

## THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 0800

This being our 8th year it is definitly time to think of our Birthday Breakfast as a tradition. Started by retired Marine Corps MSgt. Bruce Van Apeldoorn back in 2015 it has grown in attendance each year since.

This year's observance will again be at Red

**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.mcccrochester.org/ birthday-breakfast-2022

**WHERE:** Red Fedele's Brook House, 920 Elmridge Center Dr., Rochester, NY 14626.

Fedele's Brook House on West Ridge Road. 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.

**DRESS:** Casual or period uniforms.

**WHEN:** Thurs. 10 November 2022. 0800 Greetings and Coffee. 0900 Birthday Ceremony 0915 Buffet Breakfast

**WHY:** Because you earned the title of Marine!

**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!

## 2022 Honoree: LCpl John McCall USMC · Beirut · 1983



Beirut survivor Marine Michael Zawacki greets Mary McCall on the 23 October 2020 Anniversary Ceremony.

SUNDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1983 was the single deadliest day for the U.S. Marine Corps since the last day of Iwo Jima in World War II. At 6:22 AM an Iranian Hezbollah terrorist, having crashed through security in an explosive laden truck, detonated those explosives causing an explosion that was equivalent to more than 12 tons of TNT. It was the largest non-nuclear explosion in history up to that time. The explosion killed 241 American service members (220 Marines, 18 sailors and three soldiers). Among the three Rochester Marines killed in Beirut was LCpl John McCall, this year's Birthday Breakfast Honoree. He is interred in Rochester's Riverside Cemetery on Lake Avenue just north of Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. His mother, Mary McCall will be our guest of honor this year.