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



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# Happy Easter



## The Lord is Risen... Hallelujah!



### President's Message

*Greetings in the month of April, and spring has finally arrived and if you are lucky the weather will reflect that. I hope that where you are the sky is bright and clear and the grass is growing green, welcome to the wonderful month of April.*

*This month I have decided to dedicate my newsletter writeup to congratulating peopling who are accomplishing so many wonderful things in America.*

*We begin by congratulating the four astronauts who were chosen for the first crewed moon mission. The fact that the mission commander and the pilot are both Navy pilots says a lot about the professionalism of our pilots.*

*Next, I would like to congratulate US Navy Captain Janet Day, an African American female who was selected as the New Commanding Office of the Navy Base Norfolk VA, which is one of the largest Navy bases in the world.*

*Then I would like to congratulate Lt. Daniel Keel a Tuskegee Airman and pilot, who at the age of 100 years old is still attending functions honoring former Tuskegee Airmen.*

*Finally in the world of sports and basketball, we congratulate the LSU women's basketball team and star player Angel Reese for bringing home the trophy in women's college basketball and UConn men winning it all doing the men's finals.*

*In closing remember this quote:*

*If April showers comes your way, they may bring the flowers that blooms in May. —Author Unknown*

*Submitted by,*

*Arthur Jarvis, President  
RAFMAN Club Foundation*

#### **All Members Take Note:**

#### **Club Meeting**

**Saturday, April 8, 2023**

#### **12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch**

Host: RAFMAN David Harrison  
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.....*



*Reveille Call.....*

It's April Family. The beautiful time of year when Easter comes, and we all celebrate the rising of Jesus from the tombstone where he was laid. Jesus died on Good Friday for our sins. Easter is indeed a celebration because if He had not paid for our sins at that time, we would ALL be in big trouble. It is not -as we all mistakenly do-the time for new clothes and fancy hats. But it IS the time to say thank you Jesus, especially on today, but every day. All in all I hope that your Easter is beautiful and wonderful.



There are other events in this month of April:

#### April Calendar

- April 1 is All Fools' Day—otherwise known as “April Fools' Day.”
- April 2 is Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.
- April 5 is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown on this day.
- April 7 is Good Friday.
- April 9 is Easter Sunday. (April 16 is Orthodox Easter.) Easter's date is said to be related to the full Moon?
- April 22 is Earth Day.
- April 28 is National Arbor Day.

Some of these dates are just to stay in the know. The rest are personal to us as is Good Friday. There are several contradictions about planting on Good Friday, but I follow the old school rule that says it is good to plant some things on Good Friday. It has not failed me yet.

Well, off to continue watching the NBA teams jostle for a playoff berth. The NCAA playoffs were wild as usual. Upsets were everywhere! But, back to the NBA where your Magic are trying. I believe that it is too much, too little, too late. But there is always hope. So, we'll just keep waiting. We'll know by next week this time. It is too much fun to watch and speculate for now.

Well Family, I am off to buy my new Eater suit. (Ha! Fooled you, didn't I?). No, a new Easter suit is not on my agenda. But, if you must have one, go for it. There is only one Judge.

Keep the Faith and I'll see you soon.

*Peace ..... Simon*



# *Military Holidays and Observances in April to Add to Your Calendar*

by **Mandy Baker**

There are many military-related holidays throughout the year. Here is what we can celebrate in April. Take a moment to remember these days and the people each of them will honor.



## Gold Star Spouses (April 5th)

“Gold Star Families” or “Gold Star Spouses” are terms that traditionally refer to the surviving loved ones of military members who have been killed in the line of duty and/or in combat. Gold Star Spouses Day was created to honor these loved ones who have sacrificed so much.

The Gold Star tradition began in World War I. During that time families with someone serving in the military flew flags with blue stars representing each family member currently serving. When a member was killed in the war, the star was changed to gold to let the community know the sacrifice that family had made. This tradition has evolved to include wearing a Gold Star lapel pin that is awarded by the military to the surviving family members.

The designation of Gold Star Spouses day in 2010 not only recognizes the sacrifices made by these military spouses. It is also a day of remembrance, a memorial for the fallen, and appreciation for those who might be in danger of being overlooked for their service and sacrifice for our country.

Many military installations will hold their own events to acknowledge Gold Star Spouses Day. You should also check out the many different ways this day is honored and recognized on social media.

## National Former POW Recognition Day (April 9th)

April 9<sup>th</sup> is designated as National Former POW Recognition Day. While this day might not be as well-known as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, it is every bit as important. The focus of this day is the word “former”. One well known former POW is the late Senator John McCain. His memory and the memory of the others who returned home from POW camps is on the minds of those who acknowledge this day. There are many troops who are still unaccounted for whose sacrifice and memory should be honored today as well.

National Former POW Recognition Day was originally designated in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan. Its conception was to honor the surrender of between 60 and 80,000 US and Filipino service members to the Japanese army at the Bataan Peninsula, Philippines on April 9, 1942.

More commonly known as the Bataan Death March, April 9, 1942, is the day the Japanese army began to force-march the American and Filipino POWs the 65 miles from Mariveles in the Bataan Peninsula to the train station at San Fernando. It is estimated that during this time over 20,000 men died. The POWs were beaten, robbed, starved, tortured, denied medical care, and executed by the Japanese forces.

While the original intent for this day was to recognize those men from that march in 1942, over the decades the recognition has expanded greatly to include all former POWs.

## Air Force Reserve Birthday (April 14th)

The Air Force Reserve was created on April 14, 1948, shortly after the Air Force was established as a separate branch of the military. The Air Force Reserve has approximately 450 aircraft. Their focus, however, is much more than solely air missions. Their mission also includes security, medical, civil engineering, space-force type operations, among other things.

Reservists of all branches play an important role in the DOD's strategy for manpower, military flexibility, and global reach. Since 9/11 the Air Force Reserve has played a major role in the air combat patrol missions in American airspace. Currently, there are more than 70,000 Americans serving the Air Force Reserve worldwide.

Happy 72<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Air Force Reserve!

## Army Reserve Birthday (April 23rd)

The Army Reserve celebrates its 112<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! Each year on April 23rd the Army Reserve celebrates its inception as well as its contributions to two World Wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, and countless other missions.

The Army Reserve provides combat support, peacekeeping, and civil support. Army Reservists today rotate between active-duty mobilizations and monthly training. The Army Reserve Command believes that the need for these reserve troops is more critical now than it has been before. In a world of persistent threats and terrorism, the Army Reserve continues to play an important role in nation-building, humanitarian outreach, national defense, and combat missions.

Happy 112<sup>th</sup> Birthday Army Reserve!

## National Military Brats Day (April 30th)

April is the Month of the Military Child, so it seems fitting that the last day of the month would be set aside to celebrate Military Brats. The term "military brat" is a long-standing phrase used to describe the children of military members. While it can be used in a derogatory way, over the decades it has mostly become a way to self-identify as a military family member.

According to some, Military Brats, Inc created Military Brats Day in 2016. It has been celebrated on April 30<sup>th</sup> ever since its inception. The idea behind its inception was to set aside a day to acknowledge and thank these children – past and present – for the service and sacrifice they've made. There are even movements to try to get lawmakers to put it on the calendar as a national holiday

# Biden picks Heritage for Marine Corps info warfare post



Sgt. Christian Oliver Cachola

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**Colin Demarest**

Mon, April 3, 2023 at 8:39 AM EDT

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. — President Joe Biden nominated Marine Corps cyber boss Maj. Gen. Ryan Heritage to be the next deputy commandant for information.

Heritage, who is expected to gain a star as a lieutenant general ([defence.gov/news/releases/release/article/3348536/](https://defence.gov/news/releases/release/article/3348536/)), has served as the commander of Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command at Fort Meade, Maryland, since 2021. In January, he also took the helm of Marine Corps Information Command, an entity Commandant Gen. David Berger championed in an update to Force Design 2030.

Should the Senate confirm him, Heritage will succeed Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Matthew Glavy. Senators received the nomination March 30, one day before the Pentagon announced Heritage's prospective move. The announcement did not say where Glavy is headed next.

# NASA announces 4 astronauts who will travel around the moon on Artemis II

The team includes the first woman and first person of color on a moon mission.

By [Mary Kekatos](#) and [Kiara Alfonseca](#) (abcnews.go.com)

April 3, 2023, 11:27 AM



Crew assignments for the four astronauts who will venture around the Moon on Artemis II are Commander Reid Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, Mission Specialist 1 Christina Hammock Koch, and Mission Specialist 2 Jeremy Hansen.

NASA

Koch, 43, made history with fellow astronaut Jessica Mer in October 2019 when they performed the first all-female spacewalk together.

Koch was also selected as an astronaut in 2013 and has completed six spacewalks. She currently holds the record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman at 328 days.

"We're not going to go to the moon right away," she said. "We're gonna stay in an amazing high orbit, reaching a peak of tens of thousands of miles while we test out all the systems on Orion and even see how it maneuvers in space. And then if everything looks good, we're heading to the moon."

Wiseman, 47, is a decorated naval aviator who was selected to be an astronaut in June 2009.

In 2014, he served as a flight engineer aboard the International Space Station and, over a 165-day mission, completed more than 300 experiments with his crewmates. Wiseman recently served as chief of the astronaut office, but stepped down in November because the chief is unable to fly in space.



# Naval Station Norfolk welcomes 1st Black female commanding officer

By Caitlyn Burchett  
The Virginian-Pilot

Feb 02, 2023 at 2:20 pm



Capt. Janet Days will become the 51st commanding officer of Naval Station Norfolk on Feb. 3, 2023, making her the first Black female to hold the position in the installation's 106-year history. (Naval Station Norfolk)



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A change of command ceremony will be held Friday morning. Days will relieve Capt. David Dees, who will assume duties as the Chief of Staff for Commander of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

Days graduated from Old Dominion University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in business. She earned a master's degree in business administration from the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College command and staff diploma. She also is a graduate of Joint and Combined Warfighting School at Joint Forces Staff College and is a qualified joint specialty officer.

Days has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (seven awards), Army Commendation Medal (two awards), Army Achievement Medal, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Her sea assignments include tours aboard the USS Simon Lake; USS Mahan and USS Forrest Sherman as engineer officer. Additionally, Days completed two deployments, one to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to conduct theater security cooperation and a subsequent deployment to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility to conduct counter-narcotics operations.

Days went on to serve as the Destroyer Squadron 28 material officer and staff director embarked aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, where she completed two deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Days also served as the executive officer and commanding officer of USS McFaul.

A deployment took Days to Kabul, Afghanistan as the Joint Staff, J7 liaison officer to the International Security Assistance Force headquarters.

Following a tour as the executive officer of Surface Warfare Schools Command in Newport, Rhode Island, Days was appointed Naval Station Norfolk's executive officer in 2021. She is also the first Black female to hold that position.

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[Your Army](https://armytimes.com/news/your-army) (armytimes.com/news/your-army)

## Philippines names 4 new camps for US forces amid China fury

By Jim Gomez, The Associated Press  
Apr 3, 09:40 AM



Philippine Army Artillery Regiment Commander Anthony Coronel, left, returns a salute from a US soldier during a joint military drill called Salaknib at Laur, Nueva Ecija province, northern Philippines on Friday, March 31, 2023. The U.S. and the Philippines have agreed to hold more small and major combat exercises in 2023 and expand annual military drills following disruptions caused by two years of coronavirus lockdowns, according to Philippine military officials. (AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippine government on Monday identified four new local military camps, including some across a sea border from Taiwan, where rotational batches of American forces with their weapons would be allowed to stay indefinitely despite strong objections from China.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s administration announced in February his approval of an expanded U.S. military presence in the country by allowing American forces to station in the four additional Philippine military bases under the 2014 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement between the longtime treaty allies.

The move would boost his country's coastal defense, Marcos said. It dovetails with the Biden administration's effort to strengthen an arc of military alliances in the Indo-Pacific to better counter China, including in any future confrontation over Taiwan.

The new sites identified by Marcos' office include a Philippine navy base in Santa Ana town and an international airport in Lal-lo town, both in northern Cagayan province. Those two locations have infuriated Chinese officials because they would provide U.S. forces with a staging ground close to southern China and Taiwan, the self-ruled island Beijing claims as its own.

The two other military areas are in northern Isabela province and on a local navy camp on Balabac island in the western province of Palawan.

Palawan faces the South China Sea, a key passage for global trade that Beijing claims virtually in its entirety and where it has taken increasingly aggressive actions that have threatened smaller claimant states, including the Philippines.

China and the Philippines, along with Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan, have been locked in increasingly tense territorial disputes over the busy and resource-rich South China Sea. Washington lays no claims to the strategic waters but has deployed warships and fighter and surveillance aircraft for patrols that it says promote freedom of navigation and the rule of law, angering Beijing.





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## ORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (WZTV) — The U.S. Army has

**identified nine soldiers killed Wednesday night** during routine training in southern Kentucky. One is a 33-year-old Milton man.

Two Black Hawk medical evacuation helicopters crashed during nighttime training in Trigg County, killing all members onboard:

- Warrant Officer 1 Jeffery Barnes, 33, of Milton, Florida
- Cpl. Emilie Marie Eve Bolanos, 23, of Austin, Texas
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Zachary Esparza, 36, of Jackson, Missouri
- Sgt. Isaac Gayo, 27, of Los Angeles, California
- Staff Sgt. Joshua C. Gore, 25, of Morehead City, North Carolina
- Warrant Officer 1 Aaron Healy, 32, of Cape Coral, Florida
- Staff Sgt. Taylor Mitchell, 30, of Mountain Brook, Alabama
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rusten Smith, 32, of Rolla, Missouri
- Sgt. David Solinas Jr, 23, of Oradell, New Jersey



Milton man identified as 1 of 9 soldiers killed in Kentucky helicopter crash © Provided by WEAR – Mobile-Pensacola

The HH-60 helicopters were part of the 101st Airborne Division.

"This is a time of great sadness for the 101st Airborne Division. The loss of these Soldiers will reverberate through our formations for years to come," said Maj. Gen. JP McGee, commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell. "Now is the time for grieving and healing. The whole division and this community stand behind the families and friends of our fallen Soldiers."

## Lt. Daniel Keel, 100 years old, former Tuskegee Airman, served as a Pilot, Navigator and Bombardier

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### ABOUT DANIEL KEEL

Keel is one of the few remaining living members of the now-famed Tuskegee Airmen battalion, originally composed of nearly 1,000 Blacks. He is one of only three who earned a Triple Airman rating (Twin Engine Navigator; Aerial Bombardier; Basic Single Engine).

This past March 8, Keel was recognized and honored by the Clermont City Council, which pronounced March 17 as Tuskegee Airmen Recognition Day.

Born in Mineola, N.Y., Keel's involvement with the military began when he was a student at Boston Latin School, where he attained the rank of Second Lieutenant in his JROTC regiment. Following graduation in 1941, he attended Northeastern University and majored in aeronautical engineering. He was drafted in 1943 into the Army-Air Force as an aviation cadet.

Following the war, he obtained a commercial multi-engine pilot's license, but never realized his dream of becoming a commercial pilot.



*Lt. Daniel Keel a Tuskegee Airman and pilot, who at the age of 100 years old is still attending functions honoring former Tuskegee Airmen.*

He moved to Clermont in 1999, joining several of his children who had moved into the area years earlier.

# F-15 Advanced Eagle

## Multi-role fighter



The Advanced Eagle is a proposed upgrade of the older F-15 air superiority fighters

Country of origin	United States
Entered service	?
Crew	1 or 2 men
<b>Dimensions and weight</b>	
Length	63.8 m
Wing span	13.05 m
Height	5.65 m
Weight (empty)	20.41 t
Weight (maximum take off)	36.7 t
<b>Engines and performance</b>	
Engines	2 x General Electric F110-GE-129 turbofan engines
Traction (dry / with afterburning)	2 x ? / 131 kN
Maximum speed	3 017 km/h
Service ceiling	~ 18 km
Ferry range	?
Combat radius	~ 2 000 km
<b>Armament</b>	
Cannon	1 x M61 20 mm cannon
Missiles	up to 16 AIM-120 AMRAAM air-to-air missiles, 4 x AIM-9X Sidewinder short-range air-to-air missiles, 2 x AGM-88 HARM anti-radiation missiles.
Bombs	GBU-31/32 JDAM, small free-fall bombs

The Advanced Eagle is not an entirely new fighter, but rather an upgrade of the older F-15 Eagle variants. It is also referred as F-15 2040C. By 2018 there were just over 200 older F-15 fighters in service with the US Air Force. Even though the original F-15 Eagle entered service back in 1976, and now in service for over 40 years, it remains a formidable warplane. This fighter was advanced at the time and was exported only to trusted US allies, including Israel, Japan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and South Korea. It is an air-superiority fighter, designed to gain and maintain air supremacy. The Advanced Eagle also has a secondary air-to-ground capability. Upgraded Advanced Eagles could complement F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II fighters. Though unlike these two fighters, the F-15 is not stealthy.

([military-today.com/aircraft/fl15\\_eagle.htm](http://military-today.com/aircraft/fl15_eagle.htm))



# After a March Madness full of upsets, UConn reigns supreme

It was UConn's 5th title in the past 25 years.

By [The Associated Press \(nowthisnews.com\)](#)

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CREDIT: AP PHOTO

The Cinderellas certainly had their moments in this March Madness. More than a few, actually. In the end, it was a familiar face that won the NCAA Tournament.

UConn — a No. 4 seed — beat No. 5 seed San Diego State 76-59 on Monday night in Houston for its fifth title in the past 24 years. The Huskies and coach Dan Hurley cruised through the tournament in impressive fashion, winning all six games by at least 10 points.

The Aztecs ([apnews.com](#)) of the Mountain West Conference didn't go quietly, cutting UConn's lead to six points late in the second half before the Huskies used one more run to put the game away. It was San Diego State's first trip to the title game.

# LSU beats Iowa to win 1st NCAA title, posting record triple-digit point game



Emma Bowman

LSU's Alexis Morris shoots past Iowa's Caitlin Clark during the second half of the NCAA Women's Final Four championship basketball game Sunday in Dallas. *Darron Cummings/AP*



Louisiana State University's Tigers bested University of Iowa's Hawkeyes 102-85 to win their first national basketball title in school history. Despite yet another stellar performance from Iowa guard Caitlin Clark, the Hawkeyes' late comeback run couldn't match LSU's offensive stride.

It was just one of many records posted in the NCAA women's final game. Here are some more firsts from the most-viewed women's March Madness ever:

- **A women's team broke the 100-point mark** for the first time in a national championship game. The 102 points the Tigers put up passed the previous record of 97 points that Texas scored against Southern California in 1986.
- LSU's Kim Mulkey became the **first women's coach** to win national titles at two different schools. (And the first to do it outfitted in a flashy, sequined tiger-striped pantsuit, no less.)
- Iowa's Clark set the NCAA record for **most points in a tournament**, 191, smashing the 177-point record set by Sheryl Swoopes in 1993. Also notable: During this year's Elite Eight round, Clark became the first player — men's or women's — to achieve a 40-point triple-double in an NCAA tournament game.

[MARCH MADNESS](https://nbc-miami.com/tag/march-madness) (nbc-miami.com/tag/march-madness)

## Who is Angel Reese? LSU Star Wins Most Outstanding Player of 2023 NCAA Tournament

Reese logged a double-double in every game of the tournament en route to the title



Photo / <https://www.tigerrag.com/wp-content/uploads/Angel-Reese.jpg>

Article By Sanjesh Singh • Published April 2, 2023 • Updated on April 2, 2023 at 10:20 pm

Angel Reese is taking home two pieces of hardware from the 2023 women's NCAA Tournament.

The LSU forward posted a 15-point, 10-rebound double-double as the No. 3 Tigers topped No. 2 Iowa in the National Championship game on Sunday, then was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

It marked a remarkable campaign for Reese after the junior transferred from Maryland following a two-year stint as a Terrapin.

She logged career highs in every single major statistical category this season in an increased role (33.7 minutes per 35 games): 23.3 points, 15.6 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 1.8 steals, 1.6 blocks and 52.7% field goal shooting on 15.7 attempts.



## **So, who is Angel Reese? Here's what to know about the new Most Outstanding Player:**

### **Where is Angel Reese from?**

Reese was born in Randallstown, Md., which is just outside Baltimore. She was born to parents Angel and Michael Reese.

### **How old is Angel Reese?**

Reese is 20 years old. She was born on May 6, 2002.

### **How tall is Angel Reese?**

Reese is 6-foot-3.

### **What was Angel Reese's high school ranking?**

Reese was a five-star recruit and the No. 2 overall talent in the Class of 2020, per ESPN's ranking. She was No. 1 in her position. She also considered USC, Syracuse, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Her **high school** was Saint Frances Academy in Baltimore.

### **Why did Angel Reese leave Maryland?**

The Terrapins were a program close to home for Reese, but her decision to leave after two years involved multiple factors, such as an injury-riddled freshman year and an up-and-down sophomore campaign. Eleven days after Maryland lost in the Sweet 16 to Stanford last year, she entered the transfer portal.

"I wanted more for myself," Reese said, via Lyndsey D'Arcangelo of Just Women's Sports. "I knew that I wanted to develop into that stretch-four player, so being able to do that and play under a coach that could help me get to that level — because I know I'm not gonna play the five at the next level. I know I'm not gonna be sitting down in the post. I mean, there are way bigger players than me in the WNBA, so I know that I would have to play that stretch-four position."

LSU initially wasn't on her radar, but the combination of the environment, people, the school's support of its women's teams and coach Kim Mulkey's energy swayed her.

### **When is Angel Reese eligible for the WNBA draft?**

Since Reese is a junior, she'll have to wait until next year -- 2024 -- to declare for the WNBA draft following her senior campaign.

Other notable names on track to go to the big leagues are **Caitlin Clark** (Iowa), Paige Bueckers (UConn) and Hailey Van Lith (Louisville), among others.

# Iowa's Caitlin Clark wins AP Player of the Year

By DOUG FEINBERG March 30, 2023



DALLAS (AP) — Caitlin Clark has put together one of the greatest individual seasons in NCAA history with eye-popping offensive numbers.

Iowa's junior guard, though, saved her best performance for the game's biggest stage, recording the first 40-point triple-double in NCAA history to get Iowa to the Final Four for the first time in 30 years.

Clark was honored Thursday as The Associated Press women's basketball Player of the Year. She received 20 votes from the 28-member national media panel that votes on the AP Top 25 each week. Voting was done before March Madness began.

"It's a huge honor," Clark said. "I picked a place that I perfectly fit into and that's allowed me to show my skill set. I'd be lying if I said it didn't mean something. It's not the reason you play basketball, it's just something that comes along with getting to do what you love."

The Iowa coaching staff surprised Clark by sharing that she won the award while they were visiting the Iowa Children's Hospital — a place near and dear to her. It also has huge ties to the Hawkeyes athletic department.



# RAFMAN Club, Inc.

Retired Air Force, Marine, Army, Navy



## **ANNUAL FISH & CHICKEN FRY**



**Fish Dinner \$12.00**

**Chicken Dinner \$12.00**



**Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Time: Noon until 4:30 PM**

*Eat In  
Or  
Take Out*

**Where: L. Claudia Allen Senior Center  
1840 Mable Butler Avenue  
Orlando, Florida 32805**



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# Happy Birthday!



May God bless you  
with many more!



RAFMAN Jerald Marks  
April 1



RAFMAN Raynard Graham  
April 23





## Sick n' Shut-ins:

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.

Please remember to pray for our RAFMAN Brother Charles Dorsey and his family whose Mother Ms. Emma Dorsey passed in Maryland. Viewing, Funeral Services and Burial Services will take place in Maryland on April 14 and 15.



## **More Than Skin Deep**

*Oh, what joy for those . . .  
whose sin is put out of sight!  
Psalm 32:1 NLT*

José, a young believer in Jesus, was visiting his brother's church. As he entered the sanctuary prior to the service, his brother's face fell when he saw him. José's tattoos, covering both arms, were visible since he was wearing a T-shirt. His brother told him to go home and put on a long-sleeved shirt, for many of José's tattoos reflected the ways of his past. José suddenly felt dirty. But another man overheard the brothers' interaction and brought José to the pastor, telling him what had happened. The pastor smiled and unbuttoned his shirt, revealing a large tattoo on his chest—something from his own past. He assured José that because God had made him pure from the inside out, he didn't need to cover his arms.

David experienced the joy of being made pure by God. After confessing his sin to Him, the king wrote, "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!" (Psalm 32:1 nlt). He could now "shout for joy" with others "whose hearts are pure!" (v. 11 nlt). The apostle Paul later quoted Psalm 32:1–2 in Romans 4:7–8, a passage declaring that faith in Jesus leads to salvation and a pure standing before Him (see Romans 4:23–25).

Our purity in Jesus is much more than skin deep, for He knows and purifies our hearts (1 Samuel 16:7; 1 John 1:9). May we rejoice in His purifying work today. —By Tom Felten

## **SCRIPTURE: Psalm 32**—Of David. A maskil.

- 1 Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one  
whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.[b]
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the Lord."  
And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.
- 6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you  
while you may be found;  
surely the rising of the mighty waters  
will not reach them.
- 7 You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you  
should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- 9 Do not be like the horse or the mule,  
which have no understanding  
but must be controlled by bit and bridle  
or they will not come to you.
- 10 Many are the woes of the wicked,  
but the Lord's unfailing love  
surrounds the one who trusts in him.
- 11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!



**REFLECT:** What past sins have you struggled with? What does it mean to be transformed and purified by faith in Jesus?

**PRAY:** Jesus, thank You for forgiving my sins and making me pure within.

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						1 Jerald Marks
2 Palm Sunday	3	4 MLK Assassinated	5 Passover Gold Star Spouses Day	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10 Dina Dorsey	11	12	13	14 Air Force Reserve Birthday	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day Fish Fry/Raffle
23 Army Reserve Birthday Raynard Graham	24	25	26	27 La Wanda Carter	28	29
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7	8	9	10	11	12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17	18 Ascension Day	19	20 Armed Forces Day
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