Sick n' Shut-ins:

Thomas Carter and Jerald Marks

To Bereaved Families:

Our Prayers and Condolences to Families Everywhere: loved ones who have passed away due to natural death, sickness, hurricane Ian, wars, hate crimes, and mass shootings around the world.

In Loving Memory of Our Parents, Grandparents...

Mother Bernice Brown Johnson
07/10/1937—10/05/2020

Minister Augustus G. Johnson
07/07/1939 —10/29/2021

Dea. Sylvester & Sis. Valleaner
Franklin / Brown / Johnson Family



"Glory! We opened the devotional reading on that morning... Our God knows what we need long before we open our mouths in prayer."—vwf

Dated October 5, 2022 by Our Daily Bread Ministries

Grieving and Grateful

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised. Job 1:21



After my mom died, one of her fellow cancer patients approached me. "Your mom was so kind to me," she said, sobbing. "I'm sorry she died . . . instead of me."

"My mom loved you," I said. "We prayed God would let you see your boys grow up." Holding her hands, I wept with her and asked God to help her grieve peacefully. I also thanked Him for her remission that allowed her to continue loving her husband and two growing children.

The Bible reveals the complexity of grief when Job lost almost everything, including all his children. Job grieved and "fell to the ground in worship" (Job 1:20). With a heartbreaking and hopeful act of surrender and expression of gratitude, he declared, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised" (v. 21). While Job would struggle mightily later through his grieving and God's rebuilding of his life, in this moment he accepted and even rejoiced in His authority over the good and bad situations.

God understands the many ways we process and struggle with emotions. He invites us to grieve with honesty and vulnerability. Even when sorrow seems endless and unbearable, God affirms that He hasn't and won't change. With this promise, He comforts us and empowers us to be grateful for His presence.

By Xochitl Dixon

SCRIPTURE: Job 1:13-22 NIV

13 One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

16 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

17 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

18 While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

20 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart.[a]

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
may the name of the Lord be praised."

22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

REFLECT: When have you experienced gratitude toward God while grieving a great loss? How has He revealed His presence when you felt alone or misunderstood in your grief?

PRAYER: Compassionate God, thank You for knowing me and carrying me through every step of my grieving process.

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23	24 Charles Dorsey	25	26 National Day of the Deployed	27	28	29
30 RAFMAN Club 48th	31	*** Dates vary by county. Contact your local Election Office Florida offers in-person early voting. Contact your local election office as dates and hours vary by county.***				

<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...>

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