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### Thanks

to all of you who continually contribute to the newsletter.

**\*All** Articles and credits are due by the **First Saturday of each month.**

—President Jarvis



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### The Importance Of September 11

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, 19 Islamist extremists carried out a series of coordinated attacks orchestrated by the terrorist group Al-Qaeda. These terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes, turning them into weapons of mass destruction. Their actions resulted in the deaths of 2,977 people and left thousands more injured.

The attacks began in the morning when two planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, were flown into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact and subsequent fires caused both towers to collapse, leading to catastrophic loss of life and significant destruction.

A third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, was crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, severely damaging the west side of the military headquarters. The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, was headed for another target in Washington, D.C., but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers and crew attempted to overpower the hijackers. This act of bravery prevented further destruction and loss of life.

Among the nearly 3,000 fatalities were hundreds of police officers and firefighters who rushed to the scene to carry out rescue and evacuation efforts. Their heroic actions saved many lives, even as they sacrificed their own.

The 9/11 attacks are widely considered to be the worst terrorist incident in history, leading to significant changes in global security policies and practices. The attacks also united people worldwide in grief and solidarity, prompting widespread efforts to combat terrorism and support those affected by the tragedy.

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN  
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OCTOBER 27, 2024



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*\*Please mark your calendar and include us in your budget!*

# RAFMAN CLUB, INC.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



October 27, 2024 – 3:00 PM

Theme: "We've Come This Far By Faith"

Scripture: Matthew 25: 35-40; 1 Peter 4: 10-11



Speaker:

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### President's Write-up

Greetings in the month of September. Hope all is well with all of you that takes a few minutes to read our newsletter. As all of you probably know by now the RAFMAN will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a church service at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Winter Garden, FL. Hope to see you all there. For our RAFMAN honorary members expect an invitation by mail requesting your attendance. I seriously doubt that when this Club was founded no one expected that it would still exist (50) years later. That is a tremendous accomplishment for this organization, although at times it has been a challenge to get to this point. The success and achievements of this club is due to the founders, the dedicated men and women that once served as RAFMAN and those that are currently serving. Thank you, past and present members, for your dedication and contribution to this club.

The continued success and future of this club depends on recruiting men and women who are dedicated to helping the Club live up to its creed which is to serve the community. Further we must continue to understand the needs, wants, and expectations of us and be committed to providing those services even during difficult times.

Below are my thoughts as I close.

Members of the RAFMAN Club are military veterans who have served this country faithfully like many other military veterans across the country, but like so many of these veterans we have serious concerns about the direction that some individuals would like to take the country in. These people do not possess the honesty or integrity that required of a leader of this great country. Their success is based on their financial status, often inherited, additionally their circle of friends are also wealthy individuals who wants to maintain the status quo. When we join the military, we are sworn to an oath to protect the constitution of the United States, however today we see our constitution being misused by some members of the highest court in the land. Think, be aware of what is happening in your country, it is not all good. Vote! Your vote counts.

Submitted by:  
Arthur Jarvis, President  
RAFMAN Club, Inc.

All Members Take Note:  
**Club Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 14, 2024**  
Host: RAFMAN Jerald Mark

**12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch**  
8032 International Dr. Orlando  
**3:00 PM — Club Meeting**  
L. Claudia Allen Senior Center  
1840 Mable Butler Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32805

**Keep Safe!**



# A statue honoring John Lewis replaces former Confederate monument in Georgia

By Graham Hurley, CNN



A statue of John Lewis is unveiled in Decatur, Georgia, on Saturday, August 24.

A statue honoring civil rights hero and [US Congressman John Lewis](#) was unveiled Saturday outside of Atlanta, replacing a Confederate monument that had stood there for more than a century.

Renowned Jamaican sculptor Basil Watson created the statue, coined the John Lewis Memorial. It was installed August 16 in Decatur Square in front of the Historic Decatur Courthouse.

The statue stands 12 feet tall atop a granite pedestal and depicts Lewis with his hands over his heart, a gesture he frequently used to express his love for others.

A hero and prominent leader of the Civil Rights Movement, Lewis was a lifelong Democrat who championed social issues and equality.

Lewis was one of the original Freedom Riders who rode segregated buses in the 1960s to protest racial segregation in the South. He served as chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was one of the “Big Six” civil rights leaders who organized the March on Washington, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his historic “I Have a Dream” speech.

In 1965, Lewis was brutally beaten by police and state troopers in Alabama while leading hundreds of peaceful civil rights marchers in the first Selma to Montgomery march, in what became known as “Bloody Sunday.”



Submitted by  
RAFMAN Donald Durant

## Army Trailblazer Retired Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg Dies

**Photo by:** U.S. Army/Terrance Bell . **Fri, 08/23/2024 - 09:27**

Retired Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg, a trailblazing officer for whom the Army renamed an installation, died Aug. 22. He was 96.

“The entire Fort Gregg-Adams family is deeply saddened by the loss of a great American and our namesake,” said Maj. Gen. Michelle Donahue, commanding general of the Combined Arms Support Command and the installation, in a statement. “Lt. Gen. Gregg will continue to inspire all who knew him and those who serve at Fort Gregg-Adams now and in the future. His dedication and leadership will never be forgotten. Our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.”



On April 27, 2023, Fort Lee, Virginia, was renamed Fort Gregg-Adams to honor Gregg and Maj. Charity Adams Earley, who commanded the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the first and only all-female, all-Black American battalion to deploy overseas during World War II.

At the time, Gregg was the only living person in modern Army history to have an installation named after him. He shared his thoughts about the honor in an October 2023 Association of the U.S. Army podcast. Listen to it [here](#).

Gregg attended events on the installation until his death, attending the most recent garrison change-of-command ceremony July 31 at the Gregg-Adams Club, according to an Army news release.

**From humble beginnings in the segregated South, Gregg rose through the Army’s ranks to become the service’s first African American three-star general. Gregg, who retired in 1981 after more than 30 years of service, is considered one of the Army’s great logistics leaders of the 20th century, and he blazed the trail for generations of soldiers and officers.**

At just 17, inspired by the service of Black soldiers in World War II, Gregg enlisted in the Army and deployed soon after to support supply operations in occupied Germany, according to the Army.

He went to Officer Candidate School in 1949, one year after President Truman ordered the desegregation of the military, according to the Army news release.

Gregg would go on to serve in Japan and command the 96th Quartermaster Direct Support Battalion in Vietnam. His service in Vietnam was a consequential part of his career.

“I’ve had big jobs, but I still look upon the command of that battalion in Vietnam as the most significant point in my career,” Gregg has said, according to the Army.

Gregg moved steadily up the ranks, serving in Germany and in the U.S., culminating with his assignment as deputy Army chief of staff for logistics, G-4.

Speaking at Fort Gregg-Adams’ rededication ceremony, Gregg said he hoped the name change can serve as an inspiration. “I hope that this community will look with pride on the name Fort Gregg-Adams, and that the name will instill pride in every soldier entering our mighty gates,” he said.

## U.S. Air Force Day-September 18, 2024



U.S. Air Force Day is commemorated yearly on September 18, celebrating the birth of this very important organization. The U.S. military is one of the most advanced in the world. As soon as airplanes were invented, the U.S. military bought its first plane and utilized this revolutionary invention. Since then, many advancements have been made. This holiday celebrates the day the U.S. Air Force became an independent organization and recognizes the many accomplishments the USAF has made. Most importantly, this day honors the sacrifices of many and raises awareness of the importance of national security to our freedom.

### History of U.S. Air Force Day

The first successful airplane was invented in 1903 and the U.S. military bought its first aircraft only six years later. Envisioning great success for their new invention, the U.S. Signal Corps established the first-ever military aviation organization, the Aeronautical Division, in 1907. However, the Aeronautical Division was too small and inadequate when it came to aerial combat years later. It became evident after the hardships of World War II that airpower would become even more crucial in the coming years. It was then that the National Security Act of 1947 reorganized the U.S. military and intelligence agencies, making the Air Force an independent organization.

The U.S. Air Force Day was first introduced by President Harry Truman on August 1, 1947. This was done to recognize the personnel of the fearless U.S. Air Force and all who have maintained and developed the nation's air strength. This holiday was initially celebrated on August 1 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Aeronautical Division, U.S. Signal Corps. However, on September 18, the U.S. Air Force was established as a separate branch of the US Armed Forces and this holiday received a new date.

This day aims to increase the public's awareness of the importance of national security as well as show appreciation for those risking their lives to protect the country and maintain its prosperity.

Congratulations:  
Air Force Veterans



Joe Cockerl



Jerald Marks



Tyrrell Carter



## National POW / MIA Recognition Day September 20, 2024



**National POW/MIA Recognition Day** is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to honoring and remembering the sacrifices of American service members who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). This day serves as a reminder of the nation's commitment to accounting for

every service member who has not returned home and to recognizing the courage and resilience of those who endured captivity. It is a time to reflect on the cost of war and to express gratitude for the bravery and dedication of those who have served and continue to serve the country.

### What is National POW/MIA Recognition Day?

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is a solemn day of remembrance for American military personnel who were held as prisoners of war and for those who are still unaccounted for. The day underscores the importance of bringing home those who remain missing and ensuring that the stories of POWs and MIAs are not forgotten. Observances often include ceremonies, moments of silence, and the display of the POW/MIA flag, which symbolizes the nation's commitment to recovering those who are missing.

### When is National POW/MIA Recognition Day?

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday in September. In 2024, it will be observed on September 20th. On this day, ceremonies are held at military installations, veterans' organizations, and national landmarks, including the Pentagon and the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to honor POWs and MIAs.



May you be blessed with many more birthdays. Enjoy your special day!



Michael Dixon  
September 10<sup>th</sup>



Joseph Cockerl  
September 16<sup>th</sup>



## Celebrating Gold Star Mother's Day September 29, 2024



No one understands the true price of freedom made by our military heroes more than our Gold Star Mothers. Each year, the last Sunday in September is Gold Star Mother's Day, a day set aside to recognize their grief, sacrifices, and strengths.

### What is a Gold Star Mother/Family?

Gold Star Mothers are Mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of our country. A Gold Star Family is one who has lost a family member in the service of our country.

### Where the Gold Star comes from?

During World War I, families with loved ones who were currently serving hung "service flags" with a blue star for every immediate family member who was currently serving. If that loved one died, the blue star was replaced by a gold star. This allowed members of the community to know the price that the family had paid in the cause of freedom.

### How Gold Star Mother's Day got started.

Starting in 1936, the United States began observing Gold Star Mother's Day on the last Sunday of September. At the end of World War II, Gold Star Wives was formed. Today, the tradition extends to all family members. This is a day we recognize the pain, grief and sacrifice mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters must endure when a loved one dies in service to our nation.

Our military families serve this country alongside our military heroes. They provide support while their loved ones are away, they raise families in the absence of their partners, and they pick up the pieces when their loved one is killed or injured in the line of duty.

If you are a **Gold Star Mother or Family**, we honor your sacrifice and thank you for your service. If you know a Gold Star Mother or Family, please take time today to recognize them.





### Sick n' Shut-ins:

Thanking God for His keeping power.

### To Bereaved Families:

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



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### **Retrieval Practice**

Remember the Sabbath day. Exodus 20:8

Have you ever been in the middle of telling a story and then stopped, stuck on a detail like a name or date you couldn't recall? We often chalk it up to age, believing that memory fades with time. But recent studies no longer support that view. In fact, they indicate our memory isn't the problem; it's our ability to retrieve those memories. Without a regular rehearsal of some kind, memories become harder to access.

One of the ways to improve that retrieval ability is by regularly scheduled actions or experiences of recalling a certain memory. Our Creator God knew this, so He instructed the children of Israel to set aside one day a week for worship and rest. In addition to the physical rest that comes from such a respite, we gain an opportunity for mental training, to recall that "in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them" (Exodus 20:11). It helps us to remember there is a God, and it's not us.

In the rush of our lives, we sometimes lose our grip on the memories of what God has done for us and for others. We forget who keeps close watch over our lives and who promises His presence when we feel overwhelmed and alone. A break from our routine provides an opportunity for that needed "retrieval practice"—an intentional decision to stop and remember our God and "forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2).

By John Blase

### **SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:8-11 NIV**

8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**REFLECT:** What tempts you to skip rest? How can taking time to rest draw you closer to God?

**PRAY:** Dear God, please remember me and give me the wisdom to stop and remember You as well.

### **SCRIPTURE INSIGHT**

In Jesus' day, the Sabbath had acquired a layer of regulations that God hadn't prescribed. This precipitated several Sabbath confrontations between Christ and the religious leaders known as the Pharisees. In John 5, Jesus healed a man at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath, upsetting the Pharisees (vv. 1-10). John says that "because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him" (v. 16). Then they took exception to the disciples picking grain on the Sabbath (Mark 2:23-24). Christ told them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (v. 27). Paul wrote that we shouldn't let anyone judge us "with regard to . . . a Sabbath day" (Colossians 2:16). He also said, "One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind" (Romans 14:5). —Tim Gustafson

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**SEPTEMBER 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day V-J Day (Victory over Japan)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Orita McRae Michael Dixon	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16 Joseph Cockerl	17	18 Air Force (USAF) Birthday	19	20 National POW/ MIA Recognition Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Marilyn Durant	28
29 Gold Star Mother's Day VFW Day	30	National Suicide Prevention Month National Service Dog Month				

**OCTOBER 2024**
<https://militarybenefits.info/national-vietnam-war-veterans-day/>
<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2024>
<https://news.veteranownedbusiness.com>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 *50 <sup>TH</sup> Ad Deadline
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 NAVY BIRTHDAY	14 COLUMBUS DAY	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 DATE OF DEPLOYED
27 NAVY DAY RAFMAN CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY	28	29	30	31		



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