



GREATER ROCHESTER U.S. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY



BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 0800

Retired Marine Corps MSgt. Bruce Van Apeldoorn, who started this new tradition here back in 2015, is now enjoying his well deserved retirement near family in North Carolina. He entrusted the Marine Corps Coordinating Council to carry on this very successful Birthday observance. Cooper Marine American Legion Post Commander Ray Melens, like Bruce a Vietnam War Vet, has taken the reins. We're good to carry on.

All over the nation Birthday Breakfasts have gained in popularity including ours

here. Year to year sees increased attendance and participation. This year's observance will again be at Red Fedele's Brook House on West Ridge Road. They have been great hosts and put on a great spread. It's obvious that they see this as a labor of love. The Breakfast is casual, economical and totally independent of organizations. It is an ideal way to celebrate the Birthday of our Corps, renew old friendships, observe the day and enjoy a great breakfast. After all, you're still a Marine aren't you?

WHO: Marines of any age or period. FMF Corpsmen, Sea Bees and Chaplain's staff are also welcome.

WHAT: Breakfast with your fellow Marines. Cost: \$22 pre-purchased on line at:

<https://www.mccrochester.org/birthday-breakfast-2023>  **Click this hyperlink.**

WHERE: Red Fedele's Brook House, 920 Elmridge Center Dr., Rochester, NY.

DRESS: Casual or period uniforms.

WHEN: Friday 10 November 2023.
0800 Greetings and Coffee.
0900 Birthday Ceremony
0915 Buffet Breakfast

WHY: Because it's Marine Corps Birthday!
BUT YOU NEED TO get on line and purchase a ticket as soon as possible. At least by 1 November 2022.

Pass this on to another Marine. Semper Fi!

2023 Honorees: Veterans of the First Gulf War— 30 years on.

It's hard to believe it's been that long since Rochester's 8TH Tanks participated in the stunning



defeat of Saddam Hussein's Kuwait invasion forces. Our Guest of Honor and speaker is Sergeant Major Hank Adams who was there with the 8TH Tanks. We look forward to honoring the Upstate Marines who handed Saddam the 'Mother of all Humiliations.' 🇺🇸

