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Lambs Farm Magnolia Café & Bakery ~ Noon Kelly Duffy, Deputy Director ~ *The Golden 13*, National Museum of the American Sailor, Great Lakes

Kelly Duffy, is the Deputy Director for the National Museum of the American Sailor at Great Lakes.



As an official Department of the Navy Museum (one of ten) under the Naval History and Heritage Command, the National Museum of the American Sailor's mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of the United States Navy's Enlisted Sailor for the benefit of the US. Navy and the people of the United States.

In January 1944, there were nearly 100,000 Black Sailors in the United States Navy, but none were officers. That would change when a group of sixteen Black enlisted men were assembled at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, in Illinois for officer training that month. The odds were initially stacked against them as there was still a strong sentiment within the Navy that African Americans could not succeed as officers. The normal officer training course was sixteen weeks, however these men were expected to complete it in eight – a move that they believed was an attempt to set them up for failure. (The Golden Thirteen, the first African-American U.S. Navy Officers. Photographed 17 March 1944. Courtesy of *Surface Warfare Magazine*, 1982. U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command Photograph).



If you look closely at the image on this postcard, courtesy of NMAS' Permanent Collection, you will see that the "Living Flag" is actually made up of Sailors at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois, in 1917.

Congratulations!



Angel Barry

2024 LCRTA

**Teacher of the Year
Award**



Gwen Beckwith

2024 LCRTA

**Community Service
Award**

TRS (Teachers Retirement System)
P.O. Box 19253
Springfield, IL 62702-9253
1 (800) 877-7896
www.trs.state.il.us



IRTA (Illinois Retired Teachers Association)
828 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62702
1 (800) 728-4782
www.irtaonline.org



LCRTA (Lake County Retired Teachers Association)
Box 8107, Gurnee, IL 60031
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A grand time was had by all at our October 8th Meeting at Dover Straits with entertainment by Edison Degas!

2024 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

December 10	Holiday Fun!
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2025 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January	NO MEETING!
February 11	Shameka Walker ~ My Aunt's Story: "From the Cotton Field to Capitol Hill"
March 11	Sue Lawson Himmelblau ~ Introduction to Film Making
April 8	Kevin Brylyski ~ In Home Safety & Self-Defense
May 13	Lynette Thornburg ~ Grayslake Arts Alliance Writers' Group
June 10	Jackie Koukai ~ Certified Self –Talk Trainer
July	NO MEETING!
August 12	Mary Grace Sharp, Alzheimer's Assoc. of IL ~ Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body
September 9	Jessica Hoselton ~ IRTA Executive Director
October 14	Marshall Brodien ~ Professional Magician
November	TBA
December	Holiday Fun

*Congratulations to ALL of our
LRTA PAC Endorsed
Senator and House Members
who were elected, November
5th!*

State Senator 31 st Legislative District	Mary Edly- Allen - D
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General Assembly

51st Rep - Nabeela Syed - D
 52nd Rep - Maria Peterson - D
 57th Rep - Tracy Katz Muhl - D
 58th Rep - Bob Morgan - D
 59th Rep - Daniel Didech - D
 60th Rep - Rita Mayfield - D
 61st Rep - Joyce Mason - D
 62nd Rep - Laura Faver Dias - D
 64th Rep - Tom Weber - R