Department of Veterans Affairs

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JANUARY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Emancipation Proclamation Took Effect (1863)	2	3 110th Congress Assembles	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day	16 Gulf War I Began (1991)	17	18	19	20 Muharram (Islamic New Year)
Jan 14-20 - National Graves' Disease Awareness Week						
21	22	23	24	25 •Women's Healthy Weight Day •Intravenous Nurse Day	26	27 Vietnam Peace Agreement Signed (1973)
Jan 21-27 - Healthy Weight Week Jan 21-27 - National Nurse Anesthetist Week						
28	29	30 (1968) Tet Offensive	31	•Cervical Health Awareness Month •National Glaucoma Awareness Month •National Poverty in America Awareness Month •National Thyroid Awareness Month •National Volunteer Blood Donor Month		

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FEBRUARY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•**Age-Related Macular Degeneration/Low Vision Awareness Month** •**American Heart Month** •**Black History Month** •**National Children's Dental Health Month** •**Wise Health Care Consumer Month** •**Relationship Wellness Month**				1 National Freedom Day - 13th Amendment (1865) Feb 1-7 - Women's Heart Week Feb 1-7 - National Patient Recognition Week	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 •Patient Recognition Day •Four Chaplains Memorial Day
4 •Navy Cross created (1919) •USO (1941) Feb 4-10 - National Burn Awareness Week Feb 4-10 - National Consumer Protection Week	5 Feb 5-9 - Just Say No to Powerpoint® Week	6	7	8	9	10
11 World Day for the Sick Feb 11-17 - National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Feb 11-17 - Cardiac Rehabilitation Week Feb 11-17 - Cardiovascular Professionals Week	12 Lincoln's Birthday (1809)	13 •Women's Marine Corps (1943) •Medal of Honor (1861)	14	15	16 National Women's Heart Day	17
18 Feb 18-24 National Engineers Week	19 Presidents' Day	20	21 Ash Wednesday	22 Washington's Birthday (1732)	23 Desert Storm Ground War Began (1991)	24
25	26	27 Kuwait Liberation Day (1991) Feb 25-Mar 3 - National Eating Disorders Awareness Week	28			

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MARCH 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•**American Red Cross Month** •**Brain Injury Awareness Month** •**Hemophilia Awareness Month** •**Irish-American Heritage Month** •**Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** •**National Kidney Month**		•**National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month** •**National Nutrition Month** •**National Social Work Month** •**National Women's History Month** •**Deaf History Month**		1 Peace Corps Founded (1961)	2 World Day of Prayer	3 •National Anthem Day (1931)
				Feb 25-Mar 3 - National Eating Disorders Awareness Week		
4 Hug a GI Day	5	6	7 Distinguished Service Medal Authorized (1918)	8 International (Working) Women's Day	9	10
	Mar 5-11 - Natl. Sleep Awareness Week					
Mar 4-10 - Save Your Vision Week Mar 4-10 - Dental Assistants Recognition Week Mar 4-10 - National Patient Safety Awareness Week						
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12	13 Deaf History Month Begins (through 4/15)	14	15 **VA Cabinet Status (1989)**	16 American Legion and Auxiliary established in Paris (Mar 15-17, 1919)	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY Doctor-Patient Trust Day
	Mar 12-18 - Brain Awareness Week					
Mar 11-17 - National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week						
18 Forgive Mom & Dad Day	19 Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003)	20 Spring Begins	21	22 Tuskegee Airmen Activated (1941)	23	24 World Tuberculosis Day
Mar 18-24 - National Poison Prevention Week						
25	26	27 •Diabetes Alert Day •Rama Navami (Lord Rama's Birthday - Hindu)	28	29	30 National Doctors' Day	31 Mawlid al-Nabi (Muhammad's Birthday)

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APRIL 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 •Lupus Alert Day •Palm Sunday	2 Happy Pesach	3 Marshall Plan Anniversary (1948)	4	5 National Alcohol Screening Day	6 US Entered WWI - 90th Anniversary Good Friday	7 World Health Day
8 Easter	9 National Former POW Recognition Day	10 •Bataan Death March (1942) •National Radiology Nurses Day	11	12	13	14 PVA Paralyzed Veterans of America established (1946)
15 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day)	16 Income Tax Due	17	18 WOC Nursing Day	19 Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24 Oncology Nurses Shedding Light Shining Hope	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26 Take our Daughters & Sons to Work Day	27	28
29	30 Fall of Saigon (1975)					

Apr 1-6 - National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, Snowmass, Colo.
Apr 1-7 - National Public Health Week
Apr 1-7 - Medication Safety Week
Apr 1-7 - Testicular Cancer Awareness Week

Apr 6-8 - Alcohol-Free Weekend

Apr 9-15 - Health Information Privacy and Security Week
Apr 8-14 - Patient Advocacy Week

Apr 15-21 - National Heimlich Maneuver Week
Apr 15-21 - National Minority Cancer Awareness Week
Apr 15-21 - National Volunteer Week

Apr 22-28 - Administrative Professionals Week
Apr 22-28 - Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
Apr 22-28 - Jewish Heritage Week

•Alcohol Awareness Month
•Cancer Control Month
•Child Abuse Prevention Month
•Counseling Awareness Month
•Injury Prevention Month
•National Donate Life Month
•National Occupational Therapy Month
•National Parkinsons Awareness Month
•Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
•Stress Awareness Month
•National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Education and Awareness Month

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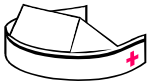
MAY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** •**Allergy & Asthma Awareness Month** •**Digestive Diseases Awareness Month** •**Hepatitis Awareness Month** •**High Blood Pressure Education Month** •**Mental Health Month** •**National Arthritis Month**		1 •May Day •USA Law Day	2 •Buddha's Birthday •National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day •Asthma Awareness Day on Capital Hill	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5 •Cinco de Mayo •American Medical Association founded (1847)
6 Nurses Day 	7 End of Vietnam War (1975)	8 V-E Day (1945)	9 National Nightshift Workers Day	10	11	12 Florence Nightingale's Birthday (1820-1910)
May 7-13 - Public Service Recognition Week May 6-12 - National Hospital & Health Care Week May 6-12 - National Mental Health Counseling Week May 6-12 - National Nurses Week						
13 Mothers Day (100th Anniversary)	14 WAAC established (1942)	15 Peace Officer Memorial Day	16 National Employee Health & Fitness Day	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
May 13-19 - National Nursing Home Week May 13-19 - National Emergency Medical Services Week May 13-19 - National Medical Transcriptionist Week						
20	21 American Red Cross Founded (1881)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30 National Senior Health and Fitness Day	31	•**National Critical Care Awareness & Recognition Month** •**National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month** •**National Osteoporosis Awareness & Prevention Month** •**National Trauma Awareness Month**	

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JUNE 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•Cancer from the Sun Month •Child Vision Awareness Month •Fireworks Eye Safety Months (June 1 - July 31) •Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month •National Aphasia Awareness Month •National Hernia Awareness Month			•National Safety Month •National Scleroderma Awareness Month •Rebuild Your Life Month •Vision Research Month		1	2
3 National Cancer Survivors Day	4	5 Healthcare Recruiter Recognition Day	6 D-Day (1944)	7	8	9
June 3-9 - Dystonia Awareness Week June 3-9 - National Headache Awareness Week						
10 Alcoholics Anonymous Founded (1935)	11	12	13	14 •Flag Day (1777) •US Army Established (1775)	15 Native American Citizenship Day (1924)	16
June 10-16 - National Flag Week June 10-17 - National Vascular Nursing Week	June 11-17 - National Men's Health Week			June 14-21 - National Nursing Assistants Week		
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21 Summer Begins 	22 GI Bill (1944) 	23
	June 18-22 - National Healthcare Risk Management Week	July 19-23 - National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Milwaukee, Wisconsin				
24	25 Korean War Began (1950)	26	27 National HIV Testing Day	28	29 Dental Awareness Day 	30
June 24-30 - Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week			June 27 - July 5 - Eye Safety Awareness Week			

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JULY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Medicare Anniversary (1968)	2 •Civil Rights Act of 1964 •U.S. Constitution in Effect (1788) •U.S. Army Air Corps (1926)	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Air Force Cross Created (1960)	7
July 1-7 - Special Recreation Week						
8	9 Army Distinguished Service Medal Created (1918)	10	11	12	13	14
July 8-14 - National Therapeutic Recreation Week						
15	16 First Atomic Bomb tested at Trinity Site in New Mexico (1945)	17	18	19	20 Special Olympics 	21 **VA Created (1930)**
22	23	24	25	26 •DoD created (1947) •Desegregation of U.S. Army (1944), all U.S. Armed Forces (1948)	27 Korean War Armistice (1953)	28 World War I Began (1914)
29	30	31	**•Bioterrorism/Disaster Education and Awareness Month** **•Cord Blood Awareness Month** **•Fireworks Safety Month (June 1 - July 31)** **•Hemochromatosis Screening Awareness Month** **•International/National Group B Strep Awareness Month** **•UV Safety Month**			
July 29-Aug 3 - VA OPIA National Training Conference in Cleveland, Ohio						

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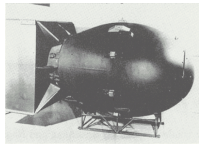
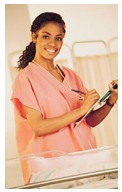
AUGUST 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•Cataract Awareness Month •National Immunization Awareness Month •Neurosurgery Outreach Month •Psoriasis Awareness Month •Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month			1	2	3	4 Coast Guard Day (1790)
5	6 Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima (1945) 	7 •Purple Heart (1782) •Desert Shield Anniversary (1990)	8	9  Atomic Bomb on Nagasaki (1945)	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 19th Amendment Ratified (1920)	20	21	22	23  Health Unit Coordinator Day	24	25
26 Women's Equality Day (1920)	27	28	29 Hurricane Katrina hit Central Gulf Coast (2005) 	30	31	

Aug 27-31 - National Veterans Golden Age Games in Houston, Texas

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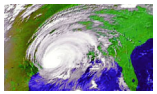
SEPTEMBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•Cholesterol Education Month •Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month •Leukemia, Lymphoma and Melanoma Awareness Month •Menopause Awareness Month •National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month •National Food Safety Education Month •National Head Lice Prevention Month			•National Osteopathic Medicine Month •National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month •National Sickle Cell Awareness Month •National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month •Pain Awareness Month •Prostate Health Month •Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month			1
2 V-J Day (1945)	3 LABOR DAY	4	5	6	7	8
9 Sept 9-15 - National Healthcare Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week Sept 9-15 - National Suicide Prevention Week Sept 9-15 - Minority Enterprise Development Week Sept 9-15 - National Assisted Living Week Sept 9-15 - Nephrology Nurses Week	10	11 Patriot Day	12 •Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown •Ramadan begins at sundown (ends Oct 13)	13	14	15 Neonatal Nurses Day
16 Sept 16-22 - National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration Week Sept 16-22 - Prostate Cancer Awareness Week	17 VFW Ladies Auxiliary Organized (1914) Sept 17-23 - National Reye's Syndrome Awareness Week Sept 17-23 - National Surgical Technologists Week Sept 17-23 - Constitution Week	18 U.S. Air Force Established (1947)	19	20	21 POW-MIA •National POW/MIA Recognition Day •Yom Kippur begins at sundown	22
23 Autumn Begins (1940) Gold Star Mothers 30	24  Hurricane Rita Hits Texas-La. Coast (2005) Sept 23-29 - National Adult Immunization Awareness Week	25 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DAV Established (1920)	26 National Women's Health & Fitness Day	27	28	29 Veterans of Foreign Wars Established (1899)

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OCTOBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•Liver Awareness Month **•Long Term Care Planning Month** **•National American Pharmacy Month**	1	2	3	4 Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day	5	6 Oct 6-12 - National Physician Assistants Week Oct 6-13 - National Newspaper Week
	Sept 30-Oct 6 - Mental Illness Awareness Week Oct 1-7 - National Health Care Food Service Week					
7	8 Columbus Day (observed)	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11	12	13 U.S. Navy established (1775)
	Oct 8-13 - National Nephrology Technician/Technologist Week Oct 8-14 - Gerontological Nurses Week					
Oct 7-13 - Emergency Nurses Week Oct 7-13 - National Health Care Resource & Materials Management Week Oct 7-13 - Nuclear Medicine Week						
14	15	16 National Boss Day	17	18	19 National Mammography Day	20
	Oct 15-19 - National Medical Assistants Week Oct 15-19 - National Health Education Week					
Oct 14-20 - International Infection Control Week Oct 14-20 - National Healthcare Quality Week						
21	22	23	24 Lung Health Day	25	26	27
	Oct 22-28 - National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in St. Louis, Mo. Oct 22-28 - National Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week					
Oct 21-27 - Respiratory Care Week Oct 21-27 - Pastoral Care Week						
28	29 Internet created (1969)	30	31 Halloween	**•National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** **•National Dental Hygiene Month** **•National Disability Employment Awareness Month** **•National Medical Librarians Month** **•National Physical Therapy Month** **•National Spina Bifida Awareness Month** **•National Spinal Health Month**		

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NOVEMBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•**American Diabetes Month** •**Epilepsy Awareness Month** •**Lung Cancer Awareness Month** •**National AIDS Awareness Month** •**National Alzheimer's Disease Month** •**National American Indian Heritage Month** •**National Family Caregivers Month**				1 Nov 1-7 - Medical-Surgical Nurses' Week	2	3
4 Daylight Savings Time ends	5 Nov 5-11 - National Radiologic Technology Week Nov 4-10 - National Health Information and Technology Week Nov 4-10 - Allied Health Professions Week Nov 4-10 - National Diabetes Education Week	6	7	8 X-Ray Discovery Day (1895)	9	10 U.S. Marine Corps established (1775)
11 **Veterans Day** Nov 11-17 - Lung Cancer Awareness Week Nov 11-17 - Perioperative Nurse Week	12 Veterans Day Observed	13 Fall of Kabul, Afghanistan (2001)	14	15 Great American Smokeout	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Computer Security Day	•**National Hospice Month** •**National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

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DECEMBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month •National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month •Safe Toys and Celebrations Month •Spiritual Literacy Month •Universal Human Rights Month						1 •World AIDS Day •Civil Air Patrol Founded (1941)
2	3	4 Chanukah begins at sundown (Dec 5-12)	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day (1941)	8 •US Entered WWII (1941)
9	10 AMVETS founded (1944) Dec 10-17 - Human Rights Week	11	12	13	14	15 Bill of Rights Day (1789)
16	17	18	19	20 •Operation Just Cause (1989)	21	22 Winter Begins
23 / 30	24 Christmas Eve / New Year's Eve 31	25 Christmas Day	26 Dec 26–Jan 1 - Kwanzaa	27	28 Pledge of Allegiance Recognized (1945)	29

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JANUARY 2008

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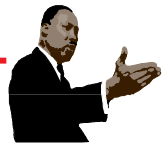
6	7	8	9	10 Muharram (Islamic New Year)	11	12
13	14	15	16 Gulf War I Began (1991) 	17	18	19
20	21  Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27 Vietnam Peace Agreement Signed (1973)	28	29	30 (1968) Tet Offensive 	31 Mawlid al-Nabi (Muhammad's Birthday)		