

DECEMBER 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Sixteen-year-old Julius C. J. Langbein was so small and young-looking that the men of his 9th New York Infantry Regiment jokingly called him <i>Jennie</i>. Thomas Bartholomew, the regimental adjutant and a friend of Julius' family, had promised the drummer's mother he would look out for little Julius. In the battle of Camden, NC, on April 19, 1862, it was Bartholomew who needed help when an enemy shell struck him in the neck. Dazed, Bartholomew staggered outside the trench and into the enemy lines. Despite heavy enemy fire, Julius Langbein rushed to his friend's side, guided him off the battlefield, treated his wounds, and then bravely carried him to safety—earning the Medal of Honor.</p> <p>4 ★★★★★ 1950 – Tom Hudner</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mike Colalillo, MOH</p> <p><i>(1877) Thomas Edison invents the phonograph.</i></p>	<p>5 ★★★★★ 1967 – Angelo Liteky</p> <p>Happy Birthday Don Ballard, MOH</p> <p><i>(1782) President Martin Van Buren is born in New York.</i></p> <p>12</p> <p><i>(1800) Washington, DC is established as the permanent capital city of the United States.</i></p> <p>19 ★★★★★ 1944 – Eugene Fluckey</p>	<p>6 ★★★★★ 1967 – Angelo Liteky</p> <p>Happy Birthday James Stone, MOH</p> <p>27</p>	 <p>7 ★★★★★ 1941 – John Finn</p> <p>PEARL HARBOR DAY</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ronald Ray, MOH</p> <p>14 ★★★★★ 1944 – Robert Nett</p> <p>Happy Birthday Drew Dix, MOH</p> <p>21 ★★★★★ 1944 – Francis Curry</p> <p>First Day Of WINTER</p> <p>28</p> <p><i>(1856) President Woodrow Wilson is born in Virginia.</i></p>	<p>Happy Birthday Vernon McGarity, MOH</p> <p>1</p> <p><i>(1880) First telephone installed in the White House.</i></p> <p>Hanukkah</p> <p>8</p> <p><i>(1941) The United States declares war on Japan to begin WWII.</i></p> <p>15 ★★★★★ 1967 – Allan Lynch</p> <p>Happy Birthday Lew Millett, MOH</p> <p>22</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>(1823) Monroe Doctrine authorized to protect the Western Hemisphere from European powers.</i></p> <p>16 ★★★★★ 1944 – Vernon McGarity 1944 – Chuck Murray</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jim Stockdale, MOH</p> <p>23 ★★★★★ 1944 – Melvin Biddle</p> <p>Happy Birthday Alton Knappengerger, MOH</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>(1948) The United Nations adopts the Declaration of Human Rights.</i></p> <p>17 ★★★★★ 1944 – Jose Lopez</p> <p>Happy Birthday Vernon Baker, MOH</p> <p><i>(1903) Wilbur and Orville Wright make the first flight at Kitty Hawk.</i></p> <p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>31</p> <p>New Years Eve</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jim Taylor, MOH</p>

"I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift would be curiosity."


Eleanor Roosevelt

NOVEMBER 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Pocahontas was only ten or eleven years old when she saved the life of Jamestown leader John Smith. On December 29, 1607, when the leader of the New World settlement was condemned to die, she rushed forward to cover his body with her own in order to convince the Indians to spare his life.</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) Warren Harding is born in Ohio—elected President same day in 1920.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Birthday Hector Caferatta, MOH</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1966 – John Baker, Jr. 1966 – Robert Foley</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>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> Thanksgiving Day (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> 1950 – Hector Caferatta</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>In 1804-05 President Jefferson sent Army officers Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark to explore the new territories in the West. The only woman in the 33-man group of explorers was Sacajawea. Though not yet eighteen years old the young Native American girl and her infant child helped guide the important expedition. In one important incident after a boating accident she bravely intervened to save important documents of the expedition. Her bravery and dedicated service has been remembered on both a U.S. postage stamp and a U.S. one dollar coin.</p> <p></p>		

"Too many people grow up. That's the real trouble with the world, too many people grow up. They forget. They don't remember what it's like to be 12 years old. They patronize, they treat children as inferiors."

Walt Disney

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 <p>2 1969 – Mike Novosel</p> <p>Happy Birthday Hershel Williams, MOH</p>	<p>Audie Murphy's father deserted his Texas share-cropper family when Audie was twelve years old, forcing Audie to leave school to help his mother support the ten children in the family. Four years later Audie's mother died, leaving sixteen-year-old Audie to do his best to support the family nearly by himself. In 1942 on his eighteenth birthday Audie tried to join the Marines to defend his country, believing his military salary would also help to support his family. At 5'5" tall and 110-pounds he was perceived as too small and was quickly rejected, not only by the Marines but also by the Navy and Army Airborne. Eventually the U.S. Army accepted him with plans to assign him as a cook. Determined to fight, Audie at last reached Italy in February 1943 as a member of the 3rd Infantry. When he was discharged 30 months later he had earned the Medal of Honor and 32 other high awards, becoming our nation's Most Decorated Soldier of WWII.</p> <p>3 1972 – Ernest West</p> <p>Happy Birthday Eugene Fluckey, MOH</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah (First Day) (1822) President Rutherford Hayes is born in Ohio</p>	<p>4 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Arthur Jackson, MOH</p> <p>(1767) Mason-Dixon line drawn: Border Maryland & Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>5 1944 – James Burt</p> <p>Happy Birthday Hiroshi Miyamura, MOH Einar Ingman, MOH</p> <p>12 1952 – Ernest West</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance Born Columbus Day</p>	<p>6 1944 – George Sakato</p> <p>Happy Birthday Allan Lynch, MOH</p> <p>(1890) President Dwight Eisenhower is born in Texas.</p>	<p>7 1944 – George Sakato</p> <p>Happy Birthday Allan Lynch, MOH</p> <p>(1856) The Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York Harbor.</p>	<p>8 1944 – George Sakato</p> <p>Happy Birthday Allan Kellogg, MOH Pat Brady, MOH (1924) President Jimmy Carter is born in Georgia</p>
<p>9 1944 – Wilburn Ross</p> <p>Happy Birthday John Baker, MOH</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> <p>(1739) President John Adams is born in Massachusetts.</p>	<p>10 1944 – Charles Coolidge</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ron Rosser, MOH</p> <p>United Nations Day</p>	<p>11 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Arthur Jackson, MOH</p> <p>(1767) Mason-Dixon line drawn: Border Maryland & Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>12 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>13 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>14 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>15 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>
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<p>23 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>24 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>25 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>26 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>27 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>28 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>	<p>29 1944 – Barney Hajiro</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Maxwell, MOH Gary Littrell, MOH</p>











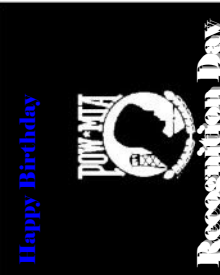



"When (I was) a young man in Tennessee I kept a country school... At noon after the luncheon, which I and my pupils ate together out of our baskets, I would go into the woods and cut me a sour wood stick, trim it carefully in circular spirals and thrust one half of it into the fire, which would turn it blue, leaving the other half white. With this emblem of ornament and authority in my hand, dressed in a hunting shirt of flowered calico, a long queue down my back, and the sense of authority over my pupils, I experienced a higher feeling of dignity and self-satisfaction than from any office or honor which I have held since." Sam Houston on the joy of being a teacher



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1972 – Mike Thornton






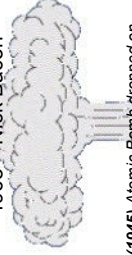
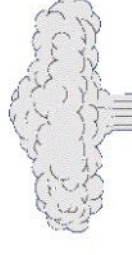

Halloween

SEPT EMBER 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 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	 1944 – Bob Maxwell Happy Birthday Daniel Inouye, MOH	Happy Birthday Stephen Gregg, MOH 1	Happy Birthday Ernest West, MOH <i>(1945) The Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Harbor, ending WWII.</i> 2	Happy Birthday Mike Novosel, MOH 3
 Patriot Day 11  Grandparents Day 18  1944 – Arthur Jackson <i>(1947) US Air Force Is Born.</i>	Happy Birthday Clarence Sasser, MOH  1944 – Everett Pope 19	Happy Birthday Frank Herda, MOH <i>(1788) New York City becomes the first capital of the United States.</i> 20	 14 <i>(1814) Francis Scott Key writes "The Star Spangled Banner."</i> 21 <i>(1981) Sandra Day O'Connor is the first female Supreme Court Justice.</i>	Happy Birthday Michael Daly, MOH <i>(1857) President William H. Taft is born in Ohio.</i>  22 1943 – Ernest Childers	Happy Birthday  Recognition Day 23	Citizenship Day 17  24
 Gold Star Mothers Day 25	Happy Birthday Chuck Murray, MOH 26	27	Happy Birthday Yeiki Kobashigawa, MOH Kenneth Stumpf, MOH 28	Happy Birthday Gary Wetzel, MOH 29	Happy Birthday Wesley Fox, MOH 30	

"If we want our children to possess the traits of character we most admire, we need to teach them what those traits are and why they deserve both admiration and allegiance. Children must learn to identify the forms and content of those traits." William Bennet



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 7 Erwin & Bruce McCandless  The Purple Heart Our Nation's first military Medal is established by Gen. George Washington (1942) First US offensive of WWII begins at Guadalcanal.	1 Friendship Day Happy Birthday Paul Bucha, MOH Howard V. Lee, MOH	2 Happy Birthday Jack Jacobs, MOH Jon Cavaiani, MOH	3 Happy Birthday Charles Coolidge, MOH  (1790) U.S. Coast Guard is born.	4 Happy Birthday Charles Coolidge, MOH  (1790) U.S. Coast Guard is born.	5 Happy Birthday Charles Coolidge, MOH  (1790) U.S. Coast Guard is born.	6  1968 – Nick Bacon (1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan
14 V.J. Day (1935) Social Security is enacted in the United States.	15 Happy Birthday George Wahlen, MOH	9  (1945) Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan	10 Happy Birthday Tom Hudner, MOH	11 Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH	12 Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH	13 Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH
21 Happy Birthday Chuck Hagemeister, MOH	22 Happy Birthday Gary Beikrich, MOH	16 Happy Birthday Gary Beikrich, MOH	17 Happy Birthday Tom Hudner, MOH	18 Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH	19 National Aviation Day  (1946) President Bill Clinton is born in Arkansas.	20 Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH
28 Happy Birthday Ola Mize, MOH	29 Happy Birthday Gary Beikrich, MOH	23 Happy Birthday Gary Beikrich, MOH	24 Happy Birthday Tom Hudner, MOH	25 Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH	26 Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH	27 Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH
28 Happy Birthday Ola Mize, MOH	29 Happy Birthday Gary Beikrich, MOH	30 Happy Birthday Gary Beikrich, MOH	31 Happy Birthday Tom Hudner, MOH	25 Happy Birthday Fred Ferguson, MOH	26 Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH	27 Happy Birthday Bob Kerrey, MOH

“The point is to develop the childlike inclination for play and the childlike desire for recognition and to guide the child over to important fields for society.”

Albert Einstein




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3 Happy Birthday Bob Modrzejewski, MOH (1775) General George Washington takes command of the Continental Army.	4 Independence Day (1826) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams die, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence.	5 (1862) The Army Medal of Honor is authorized by Congress.	6 1964 – Roger Donlon	 Private First Class Charles Gilliland was only seventeen-years-old when he went to Korea as an automatic rifleman. He had already been in the Army nearly a year when his unit was attacked on April 25, 1951, by a large enemy force, and his assistant was instantly killed. Alone, he continued to man his position against the enemy charge, leaving his gun only to attack in hand-to-hand combat, two enemy soldiers who broke through his ranks. In that fight he was wounded in the head but ignored his pain, refused treatment, and returned to his gun to continue his valiant defense. When his unit was overwhelmed and ordered to fall back, PFC Gilliland volunteered to remain alone at his gun to protect their withdrawal, continuing to fire at the enemy while his comrades fell back to safety. His body was never found and he was subsequently listed as <i>Missing In Action</i> , making him only posthumous Medal of Honor recipient under age eighteen in history.	1 (1863) The battle of Gettysburg, Virginia begins. (1963) The US Postal Service introduces a new Zip Code system.	 (1926) The US Army Air Corps is born.
10 Happy Birthday Silvestre Herrera, MOH	11 1969 – Gordon Roberts Happy Birthday Bob Howard, MOH (1767) President John Q. Adams is born in Massachusetts. (1804) Hamilton/Burr duel occurs.	12 1964 – Roger Donlon	13 1964 – Roger Donlon	14 1966 – Bob Modrzejewski	15 1966 – Bob Modrzejewski	16 Happy Birthday Everett Pope, MOH (1945) The first atomic bomb is detonated in New Mexico.
17 Happy Birthday Silvestre Herrera, MOH	18 1966 – John McGinty Happy Birthday James Burt, MOH	19 1966 – John McGinty	20 1966 – John McGinty	21 Happy Birthday Barney Barnum, MOH	22 1966 – John McGinty	23 1966 – John McGinty
24 1966 – Richard Pittman Happy Birthday John Finn, MOH Parents' Day	25 1944 – Louis Wilson Happy Birthday Jay Zeamer, MOH	26 1946 President Truman orders the desegregation of all Military forces.	27 1953 The armistice ending the Korean War is signed.	28 (1959) Hawaii's first election sends Daniel Inouye to Congress - the first Japanese member of either house.	29 Happy Birthday Jay Vargas, MOH	30 1966 – John McGinty
31 1966 – John McGinty	1 1966 – John McGinty	2 1966 – John McGinty	3 1966 – John McGinty	4 1966 – John McGinty	5 1966 – John McGinty	6 1966 – John McGinty

"America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach, and how we live."

Jane Addams





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<p>Drummer Julian Scott was a 16-year-old drummer who earned the Medal of Honor for heroism during the battle at Lee's Mills, Virginia, on April 16, 1862. His unit of the 3d Vermont Infantry crossed a creek to attack an enemy force that was entrenched in pits only yards from the bank. In the desperate battle that followed Drummer Scott made several trips to carry wounded comrades off the battlefield, bravely crossing the creek under enemy fire to return them to the safety of the Union lines for treatment.</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>D-DAY (1944)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Happy Birthday Freeman Horner, MOH</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>Happy Birthday David McNeerney, 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>7</p> <p>Happy Birthday Freeman Horner, MOH</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</p> <p>US Army Birthday</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1969 – Thomas Kelley</p> <p>Happy Birthday Van Barfoot (MOH) Jim Swett (MOH)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1943 – Jay Zeamer</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>1966 </p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>Juneteenth</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Emancipation Day</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>24</p> <p><i>(1948) The Soviet Union begins its blockade of Berlin.</i></p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Russian 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>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Musician Orion Howe, a thirteen year old drummer boy, earned the Medal of Honor for his heroism on May 19, 1863. Severely wounded and exposed to a heavy fire from the enemy, he remained on the battlefield insure that an important message was delivered to his commander.</p>	

"fly 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

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May Day 	1  1945 – Bob Bush 1967 – Leonard Keller 1968 – James Livingston	2  National Teachers' Day	3 National Day of Prayer 	4 Cinco De Mayo 	5  1968 – Robert Patterson	6 Happy Birthday Walt Ehlers, MOH (1945) Nazi forces surrender to Gen Eisenhower at Reims, France.
Mothers Day 	8 (1884) President Harry Truman is born in Missouri.	9	10	11	12  1968 – Joe Jackson Happy Birthday Wilburn Ross, MOH	13 Peace Officers Memorial Day  Happy Birthday David Dolby, MOH
15	16  1968 – Don Ballard	17	18	19	20	21  1951 – Joe Rodriguez 1966 – David Dolby Armed Forces Day
22 National Maritime Day	23  1944 – Van Barfoot	24 (1844) Samuel Morse taps out the words "What God had wrought" — the first telegraph message.	25	26 Happy Birthday Richard Pittman, MOH	27	28
29 (1917) President John F. Kennedy is born in Massachusetts.	30 Happy Birthday Bud Hawk, MOH Robert Foley, MOH Memorial Day (1907) Memorial Day is observed in the U.S. for the first time.	31  1951 – Rudy Hernandez		Sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington was the oldest daughter of Revolutionary War Colonel Henry Ludington, who commanded the local Patriot Militia in Connecticut. On April 26, 1777, a messenger reached the Ludington house with news of the British attack on Danbury, where munitions and stores for the militia of the region were stored. Colonel Ludington began to organize his local militia but the messenger and his horse were too exhausted to spread the word. Sybil volunteered to bear the order for muster and to rouse the countryside. Through the night she and her horse Star rode nearly 40 miles on unfamiliar roads around Putnam County, avoiding British patrols and Loyalists, to spread the alarm. She became known as the female Paul Revere and her heroism was later recognized by General George Washington.		

"The solution of adult problems tomorrow depends in large measure upon the way our children grow up today. There is no greater insight into the future than recognizing that, when we save children, we save ourselves."

Margaret Mead




























APRIL 2005

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	<p>During World War II sixteen-year-old Jack Lucas stowed away on a troop transport headed for combat on Iwo Jima, determined to do his own part in the war. During that famous battle, just five days after his seventeenth birthday, Marine Private Jack Lucas earned the Medal of Honor when he jumped on two enemy grenades in order to save the lives of his comrades. In that action he became the youngest recipient of the Medal of Honor in the Twentieth Century. At the time of his heroism, Jack had already served in the Marine Corps for three years, having enlisted at the age of fourteen. Miraculously Jack survived his severe injuries to personally receive his Medal of Honor from President Truman. Jack continues to be an inspiration to young Marines today, and frequently speaks for veterans gathers, Marine Corps reunions and events, and participates in other patriotic activities.</p>				<p>1970 – Gary Belkirch 1970 – Peter Lemon</p> 	<p>1970 – Gary Belkirch 1970 – Peter Lemon</p>
<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>1970 – Gary Littrell</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1945 – Vernon Baker</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1943 – Jim Swett 1945 – Mike Colalillo</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>(1865) General Lee surrenders at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>1972 – Tom Norris</p> <p>(1942) The Bataan Death March begins in the Philippine Islands.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1945 – Michael Daly</p> <p>Patriot's Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Don Jenkins, MOH</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>(1743) President Thomas Jefferson is born in Virginia.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Birthday Rudy Hernandez, MOH</p> <p>1945 – Daniel Inouye</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>1952 – Duane Dewey</p> <p>Happy Birthday Robert Patterson, MOH</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1945 – Michael Daly</p> <p>Patriot's Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday Don Jenkins, MOH</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1967 – Leo Thorsness</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Happy Birthday George Lang, MOH</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1945 – Daniel Inouye</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>(1791) President James Buchanan is born in Pennsylvania.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>1951 – Hiroshi Miyamura</p> <p>Happy Birthday James Sprayberry, MOH</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1967 – Kenneth Stumpf 1968 – James Sprayberry</p> <p>Happy Birthday Brian Thacker, MOH</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy Birthday Bob Simanek, MOH</p>	<p>27</p> <p>(1822) President Ulysses Grant is born in Ohio.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1945 – Alejandro Ruiz</p> <p>Administrative Professional's Day</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>1945 – Desmond Doss</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>1968 – Jay Vargas</p> <p>(1803) The Louisiana Purchase doubles the size of the U.S.</p>

"Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society."

Benjamin Franklin









MARCH 2005

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 6 Current lives live graph of Andrew Jackson	 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 Happy Birthday Thomas Kinsman, MOH	 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 Happy St. Patty's Day (1837) President Grover Cleveland is born in New Jersey. (1949) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is formed.	 18 (1918) Congress establishes TIME ZONES and approves Daylight Savings Time.	 19
 20 1967– Chuck Hagemeister	 21 Happy Birthday Joe Jackson, MOH Edward Dahlgren, MOH	 22 1967 – David McNeerney	 23 1971– Michael Fitzmaurice Happy Birthday Mike Thornton, MOH	 24 National Medal of Honor Day Good Friday	 25 National Medal of Honor Day Good Friday	 26
 27 1953 – William Charette	 28 1966 – Robert Ingram	 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	 During the American Revolution as a 13-year-old boy, Andrew Jackson resisted the British advances in the Waxhaws of South Carolina. He was captured and spent his 14th birthday in a Prisoner of War camp before being released in a prisoner exchange. Andrew Jackson went on to become a General in the United States Army, and then was elected to be our 7th U.S. President.	

"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it."












President Harry S Truman

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Willie Johnston – A Heroic Drummer-Boy</p>  <p>6 ★★★★★</p> <p>1951 – Einar Ingman 1968 – Thomas Kinsman</p> <p>Super Bowl</p> <p>(1778) France recognizes the US and signs first treaty of aid. (1911) President Ronald Reagan is born in Illinois.</p>	<p>Happy Birthday</p>  <p>Desmond Doss, MOH</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>1951 – Lew Millett</p>	<p>1 ★★★★★</p> <p>1941 – A. Knappenberger</p> <p>National Freedom Day</p>  <p>(1848) US gains Texas, California, New Mexico, and Arizona through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo</p>	<p>2 ★★★★★</p> <p>Ground Hog Day</p>  <p>9 ★★★★★</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>(1773) President William Harrison is born in Virginia.</p>	<p>3 ★★★★★</p> <p>1953 – Raymond Murphy</p>	<p>4 ★★★★★</p> <p>1945 – Donald Rudolph</p>	<p>5 ★★★★★</p> <p>1945 – Donald Rudolph</p>
<p>13 ★★★★★</p> <p>Valentines Day</p>  <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Jack Lucas, MOH Angelo Liteky, MOH Leo Thorsness, MOH</p>	<p>7 ★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Desmond Doss, MOH</p>	<p>8 ★★★★★</p> <p>Mardi Gras</p>  <p>(1910) Boy Scouts of America is founded.</p>	<p>16 ★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Jefferson Deblanc, MOH</p>	<p>17 ★★★★★</p> <p>1944 – Nathan Gordon</p>	<p>18 ★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Louis Wilson, MOH</p> <p>(1847) Inventor Thomas Edison is born in Ohio.</p>	<p>19 ★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>George Sakato, MOH</p>
<p>20 ★★★★★</p> <p>1945 – Jack Lucas</p>	<p>21 ★★★★★</p> <p>President's Day</p>  <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Donald Rudolph, MOH Harold Fritz, MOH</p>	<p>22 ★★★★★</p> <p>1969 – Wesley Fox 1969 – George Lang</p> <p>Washington's Birthday</p> 	<p>23 ★★★★★</p> <p>1945 – Hershel Williams</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Russell Dunham, MOH</p> <p>(1945) US Marines raise the flag over Iwo Jima.</p>	<p>24 ★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>George Day, MOH</p>	<p>25 ★★★★★</p>	<p>26 ★★★★★</p>
<p>27 ★★★★★</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>David Bleak, MOH</p>	<p>28 ★★★★★</p> <p>(1854) The Republican Party is born at Ripon, Wisconsin. (1991) Cease fire begins, ending Operation Desert Storm.</p>	<p>Medals of Honor have been earned by at least 78 boys who were seventeen-years-old or younger at the time of their heroism in battle. The youngest of these was probably eleven-year-old William Willie Johnston who joined the 3d Vermont Infantry along with his father during the Civil War. As a musician, Willie beat the drums that signaled daily activities or directed the regiment in combat. During the Seven Days Battle and the Peninsula Campaign from June 25 to July 1, 1862, Willie was cited for bravery. His local newspaper later reported that, "On the retreat when strong men threw away their guns, knapsacks and blankets that they might have less weight to carry, this little fellow kept his drum and brought it safely to Harrison's Landing, where he had the honor of drumming for division parade, he being the only drummer who brought his drum from the field. Upon these facts being reported to the War Department by the division commander, Willie was presented with the Star Medal of Honor by Secretary Stanton in person. Young Johnston's parents reside in this town. His father is a member of the 3d Vermont Regiment." (The Rutland Herald, November 3, 1863) His heroism occurred a week before his twelfth birthday.</p>				

"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible, and achieve it,
generation after generation."
Pearl S. Buck

JANUARY 2005

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	In September 2004 the city of Pueblo, Colorado, hosted the first convention for the new national organization <i>Friends and Family of the Congressional Medal of Honor</i> . As part of that convention, the new video documentary Beyond the Medal of Honor premiered for an audience of nearly 1,000 convention attendees and local citizens. This new 4-hour documentary was subsequently sent to 17,000 high schools across America courtesy of the Perot Foundation, where teachers share it with their students along with the provided curriculum. You can learn more about the video or order copies from www.BeyondtheMedal.com .					
2	3	4	5	 6 1968 – Pat Brady 1969 – Don Jenkins Epiphany	7	 8 1945 – Russell Dunham 1968 – Gary Wetzel
9	 10 1968 – Clarence Sasser Happy Birthday John Baca, MOH	 11 1969 – Harold Fritz Happy Birthday Richard McCool, MOH	 12 1952 – Ron Rosser Happy Birthday Jim Livingston, MOH	13	14	15
(1973) President Richard Nixon is born in California.	(1951) United Nations Headquarters opens in New York City. Happy Birthday  17 Paul Wiedorfer, MOH Martin Luther King Day (1906) Benjamin Franklin Born. (1991) Operation Desert Storm.	Happy Birthday Bernard Fisher, MOH	Happy Birthday Jim Livingston, MOH		Happy Birthday Raymond Murphy, MOH Tom Norris, MOH	Martin Luther King Born in 1929
16		18	19	Happy Birthday Robert Ingram, MOH  Inauguration Day	21	22
		Happy Birthday Nick Oresko, MOH	(1807) Robert E. Lee born in VA..		Happy Birthday John McGinty, MOH	
 23 1945 – Nick Oresko	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Happy Birthday Roger Donlon, MOH (1882) President Franklin Roosevelt is born in New York. (1968) Vietnam Tet Offensive starts	 31 1943 – Jefferson Deblanc 1968 – Drew Dix 1968 – Fred Ferguson (1865) 13 th Amendment to the Constitution ends slavery in U.S.			(1967) Apollo 1 fire kills astronauts Grissom, White, and Chaffee. (1973) Vietnam Peace Accord is signed in Paris.	(1973) Cease Fire ends the war in Vietnam.	(1843) President William McKinley is born in Ohio.

“I believe one of America's most priceless assets is the idealism which motivates the young people of America. My generation has invested all that it has, not only its love but its hope and faith, in yours.” President Richard M. Nixon

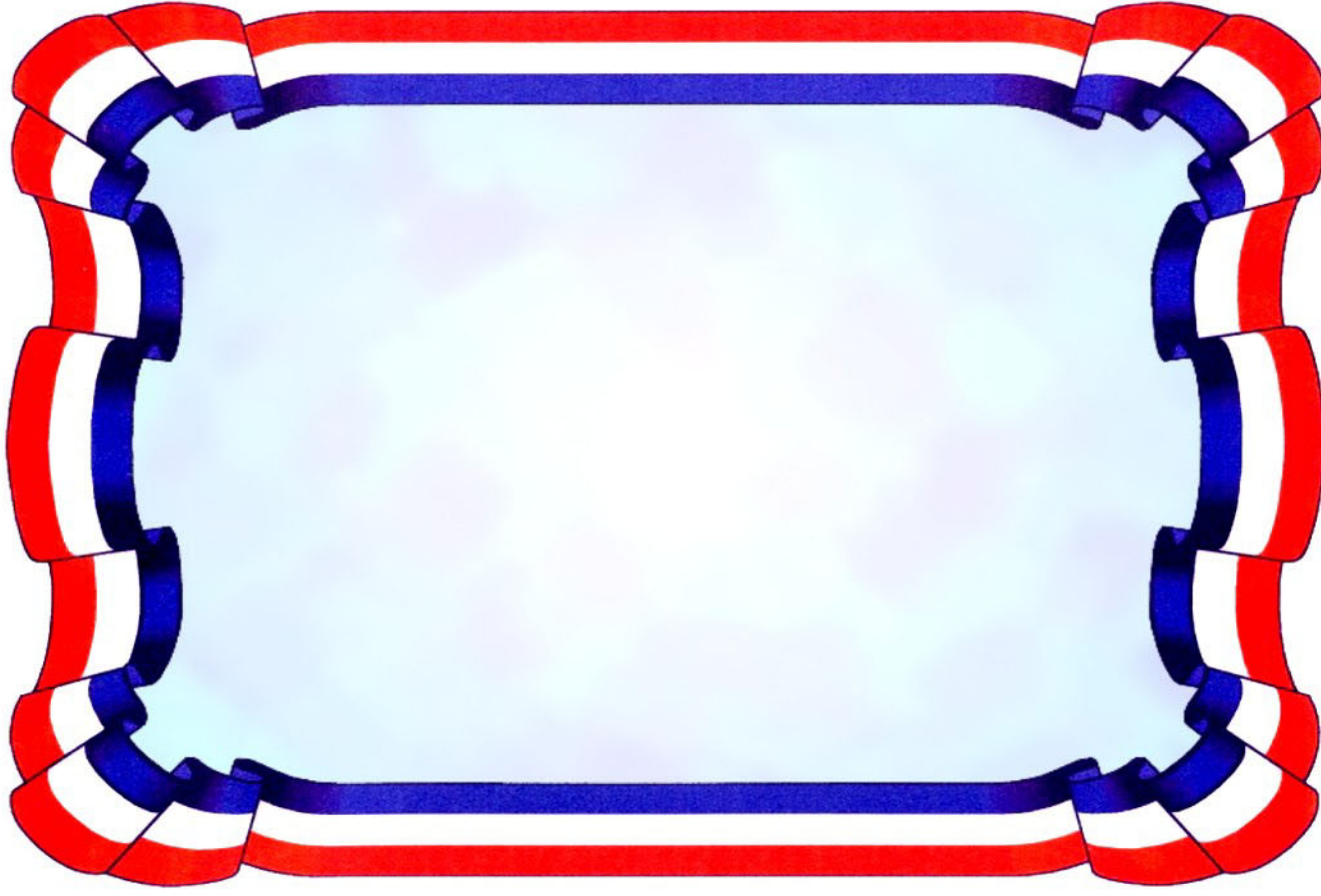
THE MEDAL OF HONOR



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 3,459 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 Pearl Harbor Day 2004, when "Building Blocks" Calendar became available, only 129 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 in the coming year, and may....

God Bless America



The 2005 **Building Blocks** Calendar
Is available FREE online at
www.HomeOfHeroes.com/calendar

