



## LAKE OZARK DAYBREAK ROTARY



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### **Legendary A-10 Thunderbolt II Attack Aircraft Pilot to Present Stories for Our Lake Community**

**(Lake of the Ozarks, MO, 10 January 2023)** One of our U.S. Air Force's legendary fighter pilots will present background and the mission of his aircraft, the legendary A-10 Thunderbolt II, and his own personal combat experiences in this aircraft. The Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary, with the support of Treetop Village, organized this unique public presentation for our local civic leaders and the public.

Lt. Col. John "Karl" Marks, an Air Force Reserve pilot assigned to the 442d Fighter Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, MO, made history Sept. 1, 2021, when he became the only pilot to reach 7,000 hours in the A-10C Thunderbolt II; in addition to becoming one of the highest-time fighter pilots in the U.S. Air Force. His resume includes thirteen combat deployments in multiple theaters of operation including Desert Storm, the Iraqi invasion, and six deployments to Afghanistan. He's known for destroying 23 Iraqi tanks in one day in 1991.

Marks will deliver a presentation at the main bar and restaurant of the Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar on Friday, January 26, at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The presentation will feature the history and mission of the A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft and how it integrates into the U.S. military's air combat arena, providing support of ground troops in contact with enemy forces. There are sure to be a few of Karl's personal war stories supported by gun camera video of his missions.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, commonly known as the Warthog, is a formidable close air support aircraft designed for the United States Air Force. With a distinctive and robust design, it features a 30mm GAU-8 Avenger rotary cannon, capable of delivering devastating firepower against ground targets. Built to withstand significant combat damage, the A-10 is renowned for its durability and ability to operate in challenging environments, making it a crucial asset in providing effective air support for troops on the battlefield.

"Rotary clubs are always looking for speakers with new and interesting subjects for our weekly meeting programs. When we were able to secure such a unique and accomplished speaker along with a fascinating subject, we knew the public would be excited to attend this presentation", said Ryan Bridges, president of the Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary Club.

A-10 aircraft fly low level down our main Lake main channel always creates a moment of excitement and awe for our locals and visitors. The public is invited to the Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar to meet Lt. Col. "Karl" Marks and participate in what promises to be a unique and exciting presentation for our community.

[For more about Lt. Col. John "Karl" Marks click here.](#)

[For more about the A-10 Thunderbolt II Attack aircraft click here.](#)

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