



DECEMBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Persian Gulf American Casualties Killed in Action – 148 Other Deaths – 235 Wounded – 467 POW/MIA Unaccounted for – 1	Happy Birthday 1 Vernon McGarity, MOH <i>(1880) First telephone installed in the White House.</i>	2 <i>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers.</i>	 3 1950 – Ray Davis	 4 1950 – Tom Hudner	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 <i>(1948) The United Nations adopts the Declaration of Human Rights.</i>	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 capital 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 Hanukkah
 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	 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	31 New Years Eve Happy Birthday Alton Knappenberger, MOH Jim Taylor, MOH	The Persian Gulf War (August 2, 1990 – November 30, 1995) When Iraq's Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait President Bush "drew a line in the sand" with the threat of immediate action by the full power of the American military forces. When war was declared, it took US forces only 43 days (Jan. 17 – Feb 28, 1990) to prove how much we have learned through two decades of struggle to defend both our own liberty and that of other nations. When the torch of liberty passed to a new generation, these young soldiers of freedom proved themselves very well.		

"Do what is right, not what you think the high headquarters wants or what you think will make you look good....When placed in command—take charge...I t doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. I t takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."

General H. Norman Schwartzkopf, Commander of American Forces in the Persian Gulf


















NOVEMBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Vietnam War American Casualties Killed in Action – 291,557 Other Deaths – 10,788 Wounded – 153,303 POW/MIA – 2,596 Unaccounted for – 1,905	The Vietnam War (January 1, 1961 – August 14, 1974) American Advisors began service in Vietnam in 1955, seven years before the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution authorized the buildup that eventually saw 2 ½ million Americans committed to combat in Southeast Asia. The 13 year span noted by authorization for the National Defense Service Medal alone makes it our longest war—lengthened further when one reviews the war as an extension of the Cold War that precipitated it. The dedication of those who fought in Vietnam is well represented by the 245 Americans who earned Medals of Honor, 154 of whom died in their moment of valor. The negotiated peace that caused many to claim the Americans lost the Vietnam War becomes more palatable when viewed in context with the Cold War that precipitated conflict in Vietnam—a war that was certainly won by the defenders of democracy.					1 Happy Birthday Sammy Davis, MOH <i>(1864) Money Orders Introduced by the US Postal Service.</i>
2 <i>(1795) President James Polk is born in North Carolina.</i> <i>(1865) President Warren Harding is born in Ohio—is elected President this same day in 1920.</i>	3 Happy Birthday Yukio Okutsu, MOH	4 Happy Birthday Hector Caferatta, MOH	 5 1966 – John Baker, Jr. 1966 – Robert Foley	6 	7 	8 <i>(1731) Benjamin Franklin opens the first Public Library in Philadelphia.</i>
 9 1967 – Jim Taylor	 10 US Marine Corps Birthday	 11 Veterans Day	12	13	 14 1965 – Walter Marm Happy Birthday Joe Rodriguez, MOH	15
 16 1944 – Freeman Horner Happy Birthday Duane Dewey, MOH	17	 18 1967 – Sammy Davis <i>(1928) Mickey Mouse is introduced to America in "Steamboat Willie".</i>	19 Happy Birthday Louis Rocco, MOH	20 Happy Birthday Walter Marm, MOH	 21 1951 – James Stone <i>(1620) The Mayflower Compact is signed.</i>	22 <i>(1964) President John Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.</i>
23 <i>(1804) President Franklin Pierce is born in New Hampshire.</i>	24	25	 26 1968 – Jim Fleming	27  Thanksgiving Day	 28 1950 – Hector Caferatta Happy Birthday Melvin Biddle, MOH Shizuya Hayashi, MOH	 29 1943 – Shizuya Hayashi <i>(1929) Commander Richard Byrd flies over the South Pole.</i>
 30 1950 – Reggie Myers <i>(1784) President Zachary Taylor is born in Virginia.</i>						

"I am convinced that your taxpayers' money is being put to a very worthy cause--that of freeing the Vietnamese people from an organized Communist threat aimed at the same nasty things all Communists want--at denying this country and its wonderful people a chance to better themselves."

Cpt. Rocky Versace in a 1962 Christmas Letter Home (Versace was subsequently executed as a POW and awarded the Medal of Honor)


OCTOBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Korean War (June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953) The Korean War, provoked when 90,000 Communist soldiers of the <i>Inmin Gun</i> swept into South Korea in the predawn hours of June 25, 1950, was one of the deadliest wars in our history. In three short years of bitter combat, waged in some of the world's most inhospitable terrain and during untenable weather, 131 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines earned Medals of Honor. Only 28% of these heroes survived their moment of valor, a telling statement to the brutality of war in Korea.			 1 1942 – Bob Galer Happy Birthday Allan Kellogg, MOH Pat Brady, MOH <i>(1924) President Jimmy Carter is born in Georgia.</i>	 2 1969 – Mike Novosel Happy Birthday Hershel Williams, MOH	3	4 Happy Birthday Bob Bush, MOH <i>(1822) President Rutherford Hayes is born in Ohio</i>
5 Happy Birthday Eugene Fluckey, MOH <i>(1829) President Chester Arthur is born in Vermont.</i> <i>(1947) Harry Truman makes the first presidential television broadcast.</i>	6 Yom Kippur Happy Birthday Hiroshi Miyamura, MOH Einar Ingman, MOH	7	8	9	10	11
 12 1952 – Ernest West  Columbus Day	 13 1944 – James Burt  <i>(Observed)</i>	 14 1952 – Ed Schowalter Happy Birthday Raymond Clausen, MOH <i>(1890) President Dwight Eisenhower is born in Texas.</i>	 15 1967 – Webster Anderson	16 BOSS DAY	17	18 Happy Birthday Arthur Jackson, MOH <i>(1767) The Mason-Dixon line is established on the borders of Maryland and Pennsylvania.</i>
 19 1942 – Joe Foss 1944 – Barney Hajiro	20	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Robert Galer, MOH	 24 1944 – Charles Coolidge United Nations Day Happy Birthday Ron Rosser, MOH	25
 26 1942 – Mitchell Paige Daylight Savings Time Ends Happy Birthday Lucian Adams, MOH Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH	 27 1952 – George O'Brien <i>(1858) President Theodore Roosevelt is born in New York.</i>	 28 1944 – Lucian Adams Happy Birthday Allan Lynch, MOH <i>(1886) The Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York Harbor.</i>	 29 1944 – George Sakato <i>(1929) The Stock Market crash begins the Great Depression.</i>	 30 1944 – Wilburn Ross Happy Birthday John Baker, MOH <i>(1735) President John Adams is born in Massachusetts.</i>	 31 1972 – Mike Thornton  Halloween	Korean War American Casualties Killed in Action – 33,686 Other Deaths – 2,830 Wounded – 103,284 POW/MIA – 12,654 Unaccounted for – 8,215

"Those poor ***** (Chinese)! They've got us right where we want them. Now we can shoot in every direction. They won't get away this time."

Colonel Chesty Puller (USMC) at the Chosin Reservoir upon being informed that his Marines were surrounded by enemy soldiers.













SEPTEMBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
World War II American Casualties Killed in Action – 291,557 Other Deaths – 113,8422 Wounded – 671,000 POW/MIA - 194,879 Unaccounted for – 78,750	1 Labor Day Happy Birthday Stephen Gregg, MOH	2 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 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 Happy Birthday Daniel Inouye, MOH Grandparents Day	8 	9 	10 Happy Birthday George O'Brien, MOH	In Memory 11 	12 Happy Birthday Clarence Sasser, MOH	13 Happy Birthday Frank Herda, MOH <i>(1788) New York City becomes the first capitol of the United States.</i>
 14 <i>(1814) Francis Scott Key writes "The Star Spangled Banner".</i>	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>(1947) US Air Force Is Born.</i>	 19 1944 – Everett Pope  POW/MIA Recognition Day	20 
21  <i>(1981) Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female Supreme Court Justice.</i>	 22 1943 – Ernest Childers <i>(1789) The US Post Office is established.</i>	23 First Day Of AUTUMN 	24 	25 	26 Happy Birthday Chuck Murray, MOH	27 Rosh Hashanah
Gold Star 28 Mothers Day  Happy Birthday Yeiki Kobashigawa, MOH Kenneth Stumpf, MOH	29  Happy Birthday Gary Wetzel, MOH	30  Happy Birthday Wesley Fox, MOH	World War II (December 7, 1941 – September 2, 1945) The deadly surprise attack at Pearl Harbor propelled the United States into the costliest and most devastating war in world history. It was a global war with battles in Europe, the Pacific, and even the Territory of Alaska. Sixteen million American men and women served in uniform, suffering nearly a million casualties. More Americans earned Medals of Honor (464) than in any war since the Civil War, and for the first time in history posthumous awards (266) outnumbered presentations to living heroes. Perhaps the inscription on the base of the Iwo Jima memorial best characterizes the American spirit throughout the war... "Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue".			

"There is a limit of human endurance and that limit has long since been passed. With out prospect of relief, I feel it is my duty to my Country, and to my gallant troops, to end this useless effusion of blood and human sacrifice. With profound regret and continued pride in my gallant troops, I go to meet the Japanese commander.

General Jonathan Wainwright's final message from Bataan, 1941

AUGUST 2003

World War I <u>American Casualties</u> Killed in Action – 53,402 Other Deaths – 63,114 Wounded – 204,002 POW/MIA – 7,323 Unaccounted for – 3,350		World War I (April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918) World War I began in Europe on July 28, 1914 though the United States remained neutral in <i>The War to End All Wars</i> for three years. When at last American doughboys were sent to France, it was to find the Allied Powers at a stalemate. Most American involvement in actual combat occurred after Germany's spring offensive of 1918. General Pershing's American Expeditionary Force crushed that offensive, then fought valiantly to push the enemy back to the Siegfried Line. In little more than six months, despite heavy casualties, two million American soldiers and marines enabled the Allied Powers to force an Armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.					1 Happy Birthday Paul Bucha, MOH Howard V. Lee, MOH	2 Happy Birthday Jack Jacobs, MOH Jon Cavaiani, MOH
 Friendship Day (1492) Christopher Columbus sails from Spain for the New World.	 Happy Birthday Charles Coolidge, MOH (1790) U.S. Coast Guard is born.	5	 1968 – Nick Bacon (1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan	 The Our Nation's first military Medal is established by Gen. George Washington (1942) First US offensive of WWII begins at Guadalcanal.	 1966 – Howard V. Lee Happy Birthday George Wahlen, MOH	 (1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan		
10 (1874) President Herbert Hoover is born in Iowa.	11	12	13	14 V.J. Day (1935) Social Security is enacted in the United States.	15	16		
 17 1952 – Bob Simanek	 18 1965 – Bob O'Malley Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH	19  National Aviation Day (1946) President Bill Clinton is born in Arkansas.	 20 1944 – John Bud Hawk Happy Birthday James Hendrix, MOH (1833) President Benjamin Harrison is born in Ohio.	21 Happy Birthday Chuck Hagemeister, MOH	22	23		
24 31 Happy Birthday Mitchell Paige, MOH Tom Hudner, MOH	25	 26 1967 – George Bud Day (1920) The 19 th Amendment gives women the right to vote.	 27 1944 – Stephen Gregg Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH (1908) President Lyndon Johnson is born in Texas.	28 Happy Birthday Richard Sorenson, MOH Ola Mize, MOH	29 Happy Birthday Gary Beikirch, MOH	30 (1967) Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first Black US Supreme Court Justice.		

"It is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into war...but the right is more precious than the peace, and we shall fight for the things that we have always carried nearest our hearts...for democracy...for the rights and liberties of small nations...and make the world itself at last free."

President Woodrow Wilson in asking Congress for a Declaration of War in 1917

JULY 2003

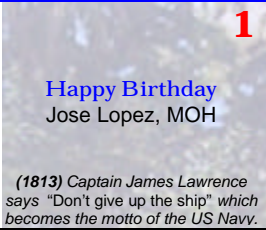
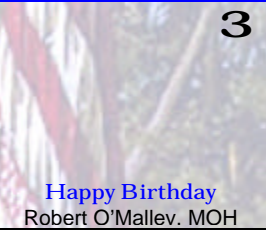
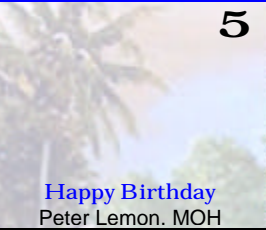




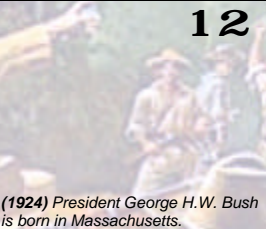
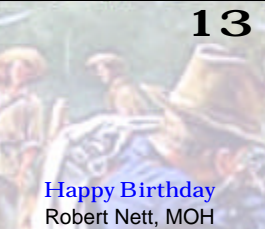

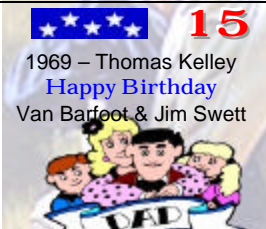
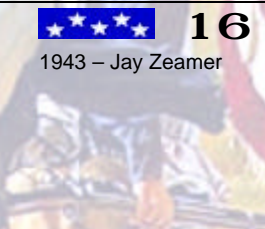






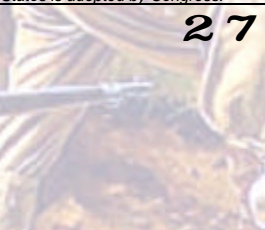

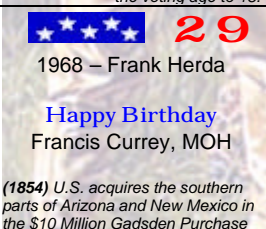
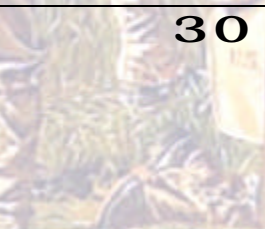
Boxer Rebellion (June 20 - August 14, 1900) US sailors and marines were part of a multi-national force dispatched to rescue foreign leaders and diplomats who were under siege by a Chinese sect called The Boxers . Fighting their way into Peking, 59 Americans earned Medals of Honor in the successful rescue effort, one of several small conflicts in the early 1900s.		1		2 		3 Happy Birthday Bob Modrzejewski, MOH		4  Independence Day		5 																									
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				(1835) The Liberty Bell cracks while tolling in Philadelphia.						 (1862) The Army Medal of Honor is authorized by Congress.																									
13		14		 1966 – Bob Modrzejewski Happy Birthday Everett Pope, MOH		16		17		 1966 – John McGinty Happy Birthday James Burt, MOH																									
		(1913) President Gerald Ford is born in Nebraska.		Webster Anderson, MOH		(1945) The first atomic bomb is detonated in New Mexico.		Silvestre Herrera, MOH		James Burt, MOH																									
20		21		22		23		 1966 – Richard Pittman Happy Birthday John Finn, MOH		 1944 – Louis Wilson Happy Birthday Jay Zeamer, MOH																									
		Happy Birthday Barney Barnum, MOH				Happy Birthday Delbert Jennings, MOH		(1969) Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon.		(1947) The Department of Defense is established by Congress.																									
27 Parents' Day		28		29		30		31		American Casualties & MOHs																									
(1953) The armistice ending the Korean War is signed.		(1959) Hawaii's first election sends Daniel Inouye to Congress - the first Japanese member of either house.		Happy Birthday Jay Vargas, MOH						<table><thead><tr><th></th><th>KIA</th><th>WIA</th><th>MOH</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1900 – Boxer Rebellion, China</td><td>53</td><td>253</td><td>59</td></tr><tr><td>1914 – Vera Cruz, Mexico</td><td>19</td><td>69</td><td>56</td></tr><tr><td>1915 – 1920 Haiti</td><td>146</td><td>26</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>1916 – 1922 Dominican Republic</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>1927 – 1933 Nicaragua</td><td>5</td><td>16</td><td>2</td></tr></tbody></table>			KIA	WIA	MOH	1900 – Boxer Rebellion, China	53	253	59	1914 – Vera Cruz, Mexico	19	69	56	1915 – 1920 Haiti	146	26	8	1916 – 1922 Dominican Republic	1	0	3	1927 – 1933 Nicaragua	5	16	2
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"I do not remember a more satisfying musical performance than the bugles of the American Marines entering the settlement (Tientsin, China) playing 'There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight.'"

Herbert Hoover (later President Hoover), who was working as an Engineer in China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion






JUNE

2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <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>	2  <p>1944 – Yeiki Kobashigawa</p> <p>Happy Birthday David McNerney, MOH</p> <p><i>(1924) Congress grants citizenship to Native American Indians</i></p>	3  <p>Happy Birthday Robert O'Malley, MOH</p>	4  <p>1971 – Jon Cavaiani</p>	5  <p>Happy Birthday Peter Lemon, MOH</p>	6  <p>D-Day (1944)</p>	7  <p>Happy Birthday Freeman Horner, MOH</p>
8 	9  <p>1944 – Walt Ehlers</p>	10  <p>1945 – Richard McCool 1953 – Ola Mize</p>	11 	12  <p><i>(1924) President George H.W. Bush is born in Massachusetts.</i></p>	13  <p>Happy Birthday Robert Nett, MOH</p>	14  <p>1952 – David Bleak</p> <p>Flag Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Gordon Roberts, MOH US Army Birthday</p>
15  <p>1969 – Thomas Kelley</p> <p>Happy Birthday Van Barfoot & Jim Swett</p>	16  <p>1943 – Jay Zeamer</p>	17 	18 	19  <p>1966 – Ronald Ray</p> <p>Juneteenth</p>	20  <p><i>(1782) The Great Seal of the United States is adopted by Congress.</i></p>	21  <p>First Day Of SUMMER</p>
22  <p><i>(1971) The 26th Amendment lowers the voting age to 18.</i></p>	23 	24  <p><i>(1948) The Soviet Union begins its blockade of Berlin.</i></p>	25  <p>Korean War Begins</p>	26  <p>Happy Birthday Alejandro Ruiz, MOH</p>	27 	28  <p><i>(1919) The Treaty of Versailles is signed in France, ending WWI.</i></p>
29  <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>	30 	Philippine Insurrection (February 4, 1899 – July 4, 1902) Following the American victory over Spain in the Spanish-American War, American troops in the Philippine Islands became engaged in a series of battles involving Philippine insurrectionists seeking to oust the American presence and proclaim their islands independent. The period known as the Philippine Insurrection ended in 1902 after the capture of rebel leader Aguinaldo, though another decade of battles followed, often referred to as the Moro Wars. During the period from 1899 to 1913 Medals of Honor were earned by 86 Americans and Civil War Medal of Honor hero Henry Ware Lawton (seen in background picture) was killed in Action.				Philippine Insurrection & Morro Wars American Casualties Killed in Action – 4,403 Wounded – 3,140

"We have no choice as to whether or not we shall play a great part in the world....All that we can decide is whether we shall play it well or ill."
President Theodore Roosevelt on Foreign Policy



















MAY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Spanish-American War American Casualties Killed in Action – 385 Other Deaths – 2,061 Wounded – 1,662	Spanish-American War (April 22, 1898 – February 6, 1898) In the first three months of America's <i>first expansionist war</i> the US Navy destroyed the once legendary Spanish fleet in both the Pacific and the Caribbean. On the ground in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippine Islands US soldiers and marines defeated the Spanish soldiers, earning independence for Cuba and acquiring both Puerto Rico and Guam as possessions. For their valor, 110 soldiers, sailors and marines were awarded Medals of Honor.			National Day of Prayer 1 	★★★★★ 2 1945 – Bob Bush 1967 – Leonard Keller 1968 – James Livingston	3
4	5  (1961) Astronaut Alan Shepard is the first American in space.	★★★★★ 6 1968 – Robert Patterson (1915) The Lusitania is sunk by a German submarine killing 1,198.	7 Happy Birthday Walt Ehlers, MOH (1945) Nazi forces surrender to Gen Eisenhower at Reims, France.	V.E. Day 8 (1884) President Harry Truman is born in Missouri.	9	10
11  Mothers Day	★★★★★ 12 1968 – Joe Jackson Happy Birthday Wilburn Ross, MOH	13 Happy Birthday Thomas Kelley, MOH	14 Happy Birthday David Dolby, MOH	15  Police Officers Memorial Day	★★★★★ 16 1968 – Don Ballard	17  Armed Forces Day
18	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 Memorial Day Happy Birthday Richard Pittman, MOH	27 (Observed)	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Bud Hawk, MOH Robert Foley, MOH Traditional Memorial Day (1917) President John F. Kennedy is born in Massachusetts.	★★★★★ 31 1951 – Rudy Hernandez

"White regiments, black regiments, regulars and Rough Riders, representing the young manhood of the North and the South, fought shoulder to shoulder, unmindful of race or color, unmindful of whether commanded by ex-Confederate or not, and mindful of only their common duty as Americans."
Colonel Theodore Roosevelt recalling the Battle for San Juan Hill

APRIL

















2003

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		 1 1970 – Gary Beikirch 1970 – Peter Lemon	2	3	 4 1970 – Gary Littrell	 5 1945 – Vernon Baker
 6	 7 1943 – Jim Swett 1945 – Mike Colalillo 1945 – Yukio Okutsu	8	9 <i>(1865) General Lee surrenders at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War.</i>	 10 1972 – Tom Norris <i>(1942) The Bataan Death March begins in the Philippine Islands.</i>	11	12
13 Palm Sunday <i>(1743) President Thomas Jefferson is born in Virginia.</i>	14 Happy Birthday Rudy Hernandez, MOH	15 Income Tax Due  Patriot's Day	 16 1945 – Richard Bush 1952 – Duane Dewey Happy Birthday Robert Patterson, MOH	17 Happy Birthday Joe Foss, MOH	 18 1945 – Michael Daly Happy Birthday Don Jenkins, MOH Good Friday <i>(1906) The city of San Francisco is rocked by a massive earthquake.</i>	 19 1967 – Leo Thorsness
20 Easter Happy Birthday George Lang, MOH	 21 1945 – Daniel Inouye	22 	23 Secretaries' Day <i>(1791) President James Buchanan is born in Pennsylvania.</i>	 24 1951 – Hiroshi Miyamura Happy Birthday James Sprayberry, MOH	 25 1967 – Kenneth Stumpf 1968 – James Sprayberry  Arbor Day Happy Birthday Brian Thacker, MOH	26 Happy Birthday Bob Simanek, MOH
27 <i>(1822) President Ulysses Grant is born in Ohio.</i>	 28 1945 – Alejandro Ruiz <i>(1758) President James Monroe is born in Virginia.</i>	 29 1945 – Desmond Doss Holocaust Remembrance Day	 30 1968 – Jay Vargas <i>(1803) The Louisiana Purchase doubles the size of the U.S.</i>	Indian Campaigns of the American West (1817 –1898) Battles with American Indians spanned nearly an entire century consisting of as many as 67 individual wars. These included 1,000 combat actions in twenty-four operations. From 1861 to 1898 a total of 426 Medals of Honor were awarded to American soldiers for their heroism on the frontier. More than 1,000 American soldiers lost their lives in these battles.		

"I am tired of fighting. Our chiefs are killed...The old men are all dead...It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death...Hear me, my chiefs. I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever. "

Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indian Tribe in his "Surrender Speech"











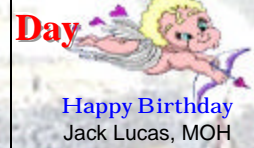






MARCH 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Union Casualties Killed in Action – 140,414 Other Deaths – 224,097 Wounded – 281,881 Confederate Casualties Killed in Action – 74,524 Other Deaths – 59,297 Wounded – 137,102	The American Civil War (April 14, 1861 – April 9, 1865) Our Nation's costliest war pitted brother against brother in the greatest test of the survival of the union established less than 100 years earlier. The 4-year struggle pitted more than 2,213,363 Union soldiers against 1,050,000 Confederate troops, and resulted in nearly a million casualties (dead or wounded). Other deaths (from disease, prison camps, etc.) brought the total death toll to nearly a half-million. Hundreds of thousands more suffered wounds in service. It was during the Civil War that President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation passed by the Congress to establish a Medal of Honor to recognize the heroism and distinguished service of Union sailors, soldiers and marines. In all, a total of 1,522 awards of the Medal of Honor were presented for service during the Civil War.					1
2	 3 1945 – George Wahlen <i>(1931) The "Star Spangled Banner" is adopted as our National Anthem.</i>	4	Ash Wednesday 5	6	7	8 <i>(1965) The first US ground combat troops arrive in Vietnam</i>
 9 1968 – Jack Jacobs Happy Birthday Michael Fitzmaurice, MOH	 10 1966 – Bernard Fisher	 11 1970 – Allan Kellogg	12 Happy Birthday Jim Fleming, MOH <i>(1912) Girl Scouts of America are founded.</i>	13	 14 1969 – Bob Kerrey Happy Birthday Joe Jackson, MOH Edward Dahlgren, MOH	 15 1945 – Silvestre Herrera <i>(1767) President Andrew Jackson is born in South Carolina.</i>
 16 1966 – Alfred Rascon 1968 – Paul Bucha <i>(1751) President James Madison is born in Virginia.</i>	17 	18 <i>(1837) President Grover Cleveland is born in New Jersey. (1949) The North American Treaty Organization (NATO) is formed.</i>	19 <i>(1918) Congress establishes TIME ZONES and approves Daylight Savings Time.</i>	 20 1967 – Chuck Hagemeister	21 	 22 1967 – David McNerney
 23 1971 – Michael Fitzmaurice Happy Birthday Mike Thornton, MOH	24	 25	26	 27 1953 – William Charette	 28 1966 – Robert Ingram	29 Happy Birthday William Charette, MOH <i>(1790) President John Tyler is born in Virginia.</i>
30 <i>(1932) Amelia Earhart is first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.</i>	 31 1971 – Brian Thacker	National Medal of Honor Day			(1973) US Ground Troops leave Vietnam.	

"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 the government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

President Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address










FEBRUARY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Mexican-American War (May 13, 1846 – August 2, 1848) America's <i>First Foreign War</i> was declared against Mexico after two decades of dispute over Texas, which had been granted statehood the year before war was officially declared. Two years of bitter combat followed, led first by General Zachary Taylor who was catapulted to a renown that later resulted in his election as US President. Initially the small American force was outnumbered and doomed to failure. When Mexican General Santa Anna delivered a surrender ultimatum to General Taylor, the American commander replied: "Tell him to go to hell." Both sides fought with great courage. Ultimately the Americans took Mexico City on October 12, 1847. The war officially ended the following year with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo with Mexico ceding all rights to Texas and the United States purchasing additional lands that would become the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and California.						 1 1941 – A. Knappenberger 1941 – Richard Sorenson
Ground 2  Hog Day <small>(1848) US gains Texas, California, New Mexico, and Arizona through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo</small>	 3 1953 – Raymond Murphy	4	 5 1945 – Donald Rudolph	 6 1951 – Einar Ingman 1968 – Thomas Kinsman <small>(1778) France recognizes the US and signs first treaty of aid. (1911) President Ronald Reagan is born in Illinois.</small>	 7 1951 – Lew Millett Happy Birthday Desmond Doss, MOH	 8 <small>(1910) Boy Scouts of America is founded..</small>
9 <small>(1773) President William Harrison is born in Virginia.</small>	 10 1970 – John Baca	 11 1945 – Edward Dahlgren Happy Birthday Louis Wilson, MOH	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13	Valentines 14  Happy Birthday Jack Lucas, MOH Angelo Liteky, MOH Leo Thorsness, MOH	 15 1944 – Nathan Gordon Happy Birthday Jefferson Deblanc, MOH
16	17  President's Day	18	19 Happy Birthday George Sakato, MOH	 20 1945 – Jack Lucas <small>(1792) The US Postal Service is created by the Congress.</small>	21 Happy Birthday Donald Rudolph, MOH Harold Fritz, MOH	 22 1969 – Wesley Fox 1969 – George Lang Washington's Birthday 
 23 1945 – Hershel Williams Happy Birthday Russell Dunham, MOH <small>(1945) US Marines raise the flag over Iwo Jima.</small>	24 Happy Birthday George Day, MOH	25	26	27 Happy Birthday David Bleak, MOH	28 <small>(1854) The Republican Party is born at Ripon, Wisconsin. (1993) Cease fire begins, ending Operation Desert Storm.</small>	Mexican War American Casualties Killed in Action – 1,733 Other Deaths – 11,550 Wounded – 4,152

"For more than half a century, during which kingdoms and empires have fallen, this Union has stood unshaken. The patriots who formed it have long since descended to the grave; yet still it remains, the proudest monument to their memory."

General Zachary Taylor, who led American forces in the war with Mexico

JANUARY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The War of 1812 (June 19, 1812 – December 24, 1814) Thirty years after the American colonies won independence from British rule, the United States found itself in a <i>second war for independence</i> . Much of the war was fought in naval actions ranging from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, but the war was not devoid of ground action. British soldiers assaulted and burned the US Capitol City in Washington, DC, and the bombardment at Fort McHenry yielded the words to our National Anthem. The war ended in a stalemate 2 years after it began.						
5	 6 1968 – Pat Brady 1969 – Don Jenkins	7 <i>(1782) First Commercial American Bank (Bank of North America) opens.</i> <i>(1800) President Millard Fillmore is born in New York.</i>	 8 1945 – Russell Dunham 1968 – Gary Wetzel	9 <i>(1913) President Richard Nixon is born in California.</i>	 10 1968 – Clarence Sasser Happy Birthday John Baca, MOH	 11 1969 – Harold Fritz Happy Birthday Bernard 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 Luther King Born in 1929	16	17 Happy Birthday Paul Wiedorfer, MOH <i>(1706) Benjamin Franklin Born.</i> <i>(1993) Operation Desert Storm Begins.</i>	18 Happy Birthday Nick Oresko, MOH
19 <i>(1807) Robert E. Lee is born in Virginia.</i>	20 Martin Luther King Day Happy Birthday Robert Ingram, MOH	21 Happy Birthday John McGinty, MOH	22	 23 1945 – Nick Oresko	24	25
 26 Super Bowl	27 <i>(1967) Apollo 1 fire kills astronauts Grissom, White, and Chaffee.</i> <i>(1973) Vietnam Peace Accord is signed in Paris.</i>	28 <i>(1973) Cease Fire ends the war in Vietnam.</i>	29 <i>(1843) President William McKinley is born in Ohio.</i>	30 Happy Birthday Roger Donlon, MOH <i>(1882) President Franklin Roosevelt is born in New York.</i> <i>(1968) Vietnam Tet Offensive starts</i>	 31 1943 – Jefferson Deblanc 1968 – Drew Dix 1968 – Fred Ferguson 1970 – Raymond Clausen <i>(1865) 13th Amendment to the Constitution ends slavery in U.S.</i>	War of 1812 <u>American Casualties</u> Killed in Action – 2,260 Wounded – 4,505

" Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto, 'I n God is our Trust.' And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Francis Scott Key in "The Star-Spangled Banner"

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 <i>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers.</i>	3 ★★★★ 1950 – Ray Davis	4 ★★★★ 1950 – Tom Hudner	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 capital 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 Merry Christmas	★★★★ 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	31 New Years Eve Happy Birthday Alton Knappenberger, MOH Jim Taylor, MOH	The American Revolution (April 19, 1775 – October 19, 1781) On April 19, 1775 Colonial Minutemen engaged the British at Lexington and Concord in the colony of Massachusetts. The sound of gunfire was hailed as the shot heard 'round the world . A year later the 13 American colonies declared American independence signaling a 5-year battle for freedom. Nearly a quarter-million American servicemen, supplemented by thousands of citizen soldiers and civilians, dedicated their lives to the fight for American independence. More than 10,000 casualties were suffered including 4,435 battle deaths.			

"I s life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

Patrick Henry before the General Assembly of Virginia

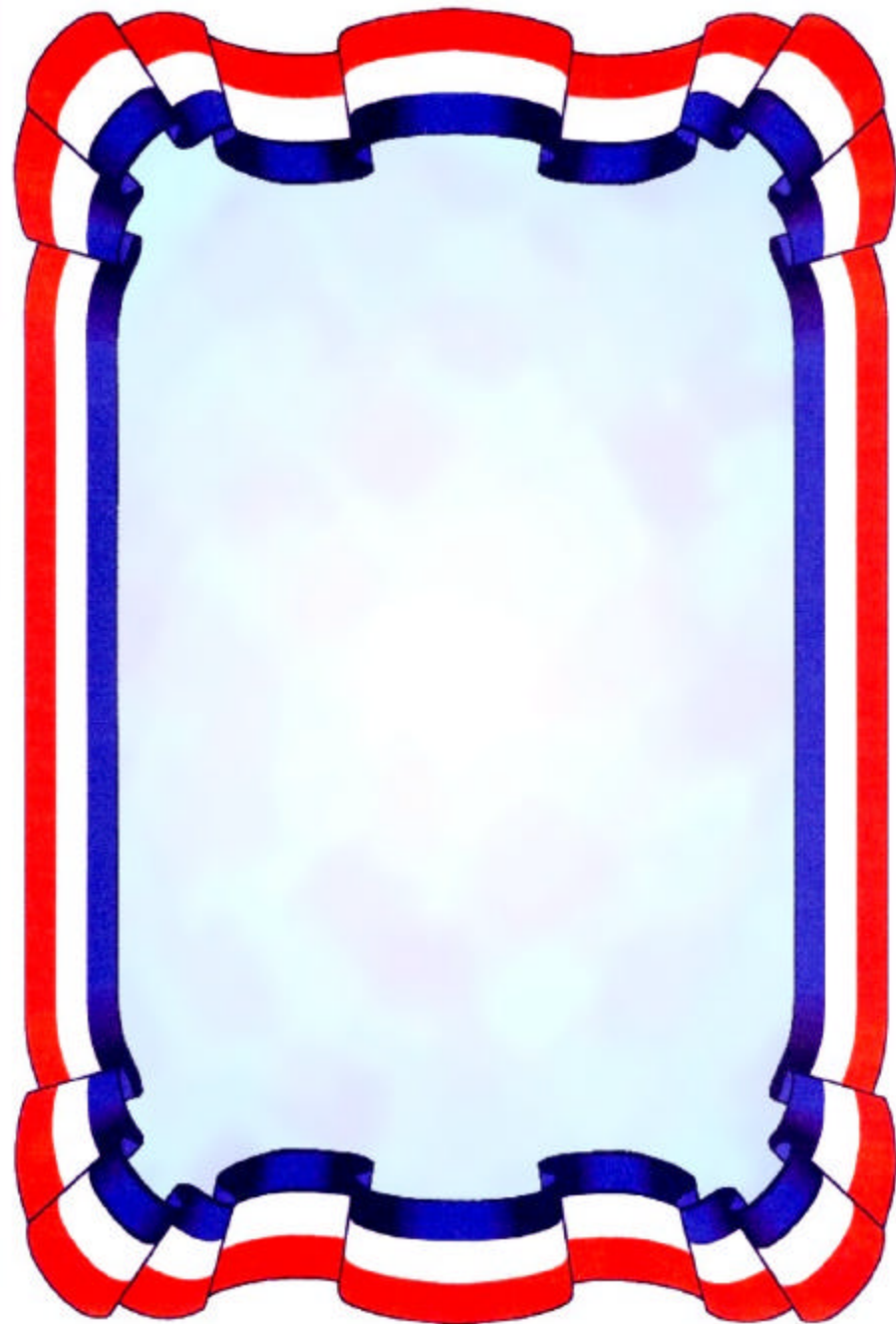
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The Medal of Honor, often referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor, is our Nation's highest award for military heroism. It is awarded only for the highest degree of valor while in Military service against an armed enemy of the United States. Though more than 40 million Americans have served our Nation in uniform since the birth of the United States in 1776, only 3,459 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 842 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, 2002 when "The Call of Duty" Calendar became available, only 142 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....

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