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National POW/MIA Recognition Day

3rd Friday, September 16, 2022

It's an event to honor the family of the captured military service members.



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Thanks

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



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Interesting Facts About National POW/MIA Recognition Day:

- The main idea of celebrating this day is 'You are not forgotten'. In this way, we support our missing war heroes and their families.
- A POW/MIA agency is accounting for more than 80,000 war heroes who are still missing.
- This special day has a POW/MIA flag. Well, this flag was designed by the wife of a POW.
- The POW/MIA Accounting Agency has created an annual poster since 1999.

History of National POW/MIA Recognition Day:

The term POW means 'Prisoner of War' and the term MIA means 'Missing in Action'. You might know that many military members suffer as prisoners during wars. There are so many stories in the history of America. This day was first observed in 1979. It happened after the demand of the families of the Vietnam War POW/MIA. They demanded to find their loved ones. That's the reason why the President and Congress started observing this day.

In 1979, there was a remembrance ceremony celebrated at National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. It was also observed to honor the missing and captured war heroes.

www.Nationaldaystoday.com



President Message

Greetings in the month of September 2022, while all may not be well in our country and the world, it is my hope that individually we are enjoying life at its fullest. Also, in September means back to school which brings High schools and college sports which we all enjoy and serves as a temporary diversion from our everyday problems.

Bigger than sports this year is the launching of Artemis I, a behemoth of a rocket built to take America back to the moon – years after the initial landing. Many people are amazed that a rocket this big can be put into space, not me, we live in a world driven by technology, that is what we are looking at when we see the Artemis One rocket, Science Technology Engineering and Math coming together. Although there have been several setbacks in launching the rocket, its not uncommon for a vehicle that complicated to have technical problems. Eventually they will succeed in getting this rocket launched. I am excited that on the return manned trip to the moon the crew is scheduled to be mixed including Astronauts of color.

Last month's newsletter was our scholarship edition. Hope everyone who receive the newsletter took a few minutes to read the short Bio on the seven Valencia College students who received the RAFMAN Scholarship. For the past three years we cancelled the scholarship banquet because of the coronavirus. Currently, we are planning to resume having our scholarship banquet at The First Baptist Church of Orlando.

The weekend of August 27 was the RAFMAN Club Annual Picnic getaway weekend to Melbourne. It was great to see the club members and families spending the weekend socializing together. Hope everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Jerald Marks, Donald Durant, Robert Saunders for preparing the food and everyone who helped make the picnic a success, including the ladies who served the food.

On Sunday, October 30, 2022 we will be celebrating our 48th anniversary with a church service at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Winter Garden, FL. See the attached flyer for more information. Please join us!

Quote:

“Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today.”

—Thich Nhat Hanh

Arthur Jarvis, President
RAFMAN Club

All Members Take Note:

Club Meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2022

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

Host: RAFMAN Tyrell Carter
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.....



September is here. The beginning of Fall to many because the weather starts to get cooler in other parts of the country, except of course Florida. In good ole Florida we get our September in November. Oh well, we are used to it by now. May as well enjoy whatever the day brings.

We have just finished our beloved beach get away which we have in late August. We had a nice attendance and shared a lot of memories. There were some new ideas implemented this year and the Brothers did a great job.

*On the Saturday two weeks before we left for the beach, we joined Larry Colleton in celebrating a milestone birthday. We had lots of fun, met many of his neighbors, Church members, family members, and friends. The birthday cake was special as the cake displayed Larry in his marathon running outfit and had a theme "It's All About Me". Yes, it should be about as **you** as you celebrate the many birthday days that the Lord has bestowed upon one.*

In case you have heard the old fashion rule that you should NOT wear white after Labor Day. This might change your mind:

"This rule was invented in the nineteenth century by an elite group as a way to use fashion to separate those with money from those without. When the summer months were over, affluent residents would leave the city for warmer vacation spots. Wearing white represented that you could afford to get out of the city and vacation elsewhere when summer ended. Since Labor Day typically represents the end of summer, a 'rule' was established that you shouldn't wear white after Labor Day if you didn't have the money to take fall and winter vacations.

It was also used as a way to identify those who needed to work and those who didn't. Those who didn't have to work could wear white because it wouldn't get dirty, while those working would wear dark clothing to hide the dirt they'd pick up working or walking through the city."

So, while you may have grown up hearing about this outdated tradition, there's really no reason you shouldn't wear whatever you please before and after Labor Day.

All of the sports are almost back, Hope that your team(s) makes you happy. We'll skip talking about the Magic for now. We'll know more the next time that I write.

Enjoy your Labor Day. Keep the faith, and I'll see you soon.

Peace..... Simon

Biden Signs Bill to expand benefits for veterans exposed to toxic burn pits

By [Rebecca Shabad](#) and [Lauren Egan](#)

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/biden-sign-bill-expanding-benefits-veterans-exposed-toxic-burn-pits-rcna42365>

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden signed legislation on Wednesday expanding health care benefits for veterans exposed to toxic burn pits.



RAFMAN Tyrrell Carter

The bipartisan bill, known as the PACT Act, is the most significant expansion of veterans' health care and benefits in more than 30 years, a White House official said.

Speaking at a White House ceremony, Biden said that “veterans of the wars of Iraq and Afghanistan not only faced dangers in battle — they were breathing toxic smoke from burn pits.”

Biden said he traveled to Iraq over 20 times over the course of the war, both as a senator and later as vice president, and could “actually see some of it in the air.”

“Burn pits the size of football fields, an incinerated waste of war such as tires, poisonous chemicals, jet fuel, and so much I won’t even mention,” he said. “A lot of places where our soldiers were sleeping were literally a quarter mile half mile away from it.”

Veterans who have been exposed to burn pits attended the signing ceremony along with their families, advocates and members of Congress.

Danielle Robinson and Brielle Robinson, the wife and the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Heath Robinson whom the PACT Act is named after, introduced Biden at the signing event. Danielle Robinson was a guest of first lady Jill Biden during the president's first State of the Union address when he called on Congress to pass burn pits legislation.

The issue is personal for Biden. His son Beau Biden was deployed to Iraq in 2008 and diagnosed with brain cancer in 2013. He died two years later, at age 46. Biden has said he believes Beau’s cancer was linked to exposure to burn pits during his deployment.

“When they came home, many of the fittest and best warriors that we sent to war were not the same. Headaches, numbness, dizziness, cancer,” Biden said at Wednesday's ceremony. “My son Beau was one of them.”

Experts have said that while it is difficult to draw a definitive link between burn pit exposure and certain health problems like cancer and asthma, long-term exposure to toxic smoke can lead to serious health issues.

The White House official said Biden was closely engaged with lawmakers during negotiations over the measure.

The legislation increases veterans' access to medical care and disability payments for exposure to burn pits. It also requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to presume some respiratory illnesses and cancers were related to the exposure, meaning veterans don't have to prove they got sick because of the burn pits in order to receive compensation for their illnesses. Roughly 70% of disability claims related to burn pit exposure are denied by the VA due to lack of evidence, scientific data and information from the Department of Defense, according to The Associated Press.

Biden Signs Bill ...

The Senate ultimately passed the legislation in a 86-11 vote last week after Republicans had blocked its passage the week before.

The Senate had already voted 84-14 in June to advance the bill, but 25 Republicans who voted yes reversed course when the legislation came up again. Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., had been one of the Republicans holding up the bill as he demanded a vote on his amendment to add spending guard-rails to ensure some of the massive package, costing \$280 billion over 10 years, could not be spent on "completely unrelated programs."

Republicans eventually caved to pressure from more than 60 veterans groups — and comedian Jon Stewart — who had railed against the GOP members for days outside the Capitol.

Eligible veterans and their families and caregivers can apply for PACT Act benefits by filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs, visiting the VA's website or calling 1-800-MyVA411.

Ed Dwight was in line to be the first Black astronaut. History had other ideas

MYCAH HAZEL

<https://www.npr.org/2022/07/05/1109678316/edward-dwight-space-race-nasa-astronaut-moon>

Air Force Captain Edward J. Dwight, Jr. gets a hero's welcome from youngsters at Langdon Elementary School in Washington, D.C. in 1964.

In the 1960s, the U.S. was embroiled in a tense space race with the Soviet Union — and was losing. By the start of the decade, the Soviets had already sent the first satellite and the first man into space. So, on May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy made a pledge to the nation: The U.S. would land a man on the moon before the decade ended.



Charles Del Vecchio/Washington Post via Getty Images

This challenge excited most Americans, but many Black people resented money being poured into the space race that could have gone to aid the cause of civil rights and help impoverished Black communities.

At the same time, the Soviets were pointing to the racial inequality in the U.S. to show the superiority of the Communist system.

In an attempt to counter the Soviets and to increase support for the space race among Black Americans, some began urging the administration to send a Black person to space. Edward R. Murrow, then Director of the U.S. Information Agency wrote a memo to the White House saying, "Why don't we put the first non-white man in space?"

Edward J. Dwight, Jr. was a 27-year-old Air Force Captain at the time. Originally from Kansas City, he loved flying from a young age — so much so that he'd go on walks to the local airport with his mother every day.

"I was the only Black officer pilot just about every base I was stationed," Dwight recalled. And although being only 5 foot four, "I got award after award and I was just happy as could be. I couldn't have had a better life."

On November 4, 1961, he got a letter inviting him to join the astronaut training program. Unsure of what to do, he relied on his mother for advice.

"She was telling me some things about how the race could be uplifted by example and inspiration," Dwight recalled. "My mother was never wrong, so I just went for it."



Ed Dwight in January 1962.
AP

Dwight accepted the invitation, and was sent to the Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base in California to begin training. The most successful trainees would be chosen to become astronauts.

"I had never faced competition like that," Dwight said of the training. Students would be put through grueling tests so instructors could study their physical and mental limits. "They'd blow your eardrums out to see how long it would take you to recover," Dwight recalled. "Those are the kinds of fascinating things they did to your body to see how far they could stretch it before it kind of broke."

While he was in training, Dwight received an onslaught of attention from Black magazines.

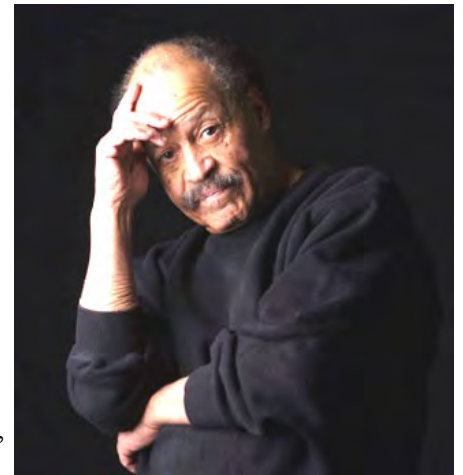
"The first classes of astronauts were white male astronauts," said Laurens Grant, director of the documentary Black in Space: Breaking the Color Barrier. "The fact that possibly a Black man could be involved in this was so exciting and galvanizing, particularly for the Black community."

Dwight's astronaut candidacy became cover news on Black magazines such as Jet, Ebony and Sepia. Dwight also began having to make press appearances. "I would leave the base and make speeches to little kids that were around six years old," Dwight recalled. "And I thought, 'This is really, really cool!'"

Back at Edwards, however, Dwight says, "The instructors, the classmates, everybody at Edwards Air Force Base, were livid!" He recalls the thinking at the time was, "We're working our butts off so many days a week and this clown is going and giving speeches!"

Chuck Yeager was commander of the program at Edwards. Yeager was already an icon, esteemed for breaking the sound barrier in 1947. As commander, his word had influence on who would be selected as an astronaut. According to Dwight, Yeager was the least fond of his popularity in the press.

"Chuck Yeager hated the whole idea of me making a speech to anybody," Dwight recalled. He said that Yeager would bring him in for tense meetings, trying to discourage him from finishing the training program.



Ed Dwight still keeps up with all things space-related.
Matthew Staver/Washington Post via Getty Images

Dwight also believes that Yeager was not fond of him from the beginning of his time in the training program. "I didn't learn about this 'til later," Dwight recalled. "Yeager called the students in, and these are my fellow students, and then said, 'You have to isolate him. Don't drink with him. Don't invite him to your parties.' The whole idea was to show these white students that we got to discourage him."

The person who told Dwight about Yeager's attempts to isolate him from the rest of his class has died. Yeager died in 2020, but wrote about Dwight in his autobiography. Addressing their relationship, Yeager wrote: "Ed Dwight was an average pilot with an average academic background. He wasn't a bad pilot, but he wasn't exceptionally talented either. Flying with a good bunch in a squadron, he would probably get by. But he just couldn't compete in the space course against the best of the crop of experienced military test pilots."

No astronauts or fellow trainees have verified Dwight's account of Yeager's treatment, although at least one friend, Woodson Fountain, a Black engineer who was at the base, remembers Dwight telling him about Yeager's treatment at the time.

Whether it was racism or Yeager's disdain of having to train someone under pressure from the Kennedy Administration, Grant said, "It just seemed like a completely complicated and fraught relationship between Chuck Yeager and Captain Ed Dwight."

The 14 selected astronauts, titled Astronaut Group 3, were announced on October 18, 1963. Ed Dwight was not on the list. Two of the selected, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were among the crew of Apollo 11 in 1969, the first moon landing.

"NASA doesn't really have to explain who they select to become astronauts," Grant said. "So his whole candidacy is shrouded in some mystery."

Three years after his rejection, Dwight resigned from the Air Force. "I just erased that board," Dwight said. "I drove off that base and I pointed my car north to Denver and I couldn't look back."

Though Dwight never went to space, his candidacy has earned him increased respect in the space world. In 2020, the Air Force named Dwight an honorary member of the U.S. Space Force, and in 2021, NASA named an asteroid after him.

"I'm all over it," Dwight responded when asked if he still keeps up with all things space-related. As for his career, however, Dwight has since pivoted to the arts. He specializes in sculpting little-known Black historical figures — sort of like himself.

One of his sculptures, "Pioneer Woman," was sent to space on the vessel Orion as part of a test mission — sending artistic works into space as proof of the creativity that will come to space, once all humans are allowed to go.



Ed Dwight became a sculptor later in life.
Cyrus McCrimmon/Denver Post via Getty Images

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Returning Americans to the moon

ARTEMIS 1 MOON ROCKET

"This is a test flight. It's not without risk," Bob Cabana, a former shuttle commander and now a NASA associate administrator, said of the first SLS flight. "We have analyzed the risk as best we can and we've mitigated it as best we can. But we are stressing Orion beyond what it was actually designed for in preparation for sending it to the moon with a crew.

"And we want to make sure it works absolutely perfectly when we do that and that we understand all the risks," he said. "We're going to learn a lot from this test flight."

If the uncrewed Artemis 1 test flight goes well, NASA plans to launch four astronauts atop the second SLS rocket for an around-the-moon shakedown flight in 2024 — Artemis 2 — before the first woman and the first person of color touch down near the moon's south pole in 2025 or 2026.

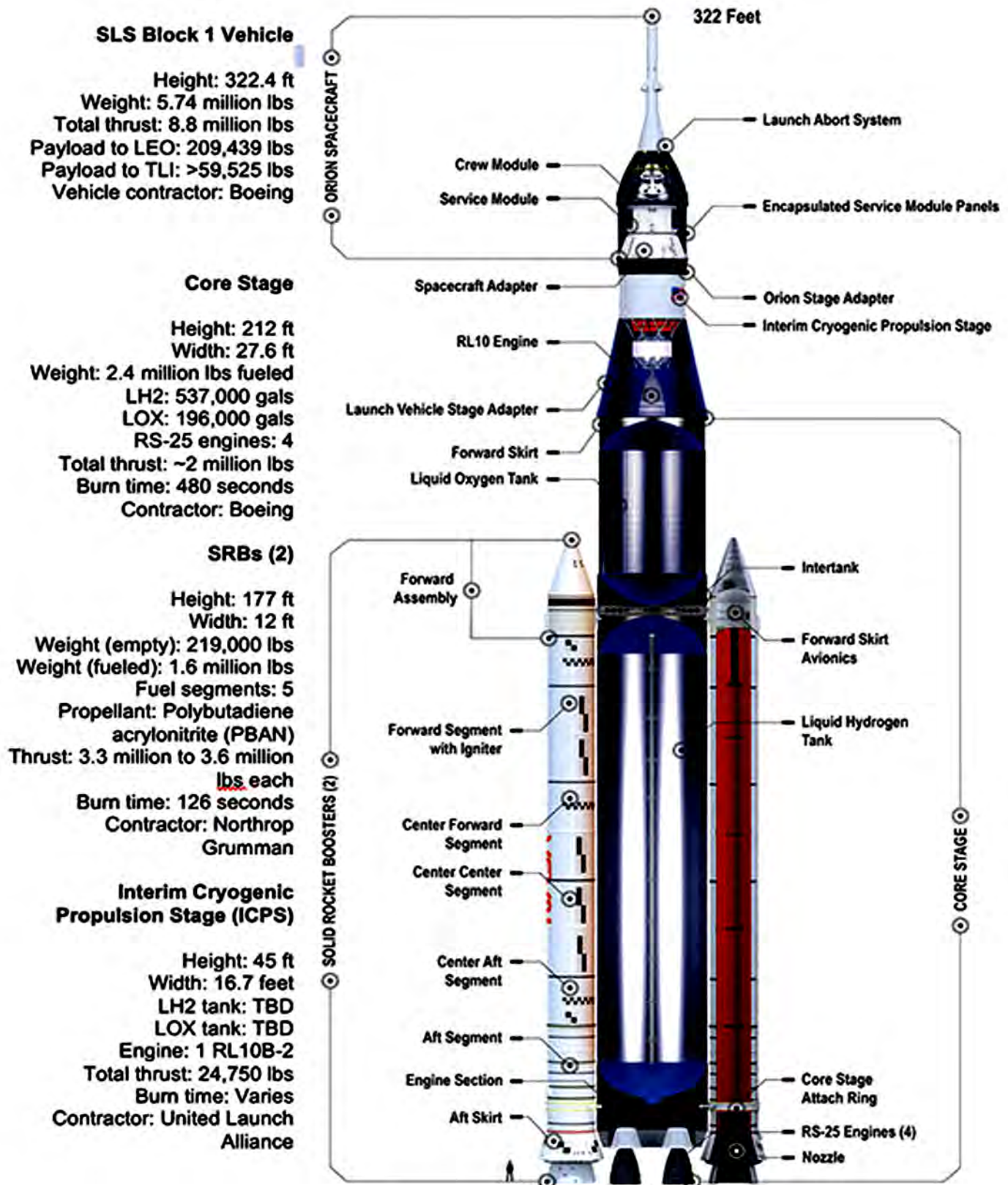
After that, NASA intends to launch a steady stream of Artemis moon missions, sending astronauts to the south polar region once every year or so for research and to search for ice deposits in permanently shadowed craters, a resource future crews could convert into rocket fuel, air and water.

But first, Artemis astronauts and spacecraft have to get there. And that requires a rocket capable of boosting the men, women and machines out of Earth's gravitational clutches and across the 240,000-mile gulf to the moon with sufficient fuel, supplies and equipment to mount a meaningful mission and get the crew safely home when it's over.

"She is an incredible rocket," Charlie Blackwell-Thompson, NASA's first female launch director, told CBS News. "She brings a whole new capability to our nation's space program, a new heavy lift capability for deep space exploration.

"It's going to change the way in which we explore. It's going to return our nation to the moon, and it is going to pave the way for our next steps as we prepare to go someplace like Mars, and even destinations beyond."

NASA (LABELED ROCKET)/CBS NEWS (FACTS AND FIGURES)



AMERICA PREPARES TO RETURN TO THE MOON

NASA Names (18) Astronauts To Train For Artemis Moon Landing



The Artemis astronauts (left to right):

top row: Joe Acaba, Kayla Barron, Raja Chari, Matthew Dominick,
Victor Glover, Woody Hoburg;

second row: Jonny Kim, Christina Koch, Kjell Lindgren, Nicole Mann,
Anne McClain, Jessica Meir;

third row: Jasmin Moghbeli, Kate Rubins, Frank Rubio, Scott Tingle,
Jessica Watkins, Stephanie Wilson

Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit – \$2.4 Billion

Undoubtedly the most futuristic-looking vehicle on this list, the Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit is also arguably the most advanced. This is the first aircraft in the world that can't be detected by radar systems, making it practically invisible. But the Stealth Bomber has many more advantages over similar aircraft.

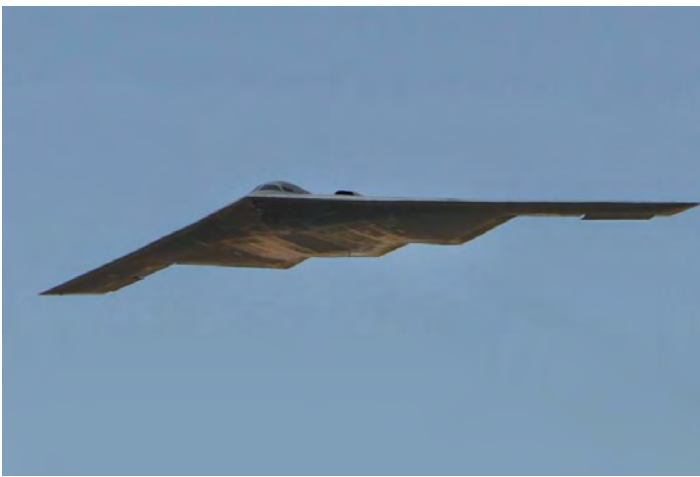


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For instance, the B-2 Spirit can carry 50,000 pounds (23,000 kg) of weapons, including 16 nuclear stores. The Stealth Bomber can also fly for 6,000 nautical miles before it needs refueling, another big tactical advantage. The plane starts at \$2.4 Billion, which is mind-blowing, to say the least.

Northrop Grumman is the Air Force's prime contractor for the B-2, which made its first flight on July 17, **1989**.

Arleigh Burke DDG 51 Destroyer

The Arleigh Burke DDG 51 looks like nothing compared to large supercarriers, but that's by design. Instead of carrying fighter jets, the "Destroyer" is designed to protect larger supercarriers during warfare. It's fast and agile and has some crazy weaponry on board.



Photo by Mark Wilson/Getty Images

Specifically, the DDG 51 Destroyer features guided missiles, including anti-aircraft and anti-surface, torpedoes, 5-inch railguns, and even mine detectors. Enemy lines literally wouldn't want to be near the DDG 51 Destroyer in battle. There are numerous such ships in existence, each one costing \$1.843 billion. The cost of the whole project is estimated at \$101.8 billion.

USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) is the lead ship of the Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyers. She is named after Admiral Arleigh A. Burke (1901-1996), who distinguished himself during World War II and the Korean War, and who served as Chief of Naval Operations during the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations.

USS Arleigh Burke's keel was laid by Bath Iron Works at Bath, Maine, on 6 December 1988. The ship was launched by Admiral Burke's wife, Mrs. Roberta Gorsuch Burke, on 16 September 1989. Admiral Burke and his wife were both present at the ship's commissioning in Norfolk, Virginia on 4 July 1991.

<https://www.c6f.navy.mil/About-Us/Our-Task-Forces/CTF-65/USS-Arleigh-Burke-DDG-51/>

Oshkosh M-ATV

The Humvee is arguably the most popular military off-roader, but today, there are much better vehicles in its category. Namely, the Oshkosh M-ATV obliterates the Humvee in terms of performance, maneuverability, off-road traction, and protection. The last bit is particularly remarkable – the Oshkosh is made of Plasan-composite material, making it mine-resistant.



Photo by Karol Serewis/Getty Images Poland/Getty Images

Furthermore, the M-ATV also features a powerful 7.2-liter inline-6 Caterpillar turbo-diesel engine that produces 370 HP and a staggering 925 lb-ft. As a result, this 16-ton monster can achieve an electronically-limited top speed of 65 mph (105 km/h), which is mightily impressive.

“Oshkosh reached its contractual obligation to produce 1,000 M-ATVs per month ahead of schedule in December 2009, ‘Oshkosh M-ATV USA (2009) MRAP +10,000 built Replacing the hummer The Oshkosh M-ATV came from battlefield experience. Years of protracted conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan...’ it is designed to provide the same levels of protection as the larger and heavier previous MRAPs, but with improved mobility.”

<https://tanks-encyclopedia.com/modern/US/Oshkosh-M-ATV.php>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oshkosh_M-ATV

Inkas Huron APC – \$1 million

Feel insecure sometimes? Well, that’s not something that passengers (crew) inside the Inkas Huron APC ever experience. This heavily armored personnel carrier (A.P.C.) keeps its crew safe even when attacked with ferocious weaponry. The body is resistant to bullets (duh), but so are the tires and windows.



Source: inkasarmored.com

Despite its unbreakable nature, the Huron APC is very lightweight and agile. Under the bonnet, it features an 8.3-liter Paccar Engine and is even available with a 10-speed manual transmission. Interestingly, Inkas will be happy to build one such vehicle for your personal needs, provided you have almost \$1 million to spare.

INKAS® Armored Vehicle Manufacturing launched Huron APC May 1, 2014 INKAS® armored vehicle saved the life of Muhamadu Buhari, the Nigerian President, and three of his aids when they were attacked during the election campaign.

Captain Remoshay R. Nelson – The Thunderbirds’ First Black Female Officer

By eurweb & blackenterprise.com
www.usveteransmagazine.com/2020/11

All across the country, U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds have been performing flyovers to honor the workers on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic.

One of the team’s newest members is a Howard University graduate and the first black, female officer.

Captain Remoshay R. Nelson is the Public Affairs Officer for the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. As Thunderbird 12, she leads the team’s extensive marketing, publicity and community relations programs. Nelson is in her first season with the team.

“The opportunity to be on the Thunderbirds is an absolute honor because I get the opportunity to represent the 693,000 total force Airmen who make up the Air Force and are working hard around the globe in defense of our nation,” said Capt. Nelson.

“It is also a great privilege to share my personal story and those of countless other Air Force minorities with the public. By doing so, it is my hope that young boys and girls, especially Black girls are inspired and understand that there are many Air Force leadership opportunities available to them and they can become leaders in whatever field they desire.”

Nelson entered the Air Force in 2011 with a Reserve Officer Training Corps commission from Howard University. She served as a diversity recruiter in the Gold Bar Program before completing the public affairs qualification course at Fort Meade, Md. Following training, she was assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, as the chief of media operations. Nelson then served in public affairs assignments in Turkey, Botswana and various locations in Europe. Prior to joining the Thunderbirds, she was the Chief of Public Affairs, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Nelson’s position is a highly selective one. She is only one of 12 Thunderbird officers. Since the team’s inception in 1953, only 332 officers have made the cut.

“Women have been an integral part of the Thunderbird team for decades,” Capt. Nelson said. “These women, including minorities, have all worked hard to build and maintain a tradition of excellence. It’s that heritage that has given me this exciting responsibility of being the first Black female officer.

This is Nelson’s first season with the Air Force Thunderbirds squadron. While most of their shows have been cancelled or postponed to next year due to the coronavirus, the team has conducted flyovers across 9 states including California to pay tribute to people battling the pandemic.



First woman in US Navy submarine force history to be 'chief of the boat' is getting ready to head to sea on a nuclear missile sub

jepstein@insider.com (Jake Epstein)

US Navy Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler, the chief of the boat aboard the ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana (SSBN 743), poses for an environmental portrait at Naval Base Kitsap in Bangor, Wash, Aug. 29, 2022. US Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brian G. Reynolds© US Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brian G. Reynolds.



- Angela Koogler made US Navy submarine force history when she became "chief of the boat."
- Now, she's gearing up for service aboard USS Louisiana, a nuclear missile submarine.
- "We need to keep breaking down the barriers," Koogler said in a Navy statement this week.

The first woman in the history of the US Navy's Submarine Force to be "chief of the boat" is getting ready to head to sea after joining a submarine crew.

Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler is reporting for duty aboard a nuclear missile submarine as a member of gold crew, US Pacific Fleet's Submarine Forces revealed in a [statement](#).

Though it was announced this week, Koogler, a native of Ohio, was actually informed last year that she was selected to become the Navy's first female chief of the boat — an enlisted Sailor who serves as the senior advisor to a submarine's commanding or executive officer.

Two weeks ago, Koogler, a 20-year veteran of the Navy, joined the crew of USS Louisiana, one of the sea service's Ohio-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile subs, which carry nuclear-armed Trident missiles and serve as a critical leg of the US nuclear triad.



Tugs guide the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana (SSBN 743) to its berth at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor after the completion of a strategic deterrent patrol. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Ed Early© U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Ed Early

"There have been challenges," she said in the Navy statement.

"But you just have to keep going. There are going to be walls you have to knock down, but you can't let them stop you."

Related video: Australian navy crews to train on British nuclear-powered submarines

Women have served in the Navy since 1917, USNI News reported, but it took decades before they were allowed to serve alongside male counterparts.

Angela Koogler

Female officers began serving on Navy submarines in 2011, the Navy said. The move preceded the integration of enlisted women Sailors in 2016.



US Navy Master Chief Information Systems Technician Angela Koogler poses for an environmental portrait aboard the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana (SSBN 743). Koogler is the Navy's first female chief of the boat. US Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brian G. Reynolds© Provided by Business Insider

"We need to keep breaking down the barriers so that it just becomes all Sailors," Koogler said.

"A Sailor is a Sailor to me and we shouldn't have to define their gender," she continued. "It's important to integrate everybody and it shouldn't matter as long as they get the job done."

Koogler wants to achieve more than her historic first of becoming chief of the boat during her time in the Navy. She aspires to be a command master chief — or CMC — which is a senior leader who reports directly to a commander or commanding officer.

"Since my first command I've always wanted to be a command master chief," Koogler said. "Now that I've converted to the submarine force, I have to serve as chief of the boat before I can go into the CMC world, so this is just another stepping stone."

August 27

RAFMAN Club Annual Picnic getaway weekend to Melbourne!

Congratulations!

Sharon Williams / Ticket #465

Larry Colleton / Ticket #519

Ray Bell / Ticket #371



Happy Birthday to the U.S. Air Force – 75 Years Strong!

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



RAFMAN Jeralds Marks



RAFMAN Joe Cockerl



RAFMAN Tyrrell Carter



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RAFMAN David Harrison

Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day: September 25, 2022

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

From The American Presidency Project, [Proclamation 10264—Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, 2021](https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/352709);

“Our Nation is forever indebted to those who gave their last full measure of devotion to defend our peace and security. We are devastated by their loss and inspired by their sacrifice. When we remember these fallen service members, we must also honor the people who mourn their losses. We remember them every day, and on this day, we pay special tribute to their surviving families.”



President Joseph R. Biden, Proclamation 10264—Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, 2021 Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/352709>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



RAFMAN Michael Dixon
September 10



RAFMAN Joseph Cockerl
August 16

**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.**



SIGNIFICANT MILITARY DAY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER



September is
National Service Dog month.

September 5, 2022 - Labor Day

September 11, 2022 - Patriot Day

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001.

September 16, 2022 - POW/MIA

Recognition Day

A time set aside to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families

September 25, 2022 - Gold Star Mother's
and Family's Day

A day set aside to honor the families of our nation's fallen service members.

National Grandparents Day is an observance and not a public holiday in the United States.

National Grandparents Day has more than one origin. Some people consider it to have been first proposed by Michael Goldgar in the 1970s after he visited his aunt in an Atlanta nursing home. Spending \$11,000 of his own money in lobbying efforts to have the day officially recognized, he made 17 trips to Washington DC over a seven-year span to meet with legislators.

Others consider Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, a housewife in West Virginia, to have been the main driver for the day of observance. Throughout the 1970s McQuade worked hard to educate the people about the important contributions senior citizens ... She also urged people to adopt a grandparent, not for one day a year and not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience.

In any event National Grandparents Day was finally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978...A presidential proclamation on September 6, 1979, made this day official – it designated Sunday, September 9, 1979, (being the “first Sunday of September following Labor Day”) as National Grandparents Day.

The official song of National Grandparents Day is “A Song for Grandma And Grandpa” by Johnny Prill. The official flower for the day is the “forget-me-not” flower.



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August 11, 2022

Greetings!

We, the RAFMAN Club, Inc. members will celebrate our 48th Anniversary *Church Celebration* on Sunday, October 30, 2022—3:30 PM, at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend C. R. Taylor, Pastor, 920 E. Plant Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787. Our speaker is a fellow-RAFMAN, Reverend Charles Dorsey, Pastor of True Word Ministries, Inc.

We invite you to support our anniversary by placing a personal, or business ad, or to be a sponsor, and/or patron in our program booklet. The proceeds from this program booklet will help the RAFMAN to continue in our efforts to support our communities.

The deadline to submit ads for the anniversary booklet will be October 15, 2022. Please see the attached ad contract page for sizes and prices. For additional information, please contact President Arthur Jarvis at (407) 492-1266 or our 48th Anniversary Chairman, Melvin Henry at (407) 431-6016. We thank you in advance for your support in this effort.

Sincerely,

Arthur Jarvis

Arthur Jarvis, President
RAFMAN Club, Inc.

“The 48th Year of Serving the Lord in Our Service to Others.”
Colossians 3:23, 24

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AD CONTRACT

I/We _____

agree to pay \$ _____ for an ad(s) in the

RAFMAN 48TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH CELEBRATION program booklet.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

AD SIZE	PRICE
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsor	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Ad (8"x10")	75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Ad (8"x5")	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page Ad (4"x5")	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$1.00 or more
<input type="checkbox"/> Picture in AD is an additional	\$25.00

*Please type or print your ad; pictures must be clear and in editable formats (e.g., Word, Publisher, jpeg, or ping).

In addition, ads may be sent via email: www.rafmanclub@bellsouth.net. Please do not staple your ad, or check to this contract.

***Ad Deadline: Saturday, October 15, 2022—Thank you for your support!**

Name: ☐ Business or ☐ Individual _____

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"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

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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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1 Thessalonians 4:1*

When writing my mom's obituary, I felt that the word died seemed too final for the hope I had in our promised reunion in heaven. So, I wrote: "She was welcomed into the arms of Jesus." Still, some days I grieve when looking at the more current family photos that don't include my mom. Recently, though, I discovered a painter who creates family portraits to include those we've lost. The artist uses the photos of loved ones who have gone before us to paint them into the picture of the family. With strokes of a paintbrush, this artist represents God's promise of a heavenly reunion. I shed grateful tears at the thought of seeing my mom smiling by my side again.

The apostle Paul affirms that believers in Jesus don't have to grieve "like the rest of mankind" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). "We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" (v. 14). Paul acknowledges Jesus' second coming and proclaims that all believers will be reunited with Jesus (v. 17).

God's promise of a heavenly reunion can comfort us when we're grieving the loss of a loved one who has trusted Jesus. Our promised future with our risen King also provides enduring hope when we face our own immortality, until the day Jesus comes or calls us home.

By Xochitl Dixon

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God

bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.



REFLECT & PRAY

How has God used the promise of a heavenly reunion to comfort you in your grief? Why does the promise of a heavenly reunion give you great hope?

Loving Savior, thank You for giving me an enduring hope to share with others until the day You call me home or come again.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

In 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, Paul writes to believers in Jesus at the church in Thessalonica about the fate of believers who'd already died. The apostle's words were driven by the practical concerns of his readers. These early believers had expected Christ to return in the near future, and—much like the disciples—they thought He'd set up an earthly kingdom. For them, that meant that those who died before His return would miss out on the kingdom of God. This concern caused them grief, so Paul wrote to them about the hope of the resurrection so they wouldn't grieve without hope (v. 13). Instead, they were to have hope that the brothers and sisters who'd died in Jesus would indeed experience life with Him. In fact, at Christ's return, they'd precede the living to join Him forever (v. 17).

J.R. Hudberg

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4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10 Michael Dixon Orita McRae
11 PATRIOT DAY *09/11/2001	12	13	14	15	16 POW/MIA Recognition Day Joseph Cockerl	17
18 AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY 1947	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY'S DAY	26 Jessie Austin	27 Marilyn Durant	28	29 Kimberly Harrison	30	

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<https://www.hfotusa.org/important-military-holidays-and-observances-for-2022/>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Donald Durant
2	3	4	5	6 Nellie Randle	7	8
9	10	11 Irene Marks	12	13 NAVY BIRTH- DAY	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Gladys Kelly
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