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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>In a daring gamble to halt the Allied advance into Germany, Adolph Hitler cannibalized his war machine to create two new Panzer armies. Waiting for bad weather to cut the American forces in Belgium off from their supply routes, on December 16, 1944 the Nazis surprised Allied commanders by pushing a bulge into the advancing Allied army. In the city of Bastogne, the 101st Airborne under the command of General Anthony McAuliffe was surrounded, out numbered, and facing the rapid depletion of their last remaining supplies. Facing not only the determined enemy but a harsh winter, their plight seemed hopeless—a situation the Germans were well aware of. The enemy commander sent a demand for surrender of the American forces to General McAuliffe. The intrepid leader responded with one word...."NUTS!" The <i>Screaming Eagles</i> of the 101st continued to hold until the weather cleared and reinforcements arrived on Christmas Day.</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Happy Birthday Vernon McGarity, MOH</p> <p><i>(1880) First telephone installed in the White House</i></p>
<p> 2</p> <p>1950 – Bill Barber</p> <p>Advent</p> <p><i>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers</i></p>	<p> 3</p> <p>1950 – Ray Davis</p>	<p> 4</p> <p>1950 – Tom Hudner</p> <p><i>(1877) Thomas Edison invents the phonograph</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy Birthday Don Ballard, MOH</p> <p><i>(1782) Martin Van Buren born in New York</i></p>	<p> 6</p> <p>1967 – Angelo Liteky</p>	<p> 7</p> <p>1941 – John Finn</p> <p>Pearl Harbor Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ronald Ray, MOH</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>(1941) The United States declares war on Japan</i></p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>(1948) United Nations adopts the Declaration of Human Rights</i></p>	<p>Happy Birthday 11 Mike Colalillo, MOH</p> <p><i>(1620) The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock</i> <i>(1941) War declared on Italy and Germany</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>(1800) Washington, DC is established as the permanent capitol city of the United States.</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p> 14</p> <p>1944 – Robert Nett</p> <p>Happy Birthday Drew Dix</p>	<p> 15</p> <p>1967 – Allan Lynch</p> <p>Happy Birthday Lew Millett, MOH</p>
<p> 16</p> <p>1944 – Vernon McGarity 1944 – Chuck Murray</p>	<p> 17</p> <p>1944 – Jose Lopez</p> <p>Happy Birthday Vernon Baker, MOH</p> <p><i>(1903) Wilbur and Orville Wright make first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C.</i></p>	<p> 18</p> <p>1965 – Barney Barnum</p>	<p> 19</p> <p>1944 – Eugene Fluckey</p>	<p>20</p>	<p> 21</p> <p>1944 – Francis Currey</p> <p></p> <p><i>(1882) Thomas Edison creates the first string of Christmas lights.</i></p>	<p>22</p>
<p> 23</p> <p>1944 – Melvin Biddle</p> <p>Happy Birthday Richard Bush, MOH Jim Stockdale, MOH</p>	<p>Happy Birthday 24 Ed Schowalter, MOH</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p> 25</p> <p>1944 – Paul Wiedorfer</p> <p></p> <p>Happy Birthday Finnis McCleery, MOH</p>	<p> 26</p> <p>1944 – James Hendrix</p>	<p> 27</p> <p>1966 – Delbert Jennings</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>(1856) Woodrow Wilson born in Virginia</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>(1808) Andrew Johnson born in North Carolina</i></p>
<p> 30</p> <p>1968 – Robert Howard</p>	<p>Happy Birthday 31 Alton Knappenberger & Jim Taylor, MOH</p>			<p>Happy Birthday James Stone, MOH</p>		



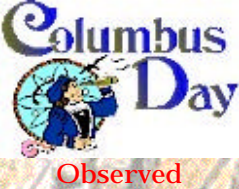















"I have lived, sir, a long time, and, the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth--that God governs in the affairs of men."
Benjamin Franklin in a speech June 28, 1787 urging daily prayer at the Constitutional Convention.

November 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The winter of 1950 was the coldest in a century as 8,000 Americans, most of them US Marines, moved into the Chosin Reservoir of North Korea. Unaware that more than 120,000 Chinese soldiers had slipped into the mountains around them, they were vastly outnumbered, surrounded, and cut off from each other in small towns like Koto-Ri and Hagaru-Ri. Despite the unforeseen predicament, they pulled together to survive both the elements and the enemy. From November 27 to December 10th, against all odds, these brave Americans gave all they had and redefined the words courage and brotherhood.</p>				<p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>1</p> <p>John Levitow, MOH Sammy Davis, MOH</p> <p><i>(1864) Money Orders are introduced by the US Post Office</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>(1795) James Polk born in North Carolina</i> <i>(1865) Warren Harding born in Ohio – elected president on this same day in 1920</i></p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Yukio Okutsu, MOH</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Hector Cafferata, MOH</p>	<p> 5</p> <p>1966 – John Baker 1966 – Robert Foley</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>(1731) Ben Franklin opens the first public library in Philadelphia</i></p>	<p> 9</p> <p>1967 – Jim Taylor</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Marine Corps</p> 
<p>11</p>  <p>Veterans Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p> 14</p> <p>1965 – Walter Marm</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Joe Rodriguez, MOH</p>	<p>15</p>	<p> 16</p> <p>1944 – Freeman Horner</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Duane Dewey, MOH</p>	<p>17</p>
<p> 18</p> <p>1967 – Sammy Davis</p> <p><i>(1928) Micky Mouse is introduced to America in Steamboat Willie</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Louis Rocco, MOH</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Walter Marm, MOH</p>	<p> 21</p> <p>1951 – James Stone</p> <p><i>(1620) Mayflower Compact signed</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p><i>(1962) John Kennedy assassinated in Texas</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>(1804) Franklin Pierce born in New Hampshire</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>(1784) Zachary Taylor born in Virginia</i></p>
<p>25</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Nick Bacon, MOH</p>	<p> 26</p> <p>1968 – James Fleming</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Reggie Myers, MOH</p>	<p>27</p>	<p> 28</p> <p>1950 – Hector Cafferata</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Melvin Biddle, MOH Shizuya Hayashi, MOH</p>	<p> 29</p> <p>1943 – Shizuya Hayashi</p> <p><i>(1929) Commander Richard Byrd flies over the South Pole</i></p>	<p> 30</p> <p>1950 – Reggie Myers</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Bill Barber, MOH</p>	

"Don't hit at all if it is honorably possible to avoid hitting, but NEVER hit soft. Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far."
President Theodore Roosevelt

October 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 1 1942 – Bob Galer Happy Birthday Allan Kellogg, MOH Pat Brady, MOH <i>(1924) Jimmy Carter born in Georgia</i>	 2 1969 – Mike Novosel Happy Birthday Hershel Williams, MOH	3	4 Happy Birthday Bob Bush, MOH <i>(1822) Rutherford Hayes born in Ohio</i>	5 Happy Birthday Eugene Fluckey, MOH <i>(1947) President Truman makes first presidential TV broadcast</i> <i>(1829) Chester Arthur born in Vermont</i>	6 Happy Birthday Hershey Miyamura, MOH Einar Ingman, MOH
7	8 	9	10	11	12 Columbus Day  1892 Pledge of Allegiance Born  1952– Ernest West	13  1944 – James Burt
 14 1952 – Ed Schowalter Happy Birthday Raymond Clausen, MOH <i>(1981) Chuck Yeager breaks sound barrier</i> <i>(1890) D.D. Eisenhower born in Texas</i>	 15 1967 – Webster Anderson	16	17	18 Happy Birthday Arthur Jackson, MOH <i>(1767) Mason-Dixon line established on borders of Maryland & Pennsylvania</i>	 19 1942 – Joe Foss 1944 – Barney Hajiro	20
21	22	23	 24 1944 – Charles Coolidge Happy Birthday Ron Rosser, MOH	 25 1944 – Clyde Choate	 26 1942 – Mitchell Paige Happy Birthday Lucian Adams, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH Robert Maxwell, MOH	 27 1952 – George O'Brien <i>(1858) Teddy Roosevelt born in New York</i> <i>(1938) Nylon (named for New York and London) introduced by Dupont</i>
 28 1944 – Lucian Adams Happy Birthday Allan Lynch Daylight Savings Time ENDS <i>(1886) Statue of Liberty is Dedicated in NY</i>	 29 1944 – George Sakato <i>(1929) Stock Market crash begins the Great Depression</i>	 30 1944 – Wilburn Ross Happy Birthday John Baker <i>(1735) John Adams born in Massachusetts</i>	 31  1972 – Mike Thornton	On October 24, 1944 a battalion of soldiers from the 36 Infantry Division was cut off and surrounded in the rugged Vosges Mountains of France. For 5 days, the already battle-weary 100 th /442d Regimental Combat Team, consisting almost exclusively of Japanese-American soldiers, fought their way to the rescue. Breaking through on October 30 th , the brave Nisei suffered more than 800 casualties to rescue the 211 trapped and outnumbered soldiers of the <i>Lost Battalion</i> .		

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

September 2001

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<p>On August 7, 1942 United States Marines opened the first major American offensive in the Pacific on a small island in the Solomons known as Guadalcanal. Within two weeks a vital airfield, named for Major Lofton Henderson who had been killed at Midway, was completed and on August 20th the first group of Marine fighter planes arrived. Those nineteen wildcats paved the way for others to follow in the month of September, and throughout the fall of 1942. Nicknamed the "Cactus Air Force", the pilots flying out of Henderson field played a vital role in the ultimate victory in the Solomon Islands and left behind a legacy of unprecedented victory and valor in the skies over the Pacific. Two of them were featured on the cover of TIME magazine, and Captain Joe Foss became the first pilot to equal the record of World War I ace, Eddie Rickenbacker.</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Happy Birthday Stephen Gregg, MOH</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ernest West, MOH</p> <p>(1945) Japanese surrender ends WWII</p>	<p>Labor Day 3</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mike Novosel, MOH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1944 – Gino Merli 1969 – Jim Stockdale Happy Birthday Nathan Gordon, MOH</p> <p>(1781) Los Angeles village founded</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1944 – Bob Maxwell</p> <p>Happy Birthday Daniel Inouye, MOH</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>National Grandparents Day</p> <p>(1776) Name of the 13 united colonies officially changed to United States</p> <p>Happy Birthday 16 Barney Hajiro, MOH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Happy Birthday George O'Brien, MOH</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Happy Birthday 12 Clarence Sasser, MOH</p> <p>Annual Medal Of Honor Convention Begins Boston, MA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Happy Birthday Frank Herda, MOH</p> <p>(1788) New York City becomes the first capital of the United States</p>	<p>14</p> <p>(1814) Francis Scott Key writes Star Spangled Banner</p> <p>Happy Birthday Michael Daly, MOH</p> <p>(1857) William H. Taft born in Ohio</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>The Annual MOH Convention will be held in Boston from September 12 - 19</p>						
<p>Happy Birthday 23 Clarence Craft, MOH</p> <p>Happy Birthday 30 Wesley Fox, MOH</p> <p>Gold Star Mothers Day</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy Birthday Chuck Murray, MOH</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Happy Birthday Yeiki Kobashigawa, MOH Kenneth Stumpf, MOH</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Happy Birthday Gary Wetzell, MOH</p>
<p>1944 – Arthur Jackson</p> <p>(1851) The New York Times publishes its first issue.</p> <p>1944 – Everett Pope</p> <p>20</p> <p>POW/MIA Recognition Day</p> <p>(1981) Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first female Supreme Court Justice.</p> <p>21</p> <p>1943 – Ernest Childers</p> <p>Autumn Begins</p> <p>(1789) U.S. Post Office is established.</p> <p>22</p>						

August 2001

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			1	2	3	4
			Happy Birthday Paul Bucha, MOH Howard V. Lee, MOH	Happy Birthday Jack Jacobs, MOH Jon Cavaiani, MOH	(1492) Columbus sails from Spain in his historic voyage.	Happy Birthday Charles Coolidge, MOH
5	6 1968 – Nick Bacon	7	8 1966 – Howard V. Lee	9	10	11
		(1942) First US offensive of World War II begins at Guadalcanal	Happy Birthday George Wahlen, MOH		(1874) Herbert Hoover born in Iowa	
12	13	14	15	16	17 1952 – Robert Simanek	18 1965 – Bob O'Malley
		(1935) Social Security is enacted in the U.S.				Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH
19	20 1944 – John Bud Hawk	21	22	23	24	25
National Aviation Day (1946) Bill Clinton born in Arkansas	Happy Birthday James Hendrix, MOH (1833) Benjamin Harrison born in Ohio	Happy Birthday Chuck Hagemeister, MOH				
26 1967 – George Bud Day	27 1944 – Stephen Gregg	28	29	30	31	
Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH (1920) 19 th Amendment gives women the right to vote.	Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH (1908) Lyndon Johnson born in Texas	Happy Birthday Richard Sorenson, MOH Ola Mize, MOH	Happy Birthday Gary Beikirch, MOH	(1967) Thurgood Marshall sworn in as first Black US Supreme Court justice.	Happy Birthday Mitchell Paige, MOH Tom Hudner, MOH	

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech March 4, 1865

July 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>(1863) The Battle at Gettysburg, VA begins</i> <i>(1963) Zip Codes system begun by Postal System</i>	2	Happy Birthday 3 Bob Modrzejewski, MOH <i>(1775) Gen. Washington takes command of the Continental Army</i>	4 <i>(1826) John Adams and Thomas Jefferson die.</i> <i>(1872) Calvin Coolidge born in Vermont</i>	5	★★★★★ 6 1964 – Roger Donlon	7
8 <i>(1835) The Liberty Bell cracks while tolling</i>	9	10	★★★★★ 11 1969 – Gordon Roberts Happy Birthday Bob Howard, MOH <i>(1767) John Q. Adams born in Massachusetts</i> <i>(1804) VP Hamilton and Arron Burr duel occurs</i>	12 <i>(1862) The Medal of Honor is authorized by Congress</i>	13	14 <i>(1913) Gerald Ford born in Nebraska</i>
★★★★★ 15 1966– Bob Modrzejewski Happy Birthday Webster Anderson, MOH	16 Happy Birthday Everett Pope, MOH <i>(1945) First Atomic Bomb detonated in New Mexico</i>	17 Happy Birthday Silvestre Herrera, MOH	★★★★★ 18 1966 – John McGinty Happy Birthday James Burt, MOH	19	20	21 Happy Birthday Barney Barnum, MOH
22 Parents Day	23 Happy Birthday Delbert Jennings, MOH Jack Montgomery, MOH	★★★★★ 24 1966 – Richard Pittman Happy Birthday John Finn, MOH <i>(1969) Neil Armstrong is first man on the moon.</i>	★★★★★ 25 1944 – Louis Wilson Happy Birthday Jay Zeamer <i>(1947) Department of Defense established by Congress</i>	26 <i>(1946) President Truman orders desegregation of all U.S. Military Forces</i>	27 <i>(1953) Armistice signed to end Korean War</i>	28 <i>(1959) Hawaii's first election sends Daniel Inouye to Congress</i>
29 Happy Birthday Jay Vargas, MOH	30	31	Preamble to the United States Constitution We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.			
"Brought up under the tyranny of Britain--altho young (I) embarked in the struggle for our liberties, in which I lost every thing that was dear to me...for which I have been amply repaid by living under the mild administration of a republican government. To maintain this... is a duty I have ever owed to my country, to myself, and to posterity. And, when I do all that I can to it support, I have ONLY DONE MY DUTY." Andrew Jackson, 1813						

















June 2001

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<p>Code named <i>Operation Overlord</i>, the June 6, 1944 assault on the beaches at Normandy on the northwest coast of France was the largest amphibious assault in history. On the first day more than 150,000 men crossed the English channel in more than 11,000 ships to breach Hitler's Atlantic Wall. Following pre-dawn glider and parachute drops behind the beaches, British forces landed at beaches code named Sword and Gold, Canadians forces at Juno. American soldiers stormed the beaches code named Omaha and Utah, fighting inland to liberate France. Less than 90 days later the Allied Forces marched triumphantly into Paris. For the Nazis, <i>Operation Overlord</i>, better known as D-Day, marked the beginning of the end.</p>					<p>1</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jose Lopez, MOH</p> <p><i>(1813) Captain James Lawrence says, "Don't give up the ship." Which becomes the Navy motto</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday David McNerney, MOH</p> <p><i>(1924) Congress grants citizenship to Indians</i></p>
<p>3</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert O'Malley, MOH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1971 – Jon Cavaiani</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy Birthday Peter Lemon, MOH</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1944 D-Day</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Happy Birthday Freeman Horner, MOH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1944 – Walter Ehlers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>★★★★★</p>
<p>10</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1945 – Richard McCool 1953 – Ola Mize</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>(1924) George HW Bush born in Massachusetts</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Nett, MOH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1952 – David Bleak</p> <p>Flag Day US Army Birthday Happy Birthday Gordon Roberts, MOH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1969 – Thomas Kelley Happy Birthday Van Barfoot, MOH Jim Swett, MOH</p> <p><i>(1752) Ben Franklin flies kite - discovers electricity</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1943 – Jay Zeamer</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Fathers Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1966 – Ronald Ray</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>(1782) The Great Seal of the United States is adopted by Congress</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>First Day Of SUMMER</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>(1971) 26th Amendment lowers voting age to 18</i></p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p><i>(1948) The Soviet Berlin Blockade begins</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1944 – Carlos Ogden</p> <p>1950 Korean War Begins</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy Birthday Alejandro Ruiz, MOH</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Happy Birthday Clyde Choate, MOH</p> <p><i>(1919) The Treaty of Versailles is signed in France ending WWI</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>1968 – Frank Herda Happy Birthday Francis Currey, MOH</p> <p><i>(1854) The Gadsden Purchase (\$10 million)</i></p>	<p>30</p>
<p>"Gentlemen, I only did my duty. Our Flag never touched the ground." Sergeant William H. Carney after carrying the flag through the battle at Fort Wagner, SC despite repeated and multiple wounds. Sergeant Carney was the First Black American to perform an act that was awarded the Medal of Honor.</p>						

May 2001

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Since the birth of the United States of America in 1776, not one generation of Americans has been spared the responsibility of defending freedom by force of arms and at the risk of life. Forty Million American men and women have served in uniform...more than 1 MILLION have given their lives. FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!		1 Loyalty Day	2 ★★★★★ 1945 – Bob Bush 1967 – Leonard Keller	3 National Day Of Prayer	4	5 (1961) Astronaut Alan Shepard is the First American in Space.
6 ★★★★★ 1968 – Robert Patterson (1915) Lusitania sunk by German submarine killing 1,198 people.	7 Happy Birthday Walt Ehlers, MOH (1945) Nazi forces surrender to General Eisenhower at Reims, France.	8 Happy Birthday Henry Red Erwin, MOH V.E. Day (1884) Harry S Truman born in Missouri	9 Happy Birthday Carlos Ogden, MOH	10	11	12 ★★★★★ 1968 – Joe Jackson Happy Birthday Wilburn Ross, MOH
13 Mothers Day Happy Birthday Gino Merli, MOH Thomas Kelley, MOH	14 ★★★★★ 1968 – Finnis McCleery Happy Birthday David Dolby, MOH	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16 ★★★★★ 1968 – Don Ballard	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day Honoring All Who Serve
20 	21 ★★★★★ 1951 – Joe Rodriguez 1966 – David Dolby (1881) American Red Cross founded by Clara Barton	22 National Maritime Day	23 ★★★★★ 1944 – Van Barfoot	24 ★★★★★ 1970 – Louis Rocco (1844) Samuel Morse taps out "What God hath wrought" as the first telegraph message.	25	26 Happy Birthday Richard Pittman, MOH
27 	28 ★★★★★ 1944 – Rudolph Davila Memorial Day	29 (1917) John F. Kennedy born in Massachusetts	30 Happy Birthday John Bud Hawk, MOH Robert Foley, MOH (1901) Memorial Day first observed in the U.S.	31 ★★★★★ 1945 – Clarence Craft 1951 – Rudy Hernandez	May is National Asian/Pacific Heritage Month	
"We know not whence he came, but only that his death marks him with the everlasting glory of an American dying for his Country." President Warren G. Harding upon dedicating the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery						

April 2001

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 1 1970 – Gary Beikirch 1970 – Peter Lemon April Fools Day Daylight Saving Time Begins	2	3	 4 1970 – Gary Littrell	 5 1945 – Vernon Baker	6	 7 1943 – Jim Swett 1945 – Mike Colalillo 1945 – Yukio Okutsu
8 Palm Sunday Passover	9 <i>(1865) Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders to Gen. Ulysses Grant at Appomattox Courthouse to end the Civil War</i>	 10 1972 – Tom Norris <i>(1942) Bataan Death March begins</i>	11	 12 1945 – Henry Red Erwin	13 Good Friday <i>(1743) Thomas Jefferson Born in Virginia</i>	14 Happy Birthday Rudy Hernandez, MOH
Easter 15 	 16 1945 – Richard Bush 1952 – Duane Dewey Income Tax Due Happy Birthday Bob Patterson, MOH	17 Happy Birthday Joe Foss, MOH	 18 1945 – Michael Daly Happy Birthday Don Jenkins, MOH <i>(1906) San Francisco Earthquake</i>	 19 1967 – Leo Thorsness Patriots' Day	20 Happy Birthday George Lang, MOH	 21 1945 – Daniel Inouye
22 Earth Day	23 <i>(1791) James Buchanan born in Pennsylvania</i>	 24 1951 – Hershy Miyamura Happy Birthday James Sprayberry, MOH	 25 1967 – Kenneth Stumpf 1968 – James Sprayberry Happy Birthday Brian Thacker, MOH	26 Happy Birthday Bob Simanek	27 Happy Birthday Rudolph Davila, MOH <i>(1822) Ulysses S. Grant born in Ohio</i>	 28 1945 – Alejandro Ruiz <i>(1758) James Monroe born in Virginia</i>
 29 1945 – Desmond Doss	 30 1968 – Jay Vargas <i>(1803) The Louisiana Purchase doubles the size of the United States</i>	Four months after the stunning sneak attack at Pearl Harbor, the United States struck back with an equally stunning and daring retaliatory strike. Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle proved what the Japanese would have never dreamed possible, that heavy bombers could take off from the small deck of an air craft carrier. On April 18, 1942 the <i>USS Hornet</i> slipped within 668 miles of Tokyo to launch Lt. Col. Doolittle and his sixteen B-25 bombers in a daring daylight raid to bomb Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe on the Japanese mainland. All 16 bombers were lost in the mission. Of the 80 volunteers, 3 were killed and 8 were captured. (Of the 8 captured, 3 were later executed and one starved to death in a POW camp.) Still, it was a moral victory for the United States and put the enemy on notice that their homeland was vulnerable.				

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.”
 Mark Twain


















March 2001

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<p>Early in the Civil War, 21 young volunteers joined civilian spy James Andrews, in a daring raid deep into the South. There they captured a Confederate locomotive and began their return north in a desperate race that is now known as <i>The Great Locomotive Chase</i>. The effort failed, all were captured. Six soldiers along with their leader were executed. A year after the daring raid, six of the brave Union soldiers were released in a prisoner exchange. Arriving in Washington, D.C. on March 25, 1863 they became the first Americans to be awarded the Medal of Honor. In tribute to that event Congress has declared March 25 of each year NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY.</p>				<p>1</p> <p>(1706) First U.S. Census Authorized by Congress</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1945 – George Wahlen</p> <p>(1931) Star Spangled Banner adopted as our National Anthem</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Happy Birthday Thomas Kinsman, MOH</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>(1965) First U.S. ground combat troops arrive in Vietnam.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1968 – Jack Jacobs</p> <p>Purim</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mike Fitzmaurice, MOH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1966 – Bernard Fisher</p>
<p>11</p> <p>1970 – Allan Kellogg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jim Fleming, MOH</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1969 – Bob Kerrey</p> <p>Happy Birthday Joe Jackson, MOH Edward Dahlgren, MOH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1945 – Silvestre Herrera</p> <p>(1767) Andrew Jackson born in South Carolina</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1966 – Alfred Rascon 1968 – Paul Bucha</p> <p>(1751) James Madison born in Virginia</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Saint Patrick's Day</p>
<p>18</p> <p>(1837) Grover Cleveland born in New Jersey (1949) North American Treaty Organization (NATO) is formed.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>(1918) The US Congress establishes TIME ZONES and approves Daylight Savings Time.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1967 Chuck Hagemeister</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1967 – David McNeerney</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1971 Michael Fitzmaurice</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mike Thornton, MOH</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>National Medal of Honor Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1953 – William Charette</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1966 – Robert Ingram</p> <p>(1993) US Ground Troops leave Vietnam</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Happy Birthday William Charette, MOH</p> <p>(1790) John Tyler born in Virginia</p>	<p>30</p> <p>(1932) Amelia Earhart is the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1971 – Brian Thacker</p>

"I would rather have the blue band of the Medal of Honor around my neck....than be President of the United States."

President Harry S Truman frequently made this statement upon presenting the Medal of Honor.

February 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>On February 19, 1945 more than 40,000 Marines assaulted the Japanese held island of Iwo Jima. In the first day alone, the valiant Marines suffered 5,320 casualties. After three days of fierce fighting, 4 Marines scaled Mount Suribachi where they proudly planted the Stars and Stripes. The image their act created, captured on film by Joe Rosenthal, instantly became an icon in American history and the model for the Iwo Jima Memorial, the largest bronze memorial in the world. In all, 27 Americans received Medals of Honor at Iwo Jima. Less than half of them survived.</p>				<p> 1 1944 – A. Knappenberger 1944 – Richard Sorenson</p> <p>Happy Birthday Chief Childers, MOH</p>	<p> 2 Ground Hog Day (1848) Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo gives U.S. Texas, California, New Mexico & Arizona</p>	<p> 3 1953 – Raymond Murphy</p>
<p>4</p>	<p> 5 1945 – Donald Rudolph</p>	<p> 6 1951 – Einar Ingman 1968 – Thomas Kinsman (1911) Ronald Reagan born in Illinois (1778) France recognizes the US and signs treaty of aid</p>	<p> 7 1951 – Lew Millett Happy Birthday Desmond Doss, MOH</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 (1773) William Harrison born in Virginia</p>	<p> 10 1970 – John Baca</p>
<p> 11 1945 – Edward Dahlgren Happy Birthday Louis Wilson, MOH (1847) Thomas Edison born in Ohio</p>	<p>12  Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>Valentines Day 14  Happy Birthday Jack Lucas, MOH Angelo Liteky, MOH Leo thorsness, MOH</p>	<p> 15 1944 – Nathan Gordon Happy Birthday Jefferson DeBlanc, MOH</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Presidents Day 19  Happy Birthday George Sakato, MOH</p>	<p> 20 1945 – Jack Lucas (1792) US Postal Service is created by Congress</p>	<p>21 Happy Birthday Donald Rudolph, MOH Harold Fritz, MOH</p>	<p> 22 1944 – Jack Montgomery 1969 – Wesley Fox 1969 – George Lang  George Washington's Birthday</p>	<p> 23 1945 – Hershell Williams Happy Birthday Russell Dunham, MOH (1945) US Marines raise flag over Iwo Jima</p>	<p> 24 1969 – John Levitow Happy Birthday George Day, MOH</p>
<p>25 Happy Birthday Leonard Keller, MOH</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Happy Birthday David Bleak, MOH</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 28 (1854) Republican Party organized at Ripon, WI (1993) Desert Storm Cease Fire Begins</p>	<p>February Is American Heart Month</p>		

"If we desire peace, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war." President George Washington

January 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	New Years Day 1 	2	3 <i>(1959) Alaska admitted as 49th state</i>	4 Happy Birthday Richard McCool, MOH	5	 6 1968 – Pat Brady 1969 – Don Jenkins
7 <i>(1800) Millard Fillmore born in New York. (1782) First commercial American Bank (Bank of North America) opens</i>	 8 1945 – Russell Dunham 1968 – Gary Wetzel	9 <i>(1913) Richard Nixon born in California</i>	 10 1968 – Clarence Sasser Happy Birthday John Baca, MOH <i>(1951) UN Headquarters opens in New York City</i>	 11 1969 – Harold Fritz Happy Birthday Bernie Fisher, MOH	 12 1952 – Ron Rosser Happy Birthday Jim Livingston, MOH	13 Happy Birthday Ray Davis, MOH
14 Happy Birthday Raymond Murphy, MOH Tom Norris, MOH	15  Martin L. King Day	16	17 Operation Desert Storm Begins Happy Birthday Paul Wiedorfer, MOH <i>(1706) Ben Franklin Born</i>	18 Happy Birthday Nick Oresko, MOH	19 <i>(1807) General Robert E. Lee born in Virginia</i>	20 Happy Birthday Robert Ingram, MOH
21 Happy Birthday John McGinty, MOH	22	 23 1945 – Nick Oresko	24	25	26	27 <i>(1973) Vietnam Peace Accord is Signed</i> <i>1967 - Apollo 1 fire kills US Astronauts Grissom, White and Chaffee</i>
Presidential Inauguration, Washington, DC January 19-23						
28 <i>(1973) Cease Fire ends the war in Vietnam</i>	29 <i>(1843) William McKinley born in Ohio</i>	30 Happy Birthday Roger Donlon, MOH <i>(1882) Franklin Delano Roosevelt born in New York</i>	 31 1943– Jefferson Deblanc 1968 – Drew Dix 1968 – Fred Ferguson 1970– Raymond Clausen <i>(1865) 13th Amendment passed (1968) Vietnam Tet Offensive Begins</i>	On January 31, 1968 eighty-four thousand Communist soldiers, backed by an almost equal number of support personnel, took advantage of the TET holiday to launch a major offensive in Vietnam. Overnight the enemy hit every provincial capitol. 20,000 Communist soldiers laid siege to 5,000 Marines at Khe Sahn. American forces rose to the challenge and won virtually EVERY encounter. Even at Khe Sahn the Marines held. None-the-less, the political fallout signaled the <i>beginning of the end</i> in Vietnam.		

"I pray Heaven to bestow the best of Blessings on this House and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise Men ever rule under this roof." President John Adams in a letter to his wife on his second night in the presidential home that later became the White House.

December 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941 two waves of Japanese airplanes launched a surprise attack on the US Naval Base at Pearl Harbor Hawaii. In less than an hour 4 American battleships were sunk, 5 left damaged or sinking. 200 planes were destroyed on the ground. In all, 2,388 American sailors, soldiers, Marines and civilians were killed. Fifteen men received Medals of Honor for heroism that day, 10 of them sacrificing their lives in their moment of heroism. (One of the surviving 5 Medal of Honor heroes was later killed in action.) Today only John Finn remains to call to mind the sacrifice and heroism of that day. For more on the <i>Day of Infamy</i> visit our tribute at www.HomeOfHeroes.com/pearlharbor</p>					<p>Happy Birthday 1 Vernon McGarity, MOH</p> <p>National Freedom Day</p> <p><i>(1880) First telephone installed in the White House</i></p>	<p>★★★☆☆ 2 1950 - Bill Barber</p> <p><i>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers</i></p>
<p>★★★☆☆ 3 1950 – Ray Davis</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>★★★☆☆ 4 1950 – Tom Hudner</p> <p><i>(1950) Jesse Brown, the Navy's first Black pilot, is killed in Korea</i> <i>(1877) Thomas Edison invents the phonograph</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 5 Happy Birthday Don Ballard, MOH</p> <p><i>(1782) Martin Van Buren is born in New York</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 6 1967 – Angelo Liteky</p>	<p>★★★★★ 7 1941 – John Finn</p> <p>Pearl Harbor Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ronald Ray, MOH</p>	<p>★★★★★ 8 <i>(1941) The United States declares war on Japan.</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 9</p>
<p>★★★★★ 10 <i>(1948) United Nations adopts the Declaration of Human Rights</i></p>	<p>Happy Birthday 11 Mike Colalillo, MOH</p> <p><i>(1620) The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock</i> <i>(1941) US declares war on Italy and Germany</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 12 <i>(1800) Washington, DC is established as the permanent capitol city of the United States.</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 13</p>	<p>★★★★★ 14 1944 – Robert Nett</p> <p>Happy Birthday Drew Dix, MOH</p>	<p>★★★★★ 15 1967 – Allan Lynch</p> <p>Happy Birthday Lew Millett, MOH</p>	<p>★★★★★ 16 1944 – Vernon McGarity 1944 – Chuck Murray</p> <p><i>(1944) The Battle of the Bulge begins in Belgium</i></p>
<p>★★★★★ 17 1944 – Jose Lopez</p> <p>Happy Birthday Vernon Baker, MOH</p> <p><i>(1903) Wilbur and Orville Wright make their first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C.</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 18 1965 – Barney Barnum</p>	<p>★★★★★ 19 1944 – Eugene Fluckey</p>	<p>★★★★★ 20</p>	<p>★★★★★ 21 1944 – Francis Currey</p> <p>First Day Of Winter</p>	<p>★★★★★ 22 First Day of Hanukkah</p> <p><i>(1882) Thomas Edison creates the first string of Christmas lights</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 23 1944 – Melvin Biddle</p> <p>Happy Birthday Richard Bush, MOH Jim Stockdale, MOH</p>
<p>Happy Birthday 4 Ed Schowaler, MOH</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>Happy Birthday 31 Alton Knappenberger & Jim Taylor, MOH</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>	<p>★★★★★ 25 1944 – Paul Wiedorfer</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Finnis McCleery, MOH</p>	<p>★★★★★ 26 1944 – James Hendrix</p>	<p>★★★★★ 27 1966 – Delbert Jennings</p> <p>Happy Birthday James Stone, MOH</p>	<p>★★★★★ 28 <i>(1856) Woodrow Wilson born in virginia</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 29 <i>(1808) Andrew Johnson iborn in North Carolina</i></p>	<p>★★★★★ 30 1968 – Robert Howard</p>
<p>"No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion... With confidence in our armed forces - with the unbounding determination of our people - we will gain the inevitable triumph - so help us God." President Franklin D. Roosevelt, December 8, 1941</p>						

THE MEDAL OF HONOR

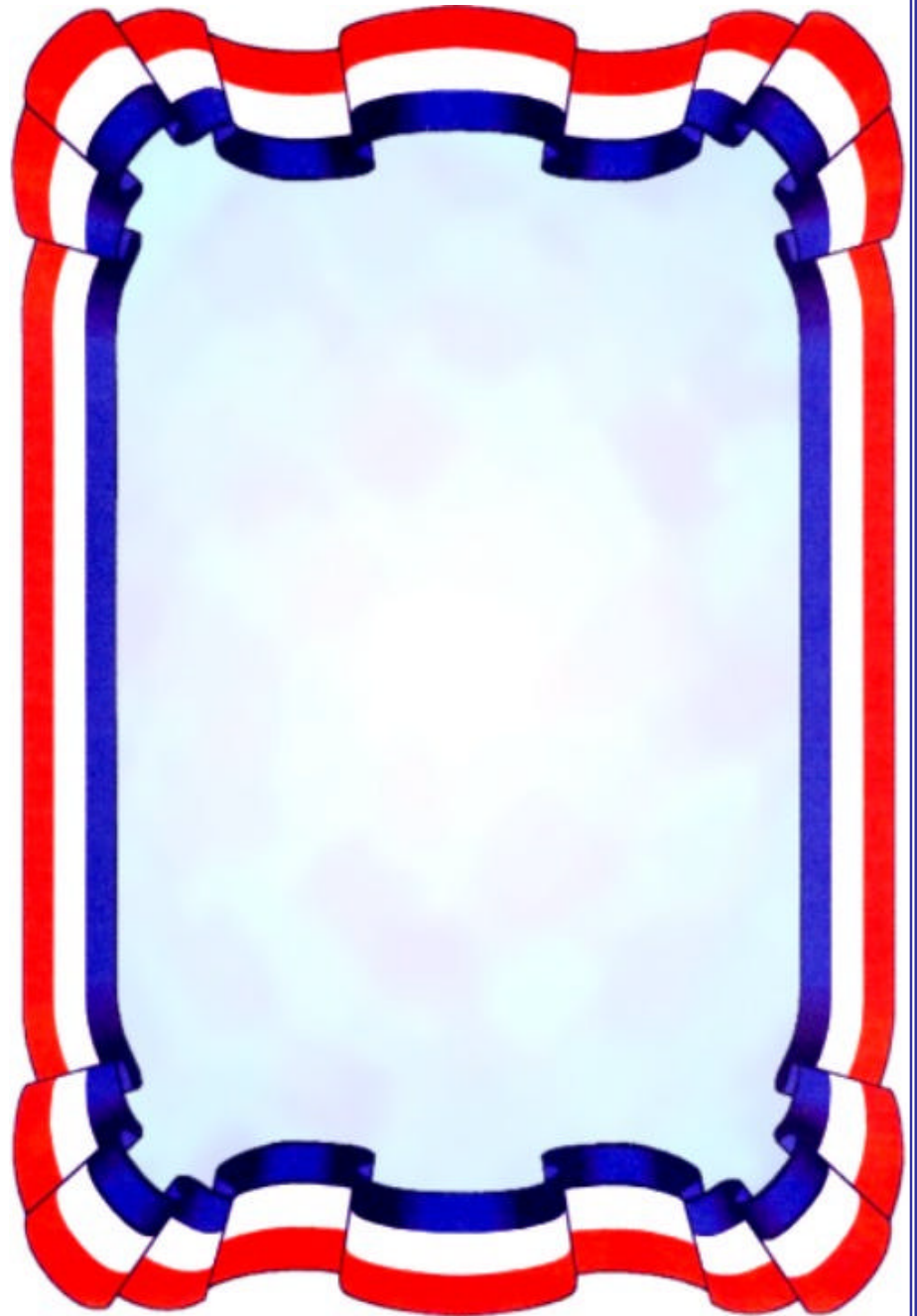


The Medal of Honor, often referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor, is our Nation's highest award for military heroism.

It is awarded only for the highest degree of valor while in Military service against an armed enemy of the United States. Though more than 40 million Americans have served our Nation in uniform since the birth of the United States in 1776, only 3,452 Medals of Honor have been awarded. These heroes are our own unique *Knights of the Round Table*, men of immense loyalty and patriotism who risked their lives in the defense of freedom, and now continue to give of their lives to promote patriotism and inspire other Americans in the spirit of sacrifice and service.

Since the beginning of World War II, only 837 soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Nearly two thirds of them died in their moment of heroism. On Veterans Day, 2000 when the Freedom Calendar became available, only 151 of these TRUE heroes remained. To these heroes, who serve to remind us of ALL the men and women who have risked and given all to secure the blessings of liberty, we dedicate this calendar. May God bless them throughout the coming year, and may God Bless America.

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