9th Annual Chat-n-Chew Black History Month

Please Join Us in Honoring African American Vets and Families.

To Share Experiences, Connect, and to Celebrate



African American Heroes: A building block of U.S. History

February 10, 2025 **11am-1pm**

Join us in person or on Zoom Meeting ID: 836 4666 0001 Passcode: 306177





Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Austin Secretary of Defense



Alford L. McMichael First Black Sgt. Maj. of Marine Corps

Guest Speaker

Darryl L. Harlan, grew up on the northside of Chicago, served in the United States Marine Corp Veteran served active duty from 1988-1992 with 1st Marines Infantry Division, Camp Pendleton Ca. Two tours in the Gulf War 1991 and 1992. Decorated Combat Action, Naval Commendation Medal with the Distinguished Combat V Symbol for Heroic Achievement. One year in the Marine Corp Reserves from 1997-1998 with an Artillery Unit out of Joliet, IL.

Been in recovery for since 1993, and clean and sober for 24 ½ years. Professionally, I've worked for Illinois Department of Corrections for 6 years and 22 ½ years in Policing. Recently, retired in 2022. Then moved on to work at the Department of Veteran Affairs in North Chicago, IL as a Peer Support Specialist where I've been for last 1 ½.

Professional/Volunteer Affiliations: Trustee New Greater Faith Baptist Church, Foundations Board Member College of Lake County, Volunteer Lake County Honor Flight, and Volunteer Lake County Emergency Management.



Annie Graham First Black Female Marine

All are Welcome!

A Light Lunch is Served at NIRCO HUB or Bring your Lunch to One of the Virtual Meeting Locations:



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