













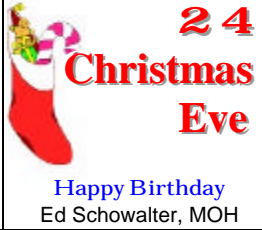







# DECEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Distinguished Flying Cross</b> <b>S/Sgt Kevin L. Stewart (USAF)</b> Awarded for heroism as an aerial gunner during the rescue of three wounded soldiers in Afghanistan on March 3, 2002, during Operation Anaconda.		 <b>1941 – John Finn</b> <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> <b>Ronald Ray, MOH</b>	<b>Happy Birthday 1</b> Vernon McGarity, MOH  <i>(1880) First telephone installed in the White House.</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers.</i>	<b>3</b>	 <b>4</b> 1950 – Tom Hudner  <i>(1877) Thomas Edison invents the phonograph.</i>
<b>5</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Don Ballard, MOH  <i>(1782) President Martin Van Buren is born in New York.</i>	 <b>6</b> 1967 – Angelo Liteky	 <b>7</b> <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> <b>Ronald Ray, MOH</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Hanukkah</b>  <i>(1941) The United States declares war on Japan to begin WWII.</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <i>(1948) The United Nations adopts the Declaration of Human Rights.</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Mike Colalillo, MOH  <i>(1620) The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock. (1941) The US declares war on Italy and Germany.</i>
<b>12</b>  <i>(1800) Washington, DC is established as the permanent capital city of the United States.</i>	<b>13</b>	 <b>14</b> 1944 – Robert Nett  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Drew Dix, MOH	 <b>15</b> 1967 – Allan Lynch  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lew Millett, MOH	 <b>16</b> 1944 – Vernon McGarity 1944 – Chuck Murray	 <b>17</b> 1944 – Jose Lopez  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Vernon Baker, MOH  <i>(1903) Wilbur and Orville Wright make the first flight at Kitty Hawk.</i>	 <b>18</b> 1965 – Barney Barnum
 <b>19</b> 1944 – Eugene Fluckey	<b>20</b>	 <b>21</b> 1944 – Francis Curry <b>First Day Of Winter</b> 	<b>22</b>	 <b>23</b> 1944 – Melvin Biddle  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Richard Bush, MOH Jim Stockdale, MOH	 <b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ed Schowalter, MOH	 <b>25</b> 1944 – Paul Wiedorfer 
<b>26</b>	 <b>27</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> James Stone, MOH	<b>28</b>  <i>(1856) President Woodrow Wilson is born in Virginia.</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>(1808) President Andrew Johnson is born in North Carolina.</i>	 <b>30</b> 1968 – Robert Howard	<b>New Years Eve 31</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Alton Knappenberger, MOH Jim Taylor, MOH	

"The American military has risen to the challenge with two brilliant and innovative campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. The American people, too, have risen to the challenge. Many battles remain to be fought, both military and political, many tests of America's resolve. But the war on terror and terrorist states--the defining challenge of this moment--is well-begun."

William Kristol, *The Weekly Standard* (April 9, 2003)

# NOVEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Purple Heart Medal</b> Awarded For Wounds Sustained in Combat	<b>1</b> Happy Birthday Sammy Davis, MOH <i>(1864) Money Orders Introduced by the US Postal Service.</i>	<b>2</b>  <b>Election Day</b> <i>(1795) President James Polk is born in North Carolina.</i> <i>(1865) Warren Harding is born in Ohio—elected President same day in 1920</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy Birthday Hector Caferatta, MOH	 <b>5</b> 1966 – John Baker, Jr. 1966 – Robert Foley	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>(1731) Benjamin Franklin opens the first Public Library in Philadelphia.</i>	 <b>9</b> 1967 – Jim Taylor	 <b>10</b> <b>US Marine Corps Birthdays</b>	 <b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
 <b>14</b> 1965 – Walter Marm Happy Birthday Joe Rodriguez, MOH	<b>15</b>	 <b>16</b> 1944 – Freeman Horner Happy Birthday Duane Dewey, MOH	<b>17</b>	 <b>18</b> 1967 – Sammy Davis <i>(1928) Mickey Mouse is introduced to America in "Steamboat Willie".</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Happy Birthday Walter Marm, MOH
 <b>21</b> 1951 – James Stone <i>(1620) The Mayflower Compact is signed.</i>	<b>22</b> <i>(1964) President John Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.</i>	<b>23</b> <i>(1804) President Franklin Pierce is born in New Hampshire.</i>	<b>24</b> <i>(1784) President Zachary Taylor is born in Virginia.</i>	 <b>25</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Happy Birthday Nick Bacon, MOH	 <b>26</b> 1968 – Jim Fleming Happy Birthday Reggie Myers, MOH	<b>27</b>
 <b>28</b> 1950 – Hector Caferatta Happy Birthday Melvin Biddle, MOH Shizuya Hayashi, MOH	 <b>29</b> 1943 – Shizuya Hayashi <i>(1929) Commander Richard Byrd flies over the South Pole.</i>	 <b>30</b> 1950 – Reggie Myers	 <b>Pfc Aaron J. Cady (USA)</b> <b>Spc Jason Lang</b>			 <b>Pfc Christopher Taffoya</b>

" Tough challenges lie ahead, but a bright light during these gloomy times can be found in America's past. We have faced tough times before at places like Valley Forge, Gettysburg, and I wa Jima. Americans always have risen to the challenge, guided by our strong faith and indomitable spirit. I have no doubt we will do so again."

Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX) February 2003

# OCTOBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Silver Star</b> Captain Dave Hibner Captain Dan Hibner (USA)  Identical twins Captains Dave and Dan Hibner each received the Silver Star Medal for heroism for separate acts on different days while commanding different US Army units in attacks on Baghdad in support of <i>Operation Iraqi Freedom</i> .				 <b>1</b> 1942 – Bob Galer <b>Happy Birthday</b> Allan Kellogg, MOH Pat Brady, MOH <i>(1924) President Jimmy Carter is born in Georgia.</i>	 <b>2</b> 1969 – Mike Novosel  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Hershel Williams, MOH	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bob Bush, MOH  <i>(1822) President Rutherford Hayes is born in Ohio</i>	<b>5</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Eugene Fluckey, MOH  <i>(1829) President Chester Arthur is born in Vermont. (1947) Harry Truman makes the first presidential television broadcast.</i>	<b>6</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Hiroshi Miyamura, MOH Einar Ingman, MOH	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	 <b>Columbus Day</b> <i>(Observed)</i>	 <b>12</b> 1952 – Ernest West <b>Pledge of Allegiance Born</b> <b>Columbus Day</b>	 <b>13</b> 1944 – James Burt	 <b>14</b> 1952 – Ed Schowalter <b>Happy Birthday</b> Raymond Clausen, MOH  <i>(1890) President Dwight Eisenhower is born in Texas.</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>BOSS DAY</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Arthur Jackson, MOH  <i>(1767) Mason-Dixon line drawn: Border Maryland &amp; Pennsylvania.</i>	 <b>19</b> 1944 – Barney Hajiro	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
 <b>24</b> 1944 – Charles Coolidge  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ron Rosser, MOH  <b>United Nations Day</b>	<b>25</b>	 <b>26</b> 1942 – Mitchell Paige  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH	 <b>27</b> 1952 – George O'Brien  <i>(1858) President Theodore Roosevelt is born in New York.</i>	 <b>28</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Allan Lynch, MOH  <i>(1886) The Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York Harbor.</i>	 <b>29</b> 1944 – George Sakato  <i>(1929) The Stock Market crash begins the Great Depression.</i>	 <b>30</b> 1944 – Wilburn Ross  <b>Happy Birthday</b> John Baker, MOH  <i>(1735) President John Adams is born in Massachusetts.</i>
 <b>31</b> 1972 – Mike Thornton  <b>Halloween</b>	 End Daylight Savings Time	     				
	S/Sgt Jeffery Adamec	1/Sgt Dennis Caylor	S/Sgt Patrick Quinn	CWO Donald Tabron	Cpt Chris Carter	Cpl Jeremiah Olsen


















# SEPTEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Bronze Star</b> <b>Major Stephen Armes (USMC)</b> Awarded for heroism during an ambush on March 20, 2003, while serving as commander of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in Operation Iraqi Freedom.			<b>1</b> Happy Birthday Stephen Gregg, MOH	<b>2</b> Happy Birthday Ernest West, MOH <i>(1945) The Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Harbor, ending WWII.</i>	<b>3</b> Happy Birthday Mike Novosel, MOH	 <b>4</b> 1969 – Jim Stockdale Happy Birthday Nathan Gordon, MOH <i>(1781) The village of Los Angeles is founded on the west coast.</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	 <b>7</b> 1944 – Bob Maxwell Happy Birthday Daniel Inouye, MOH	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Happy Birthday George O'Brien, MOH	<b>In Memory 11</b> 
 <b>12</b> Grandparents Day Happy Birthday Clarence Sasser, MOH	<b>13</b> Happy Birthday Frank Herda, MOH <i>(1788) New York City becomes the first capital of the United States.</i>	 <b>14</b> <i>(1814) Francis Scott Key writes "The Star Spangled Banner".</i>	<b>15</b> Happy Birthday Michael Daly, MOH <i>(1857) President William H. Taft is born in Ohio.</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah (First Day)</b> Happy Birthday Barney Hajiro, MOH	<b>Citizenship Day 17</b> 	 <b>18</b> 1944 – Arthur Jackson <i>(1947) US Air Force Is Born.</i>
 <b>19</b> 1944 – Everett Pope	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>(1981) Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female Supreme Court Justice.</i>	 <b>22</b> 1943 – Ernest Childers <b>First Day Of AUTUMN</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b>
<b>Gold Star 26</b> <b>Mothers Day</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Happy Birthday Yeiki Kobashigawa, MOH Kenneth Stumpf, MOH	<b>29</b> Happy Birthday Gary Wetzal, MOH	<b>30</b> Happy Birthday Wesley Fox, MOH	 <b>Bronze Star</b> <b>S/Sgt Brad Nerad (USMC)</b> Awarded for heroism in Iraq. After his commander was killed, S/Sgt Nerad took command of his platoon and led them against enemy forces.	

" Each of you has been chosen by destiny to serve in this unique time in the history of our country. I t's a time of change, a time of challenge, and you have risen to that challenge and have made America proud."

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense (Oct 7, 2003) Speaking to Soldiers at Fort Carson, CO

# AUGUST 2004












Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Friendship Day1</div> <div></div> <div>Happy Birthday Paul Bucha, MOH Howard V. Lee, MOH</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Happy Birthday Jack Jacobs, MOH Jon Cavaiani, MOH</div>	<div>3</div> <div>(1492) Christopher Columbus sails from Spain for the New World.</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Happy Birthday Charles Coolidge, MOH (1790) U.S. Coast Guard is born.</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>1968 – Nick Bacon  (1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan</div>	<div>7</div> <div>The Purple Heart Our Nation's first military Medal is established by Gen. George Washington (1942) First US offensive of WWII begins at Guadalcanal</div>
<div>8</div> <div>1966 – Howard V. Lee  Happy Birthday George Wahlen, MOH</div>	<div>9</div> <div> (1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan</div>	<div>10</div> <div>(1874) President Herbert Hoover is born in Iowa.</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>V.J. Day</div> <div>(1935) Social Security is enacted in the United States.</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Assumption Day</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>1952 – Bob Simanek</div>	<div>18</div> <div>1965 – Bob O'Malley  Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH</div>	<div>19</div> <div>National Aviation Day  (1946) President Bill Clinton is born in Arkansas.</div>	<div>20</div> <div>1944 – John Bud Hawk  (1833) President Benjamin Harrison is born in Ohio.</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Happy Birthday Chuck Hagemeister, MOH</div>
<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>1967 – George Bud Day  (1920) The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment gives women the right to vote.</div>	<div>27</div> <div>1944 – Stephen Gregg  Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH  (1908) President Lyndon Johnson is born in Texas.</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Happy Birthday Richard Sorenson, MOH Ola Mize, MOH</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Happy Birthday Gary Beikirch, MOH</div>	<div>30</div> <div>(1967) Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first Black US Supreme Court Justice.</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Happy Birthday Mitchell Paige, MOH Tom Hudner, MOH</div>	<div><div>Distinguished Flying Cross (2) Major Randal I Nicholson (USAF) Major Jacqueline Powell (USAF) Majors Nicholson and Powell, along with eight other members of their MC-130E aircraft were awarded TWO Distinguished Service Crosses each for two separate air missions over Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on October 19 and November 4, 2001.</div></div> <div></div>			

As always in America's armed forces, the single most important asset we have is the man or woman who steps forward and puts on the uniform of this great nation. Much has been asked of our military this past year, and more will be asked in the months and the years ahead."

Vice President Dick Cheney (August 26, 2002) at 103rd VFW National Convention

# JULY

# 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div><div><b>The Soldier's Medal</b> <b>Maj. David Jones &amp; S/Sgt. Paul Cottingham</b> The Soldier's Medal is presented for the highest degree of heroism in a non-combat situation. It was presented to Major Jones and Staff Sergeant Cottingham for their March 2002 rescue of a couple trapped in their burning automobile after a serious accident with a truck carrying hazardous materials. The two soldiers were honored on August 22, 2003 for risking their own lives to save the lives of two strangers.</div></div>			<div></div>	<div><b>1</b></div> <div><i>(1863) The battle of Gettysburg, Virginia begins.</i> <i>(1963) The US Postal Service introduces a new Zip Code system.</i></div>	<div><b>2</b></div> <div><div><i>(1926) The US Army Air Corps is born.</i></div></div>	<div><b>3</b></div> <div><b>Happy Birthday</b> Bob Modrzejewski, MOH  <i>(1775) General George Washington takes command of the Continental Army.</i></div>
<div><div><b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <b>(Observed)</b>  <i>(1826) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams die, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence.</i></div></div>	<div><b>5</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <b>(Observed)</b>  ←---President Calvin Coolidge is born in Vermont.</div>	<div><div><b>6</b> 1964 – Roger Donlon</div></div>	<div><b>7</b></div>	<div><b>8</b></div> <div><i>(1835) The Liberty Bell cracks while tolling in Philadelphia.</i></div>	<div><b>9</b></div>	<div><b>10</b></div>
<div><div><b>11</b> 1969 – Gordon Roberts  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bob Howard, MOH  <i>(1767) President John Q. Adams is born in Massachusetts.</i> <i>(1804) Hamilton/Burr duel occurs.</i></div></div>	<div><div><b>12</b>  <i>(1862) The Army Medal of Honor is authorized by Congress.</i></div></div>	<div><b>13</b></div>	<div><b>14</b></div> <div><i>(1913) President Gerald Ford is born in Nebraska.</i></div>	<div><div><b>15</b> 1966 – Bob Modrzejewski</div></div>	<div><b>16</b></div> <div><b>Happy Birthday</b> Everett Pope, MOH  <i>(1945) The first atomic bomb is detonated in New Mexico.</i></div>	<div><b>17</b></div> <div><b>Happy Birthday</b> Silvestre Herrera, MOH</div>
<div><div><b>18</b> 1966 – John McGinty  <b>Happy Birthday</b> James Burt, MOH</div></div>	<div><b>19</b></div>	<div><b>20</b></div>	<div><b>21</b></div> <div><b>Happy Birthday</b> Barney Barnum, MOH</div>	<div><b>22</b></div>	<div><b>23</b></div>	<div><div><b>24</b> 1966 – Richard Pittman  <b>Happy Birthday</b> John Finn, MOH  <i>(1969) Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon.</i></div></div>
<div><div><b>25</b> 1944 – Louis Wilson  <b>Parents' Day</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jay Zeamer, MOH  <i>(1947) The Department of Defense is established by Congress.</i></div></div>	<div><b>26</b></div> <div><i>(1946) President Truman orders the desegregation of all Military forces.</i></div>	<div><b>27</b></div> <div><i>(1953) The armistice ending the Korean War is signed.</i></div>	<div><b>28</b></div> <div><i>(1959) Hawaii's first election sends Daniel Inouye to Congress - the first Japanese member of either house.</i></div>	<div><b>29</b></div> <div><b>Happy Birthday</b> Jay Vargas, MOH</div>	<div><b>30</b></div>	<div><b>31</b></div>
















"I 'm very proud of my country, because the people of America support what this is all about. I 'm proud of America's leadership, because, in every case, the leadership of the United States of America has given me everything that I 've asked for to do this.

General Tommy Franks, April 23, 2003



# JUNE

# 2004











Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jose Lopez, MOH <i>(1813) Captain James Lawrence says "Don't give up the ship" which becomes the motto of the US Navv.</i>	 <b>2</b> 1944 – Yeiki Kobashigawa <b>Happy Birthday</b> David McNerney, MOH <i>(1924) Congress grants citizenship to Native American Indians.</i>	<b>3</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Robert O'Malley, MOH	 <b>4</b> 1971 – Jon Cavaiani	<b>5</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Peter Lemon, MOH
	<b>6</b>  <b>D-Day (1944)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Freeman Horner, MOH	 <b>9</b> 1944 – Walt Ehlers	 <b>10</b> 1945 – Richard McCool 1953 – Ola Mize	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>(1924) President George H.W. Bush is born in Massachusetts.</i>
<b>13</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Robert Nett, MOH	 <b>14</b> 1952 – David Bleak <b>Flag Day</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Gordon Roberts, MOH <b>US Army Birthday</b>	 <b>15</b> 1969 – Thomas Kelley <b>Happy Birthday</b> Van Barfoot (MOH) Jim Swett (MOH)	 <b>16</b> 1943 – Jay Zeamer	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	 <b>19</b> 1966 – Ronald Ray <b>Juneteenth</b>
 <b>20</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <i>(1782) The Great Seal of the United States is adopted by Congress.</i>	 <b>21</b> <b>First Day Of SUMMER</b>	<b>22</b> <i>(1971) The 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment lowers the voting age to 18.</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>(1948) The Soviet Union begins its blockade of Berlin.</i>	 <b>25</b> <b>Korean War Begins</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Alejandro Ruiz, MOH
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>(1919) The Treaty of Versailles is signed in France, ending WWI.</i>	 <b>29</b> 1968 – Frank Herda <b>Happy Birthday</b> Francis Currey, MOH <i>(1854) U.S. acquires the southern parts of Arizona and New Mexico in the \$10 Million Gadsden Purchase</i>	<b>30</b>	 <b>SCPO Todd Robinson &amp; PO1c Peter Kern Bronze Star Medal w/"V"</b> SCPO Robinson & PO1c Kern Unit (pictured above/left) were awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. As part of an 8-man team from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6, the men were cited for their heroism in March 2003 in Iraq where they cleared thousands of mines, rockets, grenades and ammunition. The six other member of their elite team were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.		

"My challenge to the young people is to pick up where this generation has left off to create a world where every man, woman and child is not limited, except by their own capabilities."

The Honorable Colin Powell, Secretary of State

# MAY

























# 2004

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 <p>On April 7, 2003 the B-1 Bomber <i>Seek and Destroy</i> was engaged in a midair refueling when the crew (pictured below) was advised that ground intelligence had located a meeting of high-level Iraqi officials, perhaps including Saddam Hussein himself. Within twelve minutes their bomber struck that target with four powerful bombs, and then hit six more targets within 15 minutes. With only 20 minutes of <i>loiter</i> fuel and only 14 weapons remaining, the bomber struck 9 more important targets in a single pass before returning home.</p>						 <p><b>1</b> <b>May Day</b></p>
 <b>2</b> 1945 – Bob Bush 1967 – Leonard Keller 1968 – James Livingston	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>National Teachers' Day</b>	 <b>5</b> <i>(1961) Astronaut Alan Shepard is the first American in space.</i>	 <b>6</b> 1968 – Robert Patterson  <b>National Day of Prayer</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Walt Ehlers, MOH	<b>8</b> <b>V.E. Day</b> <i>(1884) President Harry Truman is born in Missouri.</i>
 <b>9</b> <b>Mothers Day</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	 <b>12</b> 1968 – Joe Jackson <b>Happy Birthday</b> Wilburn Ross, MOH	<b>13</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Thomas Kelley, MOH	<b>14</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> David Dolby, MOH	<b>15</b> <b>Armed Forces Day</b>  <b>Police Officers Memorial Day</b>
 <b>16</b> 1968 – Don Ballard	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	 <b>21</b> 1951 – Joe Rodriguez 1966 – David Dolby <i>(1881) The American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton.</i>	<b>22</b>
 <b>23</b> 1944 – Van Barfoot	<b>24</b> <i>(1844) Samuel Morse taps out the words "What God had wrought"—the first telegraph message.</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Richard Pittman, MOH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>(1917) President John F. Kennedy is born in Massachusetts.</i>
<b>30</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bud Hawk, MOH Robert Foley, MOH <b>Traditional Memorial Day</b> <i>(1901) Memorial Day is observed in the U.S. for the first time.</i>	 <b>31</b> 1951 – Rudy Hernandez  <b>Memorial Day</b>	 <b>Distinguished Flying Cross</b> Captain Christ Wachter (USAF) Captain Sloan Hollis (USAF) Lt. Colonel Fred Swan (USAF) 1st Lieutenant Joe Runci (USAF) (Crew of the B-1 Bomber <i>Seek and Destroy</i> )				



# APRIL














# 2004

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 <p><b>Technical Sergeant John Chapman (USAF)</b></p> <p>John Chapman was awarded the Air Force Cross for heroism while serving on a helicopter mission to insert a recon team in the highlands of Afghanistan during <i>Operation Anaconda</i>, March 4, 2002. A direct hit by a rocket-propelled grenade damaged the helicopter and caused a SEAL team member to fall to the ground. After the helicopter landed in a more secure area Chapman directed the extraction of the stranded team and aircrew. He then voluntarily directed and led the search for the missing comrade, and was killed in action assaulting enemy gun positions.</p> 				 <b>1</b> 1970 – Gary Beikirch 1970 – Peter Lemon 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
 <b>4</b> 1970 – Gary Littrell 	 <b>5</b> 1945 – Vernon Baker	<b>6</b>	 <b>7</b> 1943 – Jim Swett 1945 – Mike Colalillo	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <i>(1865) General Lee surrenders at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War.</i>	 <b>10</b> 1972 – Tom Norris <i>(1942) The Bataan Death March begins in the Philippine Islands.</i>
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>(1743) President Thomas Jefferson is born in Virginia.</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Rudy Hernandez, MOH	<b>15</b> <b>Income Tax Due</b> 	 <b>16</b> 1945 – Richard Bush 1952 – Duane Dewey <b>Happy Birthday</b> Robert Patterson, MOH	<b>17</b>
 <b>18</b> 1945 – Michael Daly <b>Holocaust Remembrance Day</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Don Jenkins, MOH	 <b>19</b> 1967 – Leo Thorsness 	<b>20</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> George Lang, MOH	 <b>21</b> 1945 – Daniel Inouye 	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> <i>(1791) President James Buchanan is born in Pennsylvania.</i>	 <b>24</b> 1951 – Hiroshi Miyamura <b>Happy Birthday</b> James Sprayberry, MOH
 <b>25</b> 1967 – Kenneth Stumpf 1968 – James Sprayberry <b>Happy Birthday</b> Brian Thacker, MOH	<b>26</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bob Simanek, MOH	<b>27</b> <i>(1822) President Ulysses Grant is born in Ohio.</i>	 <b>28</b> 1945 – Alejandro Ruiz <i>(1758) President James Monroe is born in Virginia.</i>	 <b>29</b> 1945 – Desmond Doss	 <b>30</b> 1968 – Jay Vargas 	<i>(1803) The Louisiana Purchase doubles the size of the U.S.</i>

"Our Nation - this generation - will lift a dark threat of violence from our people and our future. We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

President George W. Bush, September 20, 2001 to a Joint Session of Congress

# MARCH 2004











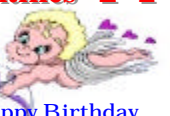









Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Bronze Star - Purple Heart - POW Medal	1	2	 3 1945 – George Wahlen  (1931) The "Star Spangled Banner" is adopted as our National Anthem.	4	Ash Wednesday 5	6
Purim 7	8 International Women's Day  (1965) The first US ground combat troops arrive in Vietnam	 9 1968 – Jack Jacobs  Happy Birthday Michael Fitzmaurice, MOH	 10 1966 – Bernard Fisher	 11 1970 – Allan Kellogg  Happy Birthday Thomas Kinsman, MOH	 12 Happy Birthday Jim Fleming, MOH  (1912) Girl Scouts of America are founded.	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 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is formed.	19  (1918) Congress establishes TIME ZONES and approves Daylight Savings Time.	 20 1967 – Chuck Hagemeister   SPRING
 21 First Day Of	 22 1967 – David Mc Nerney	 23 1971– Michael Fitzmaurice  Happy Birthday Mike Thornton, MOH	24	 25 National Medal of Honor Day	26	 27 1953 – William Charette
 28 1966 – Robert Ingram  (1973) US Ground Troops leave Vietnam.	29  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.	 31 1971 - Brian Thacker	 Pfc Jessica Lynch  Spec. Shoshana Johnson Private First Class Jessica Lynch and Specialist Shoshana Johnson were awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and POW Medal after being wounded and captured in an ambush on March 23, 2003 in Iraq. On April 2 Pfc Lynch was rescued during a daring raid on a hospital in Nasiriya. Specialist Johnson was rescued north of Baghdad on April 13.		

"I believe the defining moment of a generation is before us. This opportunity has been thrust upon us, inadvertently, by those who would see our country destroyed, nor strengthened. But they have miscalculated...My generation is ready to rise to the moment."

Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., (TN) on December 2, 2001



# FEBRUARY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>1</b> 1941 – A. Knappenberger 1941 – Richard Sorenson  <b>Super Bowl</b>	 <b>2</b> <b>Ground Hog Day</b> <i>(1848) US gains Texas, California, New Mexico, and Arizona through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo</i>	 <b>3</b> 1953 – Raymond Murphy	<b>4</b>	 <b>5</b> 1945 – Donald Rudolph	 <b>6</b> 1951 – Einar Ingman 1968 – Thomas Kinsman  <i>(1778) France recognizes the US and signs first treaty of aid.                      (1911) President Ronald Reagan is born in Illinois</i>	 <b>7</b> 1951 – Lew Millett  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Desmond Doss, MOH
 <b>8</b> <i>(1910) Boy Scouts of America is founded..</i>	<b>9</b> <i>(1773) President William Harrison is born in Virginia.</i>	 <b>10</b> 1970 – John Baca	 <b>11</b> 1945 – Edward Dahlgren  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Louis Wilson, MOH  <i>(1847) Inventor Thomas Edison is born in Ohio.</i>	 <b>12</b> <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Valentines Day</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jack Lucas, MOH Angelo Liteky, MOH Leo Thorsness, MOH
 <b>15</b> 1944 – Nathan Gordon  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jefferson Deblanc, MOH	 <b>16</b> <b>President's Day</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> George Sakato, MOH	 <b>20</b> 1945 – Jack Lucas  <i>(1792) The US Postal Service is created by the Congress.</i>	<b>21</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Donald Rudolph, MOH Harold Fritz, MOH
 <b>22</b> 1969 – Wesley Fox 1969 – George Lang  <b>Washington's Birthday</b> 	 <b>23</b> 1945 – Hershel Williams  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Russell Dunham, MOH  <i>(1945) US Marines raise the flag over Iwo Jima.</i>	<b>24</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> George Day, MOH	<b>25</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> David Bleak, MOH	<b>28</b>  <i>(1854) The Republican Party is born at Ripon, Wisconsin.                      (1991) Cease fire begins, ending Operation Desert Storm.</i>
 <b>29</b> <b>Leap Day</b>	<div>  <div> <b>Private First Class Patrick Miller (USA)</b>  <p>On March 23, 2003, a convoy from the Army's 507<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Battalion was ambushed at Nasiriyah, Iraq. Of the 33 soldiers moving in support of <i>Operation Iraqi Freedom</i>, only 16 emerged safely from the firefight. Of the remaining 17 soldiers, eleven were later found dead and six were captured. Private First Class Patrick Miller was one of the six held by the Iraqis as a Prisoner of War. Pfc Miller and four of his comrades were rescued on April 13.</p> <p>For his heroic defense during the ambush Pfc Patrick Miller was awarded a Silver Star, Purple Heart, and POW Medal. His five comrades received Bronze Star Medals in addition to Purple Hearts and POW Medals. They were: Spc. Edgar Hernandez, Spc. Joseph Hudson, Spc. Shoshana Johnson, Pfc. Jessica Lynch, and Sgt. James Riley.</p> </div>  </div>					

" Today, there is a new generation of Americans who live up to the legacy of courage and conviction this great generation has left them."

Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet (December 7, 2001)



# JANUARY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>  <b>Senior Airman Jason Cunningham (USAF)</b>            PJ (ParaRescue Jumper) Jason Cunningham was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross for his heroism during <i>Operation Anaconda</i> in Afghanistan. Senior Airman Cunningham was the primary combat search and rescue medic when his MH-47E helicopter was shot down on March 4, 2002. Cunningham remained in the burning helicopter to treat the wounded and then braved enemy fire to extricate and evacuate casualties. His heroic actions before his death saved the lives of ten wounded comrades.         </div> <div>  </div> <div>  </div>						
<b>4</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Richard McCool, MOH	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1968 – Pat Brady 1969 – Don Jenkins  <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>7</b>  (1782) 1st Commercial U.S. Bank (Bank of North America) opens. (1800) President Millard Fillmore is born in New York.	<b>8</b> 1945 – Russell Dunham 1968 – Gary Wetzel	<b>9</b>  (1913) President Richard Nixon is born in California.	<b>10</b> 1968 – Clarence Sasser  <b>Happy Birthday</b> John Baca, MOH  (1951) United Nations Headquarters opens in New York City.
<b>11</b> 1969 – Harold Fritz  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Bernard Fisher, MOH	<b>12</b> 1952 – Ron Rosser  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jim Livingston, MOH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Raymond Murphy, MOH Tom Norris, MOH	<b>15</b>  <b>Martin Luther King</b> Born in 1929	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Paul Wiedorfer, MOH  (1706) Benjamin Franklin Born. (1991) Operation Desert Storm Begins.
<b>18</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Nick Oresko, MOH	<b>19</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>  (1807) Robert E. Lee is born in Virginia.	<b>20</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Robert Ingram, MOH	<b>21</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> John McGinty, MOH	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1945 – Nick Oresko	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  (1967) Apollo 1 fire kills astronauts Grissom, White, and Chaffee. (1973) Vietnam Peace Accord is signed in Paris.	<b>28</b>  (1973) Cease Fire ends the war in Vietnam.	<b>29</b>  (1843) President William McKinley is born in Ohio.	<b>30</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Roger Donlon, MOH  (1882) President Franklin Roosevelt is born in New York. (1968) Vietnam Tet Offensive starts	<b>31</b> 1943 – Jefferson Deblanc 1968 – Drew Dix 1968 – Fred Ferguson 1970 – Raymond Clausen  (1865) 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution ends slavery in U.S.

" Take up our quarrel with the foe—To you from failing hands we throw: The Torch be yours to hold it high! If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow —I n Flanders fields."

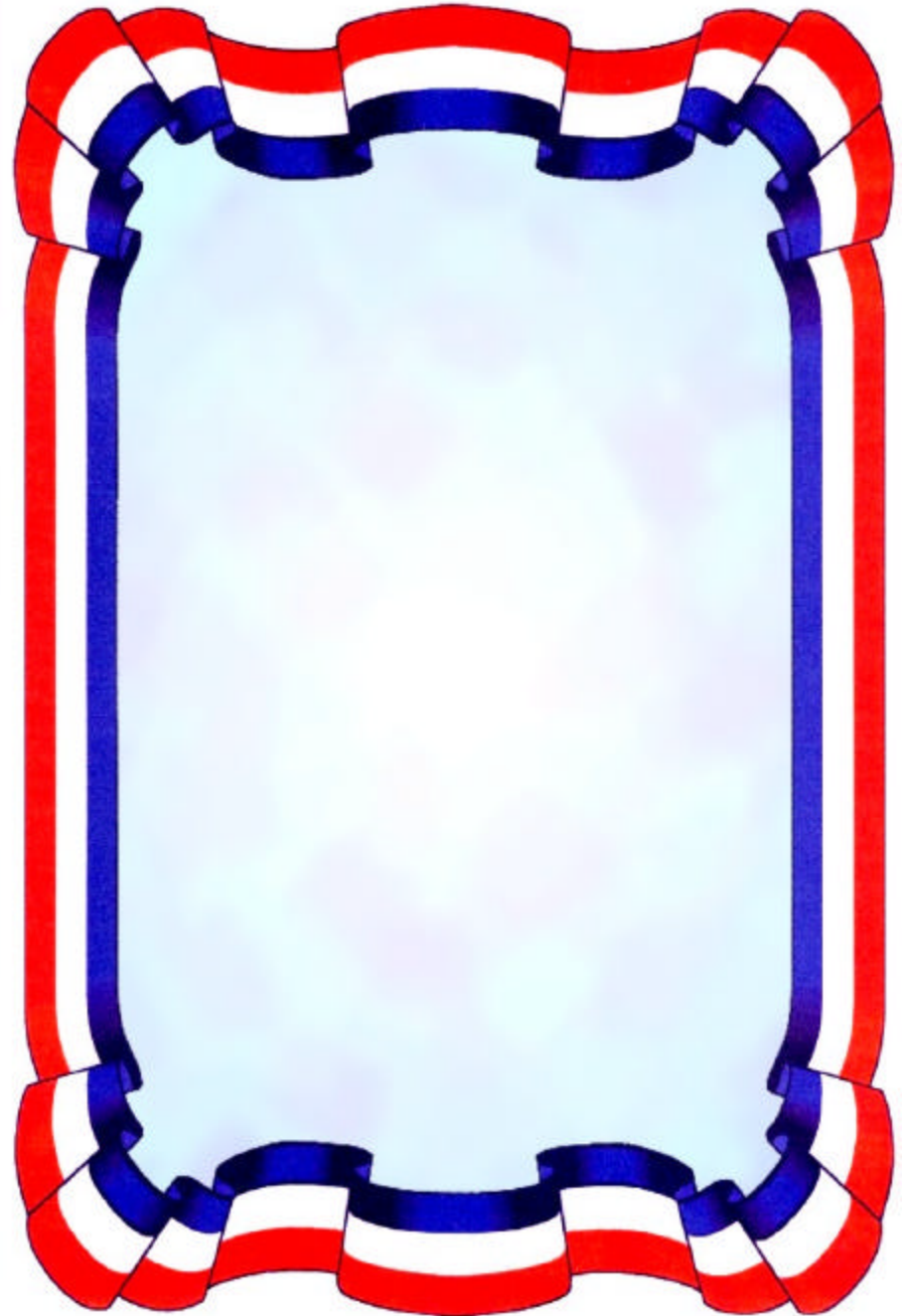
John McCray in his World War I Poem *In Flanders Field*



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, 2003, when "Heritage" Calendar became available, only 134 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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