




December 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday 1 Vernon McGarity, MOH <i>(1880) First telephone installed in the White House.</i>	 2 1950 – Bill Barber <i>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers.</i>	 3 1950 – Ray Davis	 4 1950 – Tom Hudner <i>(1877) Thomas Edison invents the phonograph.</i>	Happy Birthday 5 Don Ballard, MOH <i>(1782) President Martin Van Buren is born in New York.</i>	 6 1967 – Angelo Liteky	 7 1941 – John Finn Pearl Harbor Day Happy Birthday Ronald Ray, MOH
8 <i>(1941) The United States declares war on Japan to begin WWII.</i>	9	10 <i>(1948) The United Nations adopts the Declaration of Human Rights.</i>	Happy Birthday 11 Mike Colalillo, MOH <i>(1620) The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock. (1941) The US declares war on Italy and Germany.</i>	12 <i>(1800) Washington, DC is established as the permanent capitol city of the United States.</i>	13	 14 1944 – Robert Nett Happy Birthday Drew Dix, MOH
 15 1967 – Allan Lynch Happy Birthday Lew Millett, MOH	 16 1944 – Vernon McGarity 1944 – Chuck Murray	 17 1944 – Jose Lopez Happy Birthday Vernon Baker, MOH <i>(1903) Wilbur and Orville Wright make the first flight at Kitty Hawk.</i>	 18 1965 – Barney Barnum	 19 1944 – Eugene Fluckey	20	 21 1944 – Francis Currey
22 First Day Of WINTER 	 23 1944 – Melvin Biddle Happy Birthday Richard Bush, MOH Jim Stockdale, MOH	 24 Christmas Eve Happy Birthday Ed Schowalter, MOH	 25 1944 – Paul Wiedorfer Happy Birthday Finnis McCleery, MOH	 26 1944 – James Hendrix	 27 1966 – Delbert Jennings Happy Birthday James Stone, MOH	28 <i>(1856) President Woodrow Wilson is born in Virginia.</i>
29 <i>(1808) President Andrew Johnson is born in North Carolina.</i>	 30 1968 – Robert Howard	New Years Eve  31 Happy Birthday Alton Knappenberger, MOH Jim Taylor, MOH	The U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii has come to represent all of the military personnel who were killed during the December 7, 1941 attack that launched the United States into World War II. The 184-foot long, white memorial structure spans the mid portion of the sunken battleship that is the final resting place for many of the ship's 1,177 lost crewmen. Designed by Alfred Preis in a manner "wherein the structure sags in the center but stands strong at the ends, (it) expresses initial defeat and ultimate victory." The memorial was approved by President Eisenhower in 1958, and was completed in 1962. The Memorial itself is divided into three sections: an entry and assembly room, an area for ceremony and observations, and a shrine room.			

“And may that Being who is supreme over all, the Patron of Order, the Fountain of Justice, and the Protector in all ages of the world of virtuous liberty, continue His blessing upon this nation and its Government and give it all possible success and duration consistent with the ends of His providence.”

President John Adams in his Inaugural Address




November 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>In 1923 South Dakota state historian Doane Robinson suggested carving giant statues in the Black Hills to draw tourism. As the idea developed, attention turned to an unconventional sculptor named Gutzon Borglum, who was at work finishing the carving of a Confederate memorial on Stone Mountain in Georgia. Borglum selected Mount Rushmore as the site for his work, its broad wall of exposed granite facing southeast to attract sunlight for most of the day. President Calvin Coolidge dedicated the site in 1927, after which followed 14 years of hard work to carve and dedicate the faces of four US Presidents: George Washington (1930), Thomas Jefferson (1936), Abraham Lincoln (1937), and Theodore Roosevelt (1939). "A monument's dimensions should be determined by the importance to civilization of the events commemorated...Let us place there, carved high, as close to heaven as we can, the words of our leaders, their faces, to show posterity what manner of men they were."</p>					<p>1</p> <p>Happy Birthday Sammy Davis, MOH</p> <p>(1864) Money Orders Introduced by the US Postal Service.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>(1795) President James Polk is born in North Carolina. (1865) President Warren Harding is born in Ohio—is elected President this same day in 1920</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Happy Birthday Yukio Okutsu, MOH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Birthday Hector Caferatta, MOH</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1966 – John Baker, Jr. 1966 – Robert Foley</p> <p>VOTE</p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>(1731) Benjamin Franklin opens the first Public Library in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1967 – Jim Taylor</p>
<p>10</p> <p>US Marine Corps Birthday</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1965 – Walter Marm</p> <p>Happy Birthday Joe Rodriguez, MOH</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1944 – Freeman Horner</p> <p>Happy Birthday Duane Dewey, MOH</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1967 – Sammy Davis</p> <p>(1928) Mickey Mouse is introduced to America in "Steamboat Willie".</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Happy Birthday Louis Rocco, MOH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Happy Birthday Walter Marm, MOH</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1951 – James Stone</p> <p>(1620) The Mayflower Compact is signed.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>(1964) President John Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>(1804) President Franklin Pierce is born in New Hampshire.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>(1784) President Zachary Taylor is born in Virginia.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Birthday Nick Bacon, MOH</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1968 – Jim Fleming</p> <p>Happy Birthday Reggie Myers, MOH</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Melvin Biddle, MOH Shizuya Hayashi, MOH</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1943 – Shizuya Hayashi</p> <p>(1929) Commander Richard Byrd flies over the South Pole.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1950 – Reggie Myers</p> <p>Hanukkah Begins</p> <p>Happy Birthday Bill Barber, MOH</p>

The shadows that now lie dark upon our path will soon be dispelled, and we shall walk with the light all about us if we be but true to ourselves—to ourselves as we have wished to be known in the counsels of the world and in the thought of all those who love liberty and justice and the right exalted.

President Woodrow Wilson in his 2nd Inaugural Address

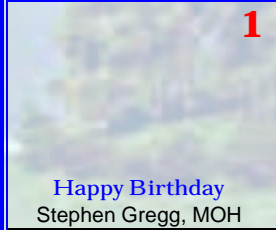












October 2002

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<p>Dedicated in New York Harbor in 1886, the 151-foot statue, originally called <i>Liberty Enlightening the World</i> was a gift to the U.S. from France. <i>Lady Liberty</i> has since stood as a symbol of freedom, welcoming home soldiers from foreign shores, and opening her arms to the oppressed of the world who come to her shores to find the <i>American Dream</i>.</p>		<p>★★★★ 1</p> <p>1942 – Bob Galer</p> <p>Happy Birthday Allan Kellogg, MOH Pat Brady, MOH</p> <p>(1924) President Jimmy Carter is born in Georgia.</p>	<p>★★★★ 2</p> <p>1969 – Mike Novosel</p> <p>Happy Birthday Hershel Williams, MOH</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Birthday Bob Bush, MOH</p> <p>(1822) President Rutherford Hayes is born in Ohio</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy Birthday Eugene Fluckey, MOH</p> <p>(1829) President Chester Arthur is born in Vermont. (1947) Harry Truman makes the first presidential television broadcast.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Happy Birthday Hiroshi Miyamura, MOH Einar Ingman, MOH</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>★★★★ 12</p> <p>1952 – Ernest West</p>  <p>Pledge of Allegiance Born Columbus Day</p>
<p>★★★★ 13</p> <p>1944 – James Burt</p> <p>National Children's Day</p>	<p>★★★★ 14</p> <p>1952 – Ed Schowalter</p> <p>Happy Birthday Raymond Clausen, MOH</p> <p>Columbus Day (Observed) (1890) President Dwight Eisenhower is born in Texas.</p>	<p>★★★★ 15</p> <p>1967 – Webster Anderson</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BOSS DAY</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Happy Birthday Arthur Jackson, MOH</p> <p>(1767) The Mason-Dixon line is established on the borders of Maryland and Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>★★★★ 19</p> <p>1942 – Joe Foss 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Galer, MOH</p>	<p>★★★★ 24</p> <p>1944 – Charles Coolidge</p> <p>United Nations Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ron Rosser, MOH</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>★★★★ 26</p> <p>1942 – Mitchell Paige</p> <p>Happy Birthday Lucian Adams, MOH Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>
<p>★★★★ 27</p> <p>1952 – George O'Brien</p> <p>Daylight Time Savings Ends Set your clock BACK 1 hour</p> <p>(1858) President Theodore Roosevelt is born in New York.</p>	<p>★★★★ 28</p> <p>1944 – Lucian Adams</p> <p>Happy Birthday Allan Lynch, MOH</p> <p>(1886) The Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York Harbor.</p>	<p>★★★★ 29</p> <p>1944 – George Sakato</p> <p>(1929) The Stock Market crash begins the Great Depression.</p>	<p>★★★★ 30</p> <p>1944 – Wilburn Ross</p> <p>Happy Birthday John Baker, MOH</p> <p>(1735) President John Adams is born in Massachusetts.</p>	<p>★★★★ 31</p> <p>1972 – Mike Thornton</p>  <p>Halloween</p>	<p>“GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATH FREE...”</p> <p>INSCRIPTION ON THE BASE OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY From a Poem by Emma Lazarus</p>	

“This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”

President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his 1st Inaugural Address





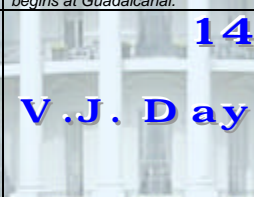

September 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Happy Birthday Stephen Gregg, MOH	2 Labor Day Happy Birthday Ernest West, MOH <i>(1945) The Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Harbor, ending WWII.</i>	3 Happy Birthday Mike Novosel, MOH	 4 1944 – Gino Merli 1969 – Jim Stockdale Happy Birthday Nathan Gordon, MOH <i>(1781) The village of Los Angeles is founded on the west coast.</i>	5	6	 7 1944 – Bob Maxwell Rosh Hashanah Happy Birthday Daniel Inouye, MOH
8  Grandparents Day	9	10 Happy Birthday George O'Brien, MOH	In Memory 1 1 	12 Happy Birthday Clarence Sasser, MOH	13 Happy Birthday Frank Herda, MOH <i>(1788) New York City becomes the first capital of the United States.</i>	14  <i>(1814) Francis Scott Key writes "The Star Spangled Banner".</i>
Medal Of Honor Convention – Shreveport, L A						
15 Happy Birthday Michael Daly, MOH <i>(1857) President William H. Taft is born in Ohio.</i>	16 Yom Kippur Happy Birthday Barney Hajiro, MOH	 17 Citizenship Day	 18 1944 – Arthur Jackson <i>(1851) The NEW YORK TIMES publishes its first issue.</i>	 19 1944 – Everett Pope	 20 POW/MIA Recognition Day	21 <i>(1981) Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female Supreme Court Justice.</i>
 22 1943 – Ernest Childers	Happy Birthday 23 Clarence Craft, MOH First Day Of AUTUMN 	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Chuck Murray, MOH	27	28 Happy Birthday Yeiki Kobashigawa, MOH Kenneth Stumpf, MOH
29 Gold Star Mothers Day  Happy Birthday Gary Wetzal, MOH	30 Happy Birthday Wesley Fox, MOH	Fort McHenry was built in 1776 at the start of the American Revolution, to protect the city of Baltimore, MD from possible attack by the British. Located on Whetstone Point at the entrance to the harbor, it was originally named Fort Whetstone. The fort saw no action during the Revolutionary War, but in 1798 was upgraded from its hastily built earthen revetments, to become the <i>star-shaped fort</i> we recognize today. President Washington's Secretary of War, James McHenry—directed this reconstruction and the post was renamed in his honor. During the War of 1812, the Fort's commander Major George Armistead requested "a flag so large that the British will have no difficulty in seeing it from a distance." This 3-'x40' flag inspired Francis Scott Key to write the words that would become our National Anthem on September 14, 1914. The Stars and Stripes still fly 24 hours a day over the site, now a national monument administered by the National Park Service.				

"I saw the flag of my country waving over a city. I witnessed the preparation for the assaults. I saw the array of its enemies as they advanced to attack. I heard the sound of battle; the noise of conflict fell upon my listening ear and told me that 'the brave and the free' had met the invaders."

Francis Scott Key

August 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>It is called <i>The Peoples' House</i> – its address at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. the most famous in the world. It is more frequently called The White House, a name ascribed after the building was whitewashed to cover the damage caused when it was burned by the British during the War of 1812. It is the home of the President of the United States, first inhabited by our second President, John Adams in 1801 who wrote:</p> <p><i>"I pray Heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but wise and honest men ever rule under this roof."</i></p>				1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>Friendship Day</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Charles Coolidge, MOH</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>1968 – Nick Bacon</p>  <p>(1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan</p>	<p>7</p> <p>The Purple Heart</p> <p>Our Nation's first military Medal is established by Gen. George Washington</p>  <p>(1942) First US offensive of WWII begins at Guadalcanal.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1966 – Howard V. Lee</p> <p>Happy Birthday George Wahlen, MOH</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>(1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan</p>	<p>10</p> <p>(1874) President Herbert Hoover is born in Iowa.</p>
11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>V.J. Day</p>  <p>(1935) Social Security is enacted in the United States.</p>	15	16	<p>17</p> <p>1952 – Bob Simanek</p>
<p>18</p> <p>1965 – Bob O'Malley</p> <p>Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH</p>	<p>19</p> <p>National Aviation Day</p>  <p>(1946) President Bill Clinton is born in Arkansas.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1944 – John Bud Hawk</p> <p>Happy Birthday James Hendrix, MOH</p> <p>(1833) President Benjamin Harrison is born in Ohio.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Happy Birthday Chuck Hagemeister, MOH</p>	22	23	24
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1967 – George Bud Day</p> <p>(1920) The 19th Amendment gives women the right to vote.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1944 – Stephen Gregg</p> <p>Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH</p> <p>(1908) President Lyndon Johnson is born in Texas.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Happy Birthday Richard Sorenson, MOH Ola Mize, MOH</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Happy Birthday Gary Beikirch, MOH</p>	<p>30</p> <p>(1967) Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first Black US Supreme Court Justice.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mitchell Paige, MOH Tom Hudner, MOH</p>

"We must be willing, individually and as a Nation, to accept whatever sacrifices may be required of us. A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his 1st Inaugural Address














July 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>(1863) The battle of Gettysburg, Virginia begins. (1963) The US Postal Service introduces a new Zip Code system.</i>	2	3 Happy Birthday Bob Modrzejewski, MOH <i>(1775) General George Washington takes command of the Continental Army.</i>	4  Independence Day <i>(1826) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams die, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence.</i>	5 <i>←--President Calvin Coolidge is born in Vermont</i>	6  1964 – Roger Donlon
7	8 <i>(1835) The Liberty Bell cracks while tolling in Philadelphia.</i>	9	10	11  1969 – Gordon Roberts Happy Birthday Bob Howard, MOH <i>(1767) President John Q. Adams is born in Massachusetts. (1804) Hamilton/Burr duel occurs.</i>	12  <i>(1862) The Army Medal of Honor is authorized by Congress.</i>	13
14	 1966 – Bob Modrzejewski Happy Birthday Webster Anderson, MOH <i>(1913) President Gerald Ford is born in Nebraska.</i>	16 Happy Birthday Everett Pope, MOH <i>(1945) The first atomic bomb is detonated in New Mexico.</i>	17 Happy Birthday Silvestre Herrera, MOH	 1966 – John McGinty Happy Birthday James Burt, MOH	19	20
21	22	23	 1966 – Richard Pittman Happy Birthday John Finn, MOH <i>(1969) Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon.</i>	 1944 – Louis Wilson Happy Birthday Jay Zeamer, MOH <i>(1947) The Department of Defense is established by Congress.</i>	26 <i>(1946) President Truman orders the desegregation of all Military forces.</i>	27 <i>(1953) The armistice ending the Korean War is signed.</i>
28 Parents' Day <i>(1959) Hawaii's first election sends Daniel Inouye to Congress - the first Japanese member of either house.</i>	29 Happy Birthday Jay Vargas, MOH	30	31 The Liberty Bell was ordered by the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1751 to commemorate the 50 th anniversary of William Penn's 1701 <i>Charter of Privileges</i> . It was this bell that chimed from Independence Hall on July 8, 1776 to signal the birth of the United States of America. The bell cracked three times in its history, but was unrepairable after cracking while tolling to signal the death of Chief Justice John Marshall on July 8, 1835 Inscribed on the Liberty Bell are the words "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" from Leviticus 25:20.			

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

From the Declaration of Independence



















June 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>At 4:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 25, 1950, ninety thousand men of the North Korean People's Army attacked across the 39th Parallel in an effort to overthrow and defeat the government of the free Republic of South Korea. For the next 3½ years, a bitter war to preserve that country's fragile freedom cost the lives of more than 50,000 American soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. To honor the memory of all who served, and call to mind the sacrifice of those who died, the Korean War Memorial was dedicated during a week of remembrance ceremonies July 26-29, 1995. The memorial itself features 19 larger-than-life US Ground troopers moving toward an American Flag. Behind them is a wall of black granite, into which is etched the faces of hundreds of American servicemen, taken from photographs of the military archives. To the north of the figures is a granite curb listing the 22 countries of the United Nations that sent troops or provided medical support in defense of South Korea. Prominently displayed on the granite wall are the words:</p> <p>FREEDOM IS NOT FREE</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jose Lopez, MOH</p> <p><i>(1813) Captain James Lawrence says "Don't give up the ship" which becomes the motto of the US Navy.</i></p>
<p> 2</p> <p>1944 – Yeiki Kobashigawa</p> <p>Happy Birthday David McNerney, MOH</p> <p><i>(1924) Congress grants citizenship to Native American Indians.</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert O'Malley, MOH</p>	<p> 4</p> <p>1971 – Jon Cavaiani</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy Birthday Peter Lemon, MOH</p>	<p>6</p> <p> D-Day (1944)</p> <p>Happy Birthday Freeman Horner, MOH</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p> 9</p> <p>1944 – Walt Ehlers</p>	<p> 10</p> <p>1945 – Richard McCool 1953 – Ola Mize</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>(1924) President George H.W. Bush is born in Massachusetts.</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Nett, MOH</p>	<p> 14</p> <p>1952 – David Bleak</p> <p>Flag Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Gordon Roberts, MOH US Army Birthday</p>	<p> 15</p> <p>1969 – Thomas Kelley</p> <p>Happy Birthday Van Barfoot, MOH Jim Swett, MOH</p> <p><i>(1752) Benjamin Franklin discovers electricity while flying a kite.</i></p>
<p> 16</p> <p>1943 – Jay Zeamer</p> <p> Father's Day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p> 19</p> <p>1966 – Ronald Ray</p> <p>Juneteenth</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) The 26th Amendment lowers the voting age to 18.</i></p>
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>(1948) The Soviet Union begins its blockade of Berlin.</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p> Korean War Begins</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy Birthday Alejandro Ruiz, MOH</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>(1919) The Treaty of Versailles is signed in France, ending WWI.</i></p>	<p> 29</p> <p>1968 – Frank Herda</p> <p>Happy Birthday Francis Currey, MOH</p> <p><i>(1854) U.S. acquires the southern parts of Arizona and New Mexico in the \$10 Million Gadsden Purchase.</i></p>

“Our forefathers faced certain perils which we have outgrown. We now face other perils, the very existence of which it was impossible that they should foresee.” --
“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 in various communications


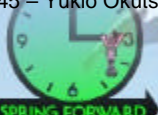



May 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arlington Cemetery stands and perhaps the most vivid reminder of the price of freedom. Its location just across the river from our Nation's Capitol is land once part of the estate of George Washington and bequeathed to his great-granddaughter and her husband, Robert E. Lee. During the Civil War the land was seized and, in retaliation against the man who rose to lead the Confederate Army, was turned into a cemetery. More than a quarter-million American heroes and legends are buried in Arlington's 200+ acres, which is also home to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.			May Day 1 	 2 1945 – Bob Bush 1967 – Leonard Keller 1968 – James Livingston	National Day of Prayer 3 	4
5  (1961) Astronaut Alan Shepard is the first American in space.	 6 1968 – Robert Patterson	7	V.E. Day 8 Happy Birthday Henry Red Irwin, MOH (1884) President Harry Truman is born in Missouri.	9	10	11
 12 1968 – Joe Jackson  Mothers Day Happy Birthday Wilburn Ross, MOH	13 Happy Birthday Gino Merli, MOH Thomas Kelley, MOH	 14 1968 – Finnis McCleery	 15 Police Officers Memorial Day	 16 1968 – Don Ballard	17	18  Armed Forces Day
19	20	 21 1951 – Joe Rodriguez 1966 – David Dolby (1881) The American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton.	22	 23 1944 – Van Barfoot	 24 1970 – Louis Rocco (1844) Samuel Morse taps out the words "What God had wrought"—the first telegraph message.	25
26 Happy Birthday Richard Pittman, MOH	 27 Memorial Day (Observed)	 28 1944 – Rudolph Davila	29 (1917) President John F. Kennedy is born in Massachusetts.	30 Happy Birthday Bud Hawk, MOH Robert Foley, MOH Traditional Memorial Day (1901) Memorial Day is observed in the U.S. for the first time.	 31 1945 – Clarence Craft 1951 – Rudy Hernandez	

I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our heavenly father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid down so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Abraham Lincoln in his Letter to the mother who lost five sons in the Civil War


















April 2002

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	<div>★★★★★ 1</div> <div>1970 – Gary Beikirch 1970 – Peter Lemon</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>★★★★★ 4</div> <div>1970 – Gary Littrell</div>	<div>★★★★★ 5</div> <div>1945 – Vernon Baker</div>	<div>6</div>
<div>★★★★★ 7</div> <div>1943 – Jim Swett 1945 – Mike Colalillo 1945 – Yukio Okutsu</div> <div></div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>(1865) General Lee surrenders at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War.</div>	<div>★★★★★ 10</div> <div>1972 – Tom Norris</div> <div>(1942) The Bataan Death March begins in the Philippine Islands.</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>★★★★★ 12</div> <div>1945 – Henry Erwin</div>	<div>13</div> <div>(1743) President Thomas Jefferson is born in Virginia.</div>
<div>14</div> <div>Happy Birthday Rudy Hernandez, MOH</div>	<div>Income Tax Due 15</div> <div></div> <div>Patriot's Day</div>	<div>★★★★★ 16</div> <div>1945 – Richard Bush 1952 – Duane Dewey</div> <div>Happy Birthday Robert Patterson, MOH</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Happy Birthday Joe Foss, MOH</div>	<div>★★★★★ 18</div> <div>1945 – Michael Daly</div> <div>Happy Birthday Don Jenkins, MOH</div> <div>(1906) The city of San Francisco is rocked by a massive earthquake.</div>	<div>★★★★★ 19</div> <div>1967 – Leo Thorsness</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Happy Birthday George Lang, MOH</div>
<div>★★★★★ 21</div> <div>1945 – Daniel Inouye</div>	<div>22</div> <div></div>	<div>23</div> <div>(1791) President James Buchanan is born in Pennsylvania.</div>	<div>★★★★★ 24</div> <div>1951 – Hiroshi Miyamura</div> <div>Happy Birthday James Sprayberry, MOH</div>	<div>★★★★★ 25</div> <div>1967 – Kenneth Stumpf 1968 – James Sprayberry</div> <div>Happy Birthday Brian Thacker, MOH</div>	<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>Happy Birthday Bob Simanek, MOH</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Happy Birthday Rudolph Davila, MOH</div> <div>(1822) President Ulysses Grant is born in Ohio.</div>
<div>★★★★★ 28</div> <div>1945 – Alejandro Ruiz</div> <div>(1758) President James Monroe is born in Virginia.</div>	<div>★★★★★ 29</div> <div>1945 – Desmond Doss</div>	<div>★★★★★ 30</div> <div>1968 – Jay Vargas</div> <div>(1803) The Louisiana Purchase doubles the size of the U.S.</div>	<div>In 1718 Franciscan missionaries founded Mission San Antonio de Valero. Over the years the buildings changed and moved, eventually becoming the stone mission building known today as The Alamo. On February 23, 1836, 2 months after full-scale hostilities erupted in Texas' War of Independence, 3,000 soldiers of the Mexican Army under General Santa Anna approached the mission to demand the surrender of its 200 defenders led by William Travis and James Bowie. For two weeks they laid siege to the mission, finally breaching the defenses on March 6th. The defenders fought bravely, but all 187 of them, including former Congressman Davy Crockett, were killed in the valiant stand.</div>			

"DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY-- those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you want to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn. "

General Douglas MacArthur in his Farewell Address

March 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</p> <p>In the fall of 1993 the statue often called <i>The Three Nurses</i> was dedicated in Washington, DC near the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Designed by Glenna Goodacre, it depicts three nurses, one caring for a wounded soldier while another appears to be watching for an incoming evacuation helicopter. The memorial calls to mind the service of more than a quarter-million women who served in the United States military during the Vietnam War. Inscribed on the memorial are the names of the 8 military women who died in Vietnam, and the 6'6", 1-ton bronze statue sits sheltered among eight trees planted in their memory.</p>					1	2
 3 1945 – George Wahlen (1931) The "Star Spangled Banner" is adopted as our National Anthem.	4 Happy Birthday Thomas Kinsman, MOH	5	6	7	8 (1790) The first U.S. Census is Authorized by the Congress.	 9 1968 – Jack Jacobs Happy Birthday Michael Fitzmaurice, MOH
 10 1966 – Bernard Fisher	 11 1970 – Allan Kellogg	12 Happy Birthday Jim Fleming, MOH	13	 14 1969 – Bob Kerrey Happy Birthday Joe Jackson, MOH Edward Dahlgren, MOH	 15 1945 – Silvestre Herrera (1767) President Andrew Jackson is born in South Carolina.	 16 1966 – Alfred Rascon 1968 – Paul Bucha (1751) President James Madison is born in Virginia.
17 	18 (1837) President Grover Cleveland is born in New Jersey. (1949) The North American Treaty Organization (NATO) is formed.	19 (1918) Congress establishes TIME ZONES and approves Daylight Savings Time.	 20 1967 – Chuck Hagemeister 	21	 22 1967 – David McNerney	 23 Happy Birthday Mike Thornton, MOH
24 	25 	26	 27 1953 – William Charette	 28 1966 – Robert Ingram Passover (1973) US Ground Troops leave Vietnam.	Good Friday Happy Birthday William Charette, MOH (1790) President John Tyler is born in Virginia.	30 (1932) Amelia Earhart is first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.
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"There is much to do...I do not mistrust the future; I do not fear what is ahead. Our problems are large, but our heart is larger. Our challenges are great, but our will is greater. And if our flaws are endless, God's love is truly boundless."

President George H.W. Bush in his Inaugural Address


February 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>On February 23, 1945 the camera of Joe Rosenthal captured the valiant efforts of five Marines raising the Stars and Stripes atop Mount Surabachi on the island of Iwo Jima. Within 72 hours of seeing this photo, sculptor Felix DeWeldon created a clay replica, which was displayed before President Truman and Mr. Rosenthal in the Oval Office of the White House in April. DeWeldon, along with hundreds of artisans spent 8 years creating the Iwo Jima Monument, at 78-feet high, the largest bronze statue in the world. The 32-foot-tall figures were carefully crafted to bear the likeness of the five Marines, DeWeldon working with photographs to recreate the 3 members of the group who died on Iwo Jima. The memorial cost \$850,000 to build, all raised from private donations. Dedicated by President Eisenhower on November 11, 1954, the inscription on the monument reads: "Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue".</p>					<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 1 1941 – A. Knappenberger 1941 – Richard Sorenson</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ernest Childers, MOH</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2 Ground Hog Day</p> <p>(1848) Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo gives the US Texas, California, New Mexico, and 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</p> <p>(1778) France recognizes the US and signs first treaty of aid. (1911) President Ronald Reagan is born in Illinois.</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 7 1951 – Lew Millett</p> <p>Happy Birthday Desmond Doss, MOH</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>(1773) President William Harrison is born in Virginia.</p>
<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 10 1970 – John Baca</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 11 1945 – Edward Dahlgren</p> <p>Happy Birthday Louis Wilson, MOH</p> <p>(1847) Inventor Thomas Edison is born in Ohio.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Valentines Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jack Lucas, MOH Angelo Liteky, MOH Leo Thorsness, MOH</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 15 1944 – Nathan Gordon</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jefferson Deblanc, MOH</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>President's Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Happy Birthday George Sakato, MOH</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 20 1945 – Jack Lucas</p> <p>(1792) The US Postal Service is created by the Congress.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Happy Birthday Donald Rudolph, MOH Harold Fritz, MOH</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 22 1944 – Jack Montgomery 1969 – Wesley Fox 1969 – George Lang</p> <p>Washington's Birthday</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 23 1945 – Hershel Williams</p> <p>Happy Birthday Russell Dunham, MOH</p> <p>(1945) US Marines raise the flag over Iwo Jima.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Happy Birthday George Day, MOH</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy Birthday David Bleak, MOH</p>	<p>28</p> <p>(1854) The Republican Party is born at Ripon, Wisconsin. (1993) Cease fire begins, ending Operation Desert Storm.</p>	<p>February Is BLACK HISTORY MONTH</p>	

"Our enemies have always made the same mistake. In my lifetime—in depression and in war—they have awaited our defeat. Each time, from the secret places of the American heart, came forth the faith they could not see or that they could not even imagine. It brought us victory. And it will again."

President Lyndon Johnson in his Inaugural Address

January 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>During the drafting of the US Constitution, the delegates recognized the need for a permanent Capitol City, and authorized Congress to provide for this district "not exceeding ten miles square" (Article 1, Section 8). To President George Washington was delegated responsibility for selecting the site, and he chose a location near Alexandria, VA that he had surveyed in his youth.</p>		<p>HAPPY 1st NEW YEAR</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>(1959) Alaska is admitted as our 49th state.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Birthday Richard McCool, MOH</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>★ ★ ★ ★ 6</p> <p>1968 – Pat Brady 1969 – Don Jenkins</p>	<p>7</p> <p>(1782) First Commercial American Bank (Bank of North America) opens. (1800) President Millard Fillmore is born in New York.</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ 8</p> <p>1945 – Russell Dunham 1968 – Gary Wetzel</p>	<p>9</p> <p>(1913) President Richard Nixon is born in California.</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ 10</p> <p>1968 – Clarence Sasser</p> <p>Happy Birthday John Baca, MOH</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ 11</p> <p>1969 – Harold Fritz</p> <p>Happy Birthday Bernard Fisher, MOH</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ 12</p> <p>1952 – Ron Rosser</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jim Livingston, MOH</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ray Davis, MOH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Birthday Raymond Murphy, MOH Tom Norris, MOH</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Born In 1929</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Happy Birthday Paul Wiedorfer, MOH</p> <p>(1706) Benjamin Franklin Born. (1993) Operation Desert Storm Begins.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Happy Birthday Nick Oresko, MOH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Happy Birthday Nick Oresko, MOH</p>	<p>19</p> <p>(1807) Robert E. Lee is born in Virginia.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Ingram, MOH</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday John McGinty, MOH</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ 23</p> <p>1945 – Nick Oresko</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>(1967) Apollo 1 fire kills astronauts Grissom, White, and Chaffee. (1973) Vietnam Peace Accord is signed in Paris.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>(1973) Cease Fire ends the war in Vietnam.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>(1843) President William McKinley is born in Ohio.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy Birthday Roger Donlon, MOH</p> <p>(1882) President Franklin Roosevelt is born in New York.</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ 31</p> <p>1943 – Jefferson Deblanc 1968 – Drew Dix 1968 – Fred Ferguson 1970 – Raymond Clausen</p> <p>(1865) 13th Amendment to the Constitution ends slavery in U.S. (1968) Vietnam Tet Offensive.</p>	<p>When the US Government moved into the new Capitol in 1800, only the Senate wing (right) was completed, and for a time it served not only the Senate, but also the House and Library of Congress. On Sundays it further served as a church where the Capitol City's 8,000 residents could worship. With the growth of our Nation, so too both the Capitol and its City, have grown.</p>	

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty. This much we pledge—and more."

President John F. Kennedy in his Inaugural Speech

December 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"From these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."</p> <p><i>Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address</i></p>						<p>Happy Birthday 1 Vernon McGarity, MOH</p>
<p>☆☆☆☆ 2 1950 – Bill Barber</p> <p>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers.</p>	<p>☆☆☆☆ 3 1950 – Ray Davis</p>	<p>☆☆☆☆ 4 1950 – Tom Hudner</p> <p>(1877) Thomas Edison invents the phonograph.</p>	<p>☆☆☆☆ 5 Happy Birthday Don Ballard, MOH</p> <p>(1782) President Martin Van Buren is born in New York.</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 (1941) The United States declares war on Japan to begin WWII.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 (1948) The United Nations adopts the Declaration of Human Rights.</p>	<p>11 Happy Birthday Mike Colalillo, MOH</p> <p>(1620) The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock. (1941) The US declares war on Italy and Germany.</p>	<p>12 (1800) Washington, DC is made the site of the permanent capitol city of the United States.</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>☆☆☆☆ 17 1944 – Jose Lopez</p> <p>Happy Birthday Vernon Baker, MOH</p> <p>(1903) Wilbur and Orville Wright make the first flight at Kitty Hawk.</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>(1882) Thomas Edison creates the first string of CHRISTMAS lights.</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>☆☆☆☆ 23 1944 – Melvin Biddle</p> <p>Happy Birthday Richard Bush, MOH Jim Stockdale, MOH</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ed Schowalter, MOH</p>	<p>☆☆☆☆ 25 1944 – Paul Wiedorfer</p> <p>Merry Christmas</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 (1856) President Woodrow Wilson is born in Virginia.</p>	<p>29 (1808) President Andrew Johnson is born in North Carolina.</p>
<p>☆☆☆☆ 30 1968 – Robert Howard</p>	<p>New Years Eve</p> <p>Happy Birthday Alton Knappenberger, MOH Jim Taylor, MOH</p>	<p>"This flag means more than association and reward. It is the symbol of our national unity, our national endeavor, our national aspiration. It tells you of the struggle for independence, of union preserved of liberty and union one and inseparable, of the sacrifices of brave men and women to whom the ideals and honor of this nation have been dearer than life.</p> <p>"It means America first, it means an undivided allegiance. It means that you cannot be saved by the valor and devotion of your ancestors, that to each generation comes its patriotic duty, and that upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure as those before you have sacrificed and endured rests the national hope.</p> <p>"It speaks of equal rights; of the inspiration of free institutions exemplified and vindicated, of liberty under law intelligently conceived and impartially administered." (Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, U.S. Supreme Court)</p>				

THE MEDAL OF HONOR



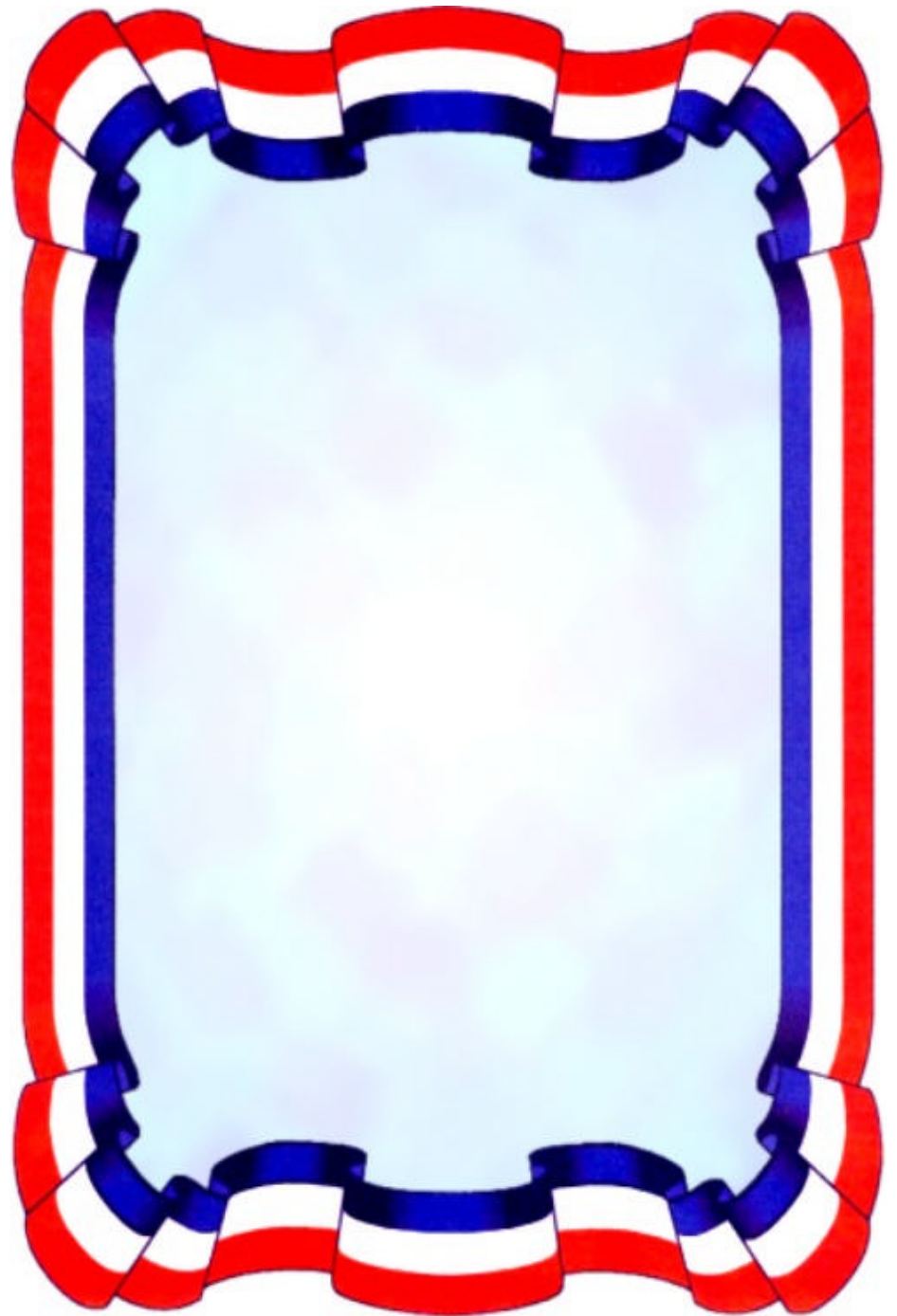
The Medal of Honor, often referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor, is our Nation's highest award for military heroism.

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 3,456 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 839 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, 2001 when the Promise Calendar became available, only 149 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.



2002 Promise Calendar

