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Calendar of Events and Activities

JANUARY

National Holidays:

National Thank You Month & National Mentoring Month

January 1: New Year's Day

January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (1929)

Navy Special Events and Observances:

January 1: Navy SEAL Team established (1962)

January 5: Navy combat construction battalions established (1942)

January 10: Establishment of first Navy nuclear power school at Submarine Base, New London, CT (1956)

January 16: Navy Flag Officer rank established (1857)

January 20: First Naval Station established in Pensacola, FL (1914)

January 21: Launching of NAUTILUS, first nuclear submarine in Groton, CT (1954)

January 26: John Paul Jones is laid to rest at USNA Chapel (1913)

January 31: Launching of the first turreted war-ship, the USS Monitor (1862)

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FEBRUARY

National Holidays:

African American History Month & American Heart Month

February 1: Freedom Day

February 2: Groundhog Day

February 12: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (1809)

Presidents Day: Third Monday of February

February 22: George Washington's Birthday (1732)

Navy Special Events and Observances:

February 3: Four Chaplains Memorial Day (1942)

February 23: Navy Supply Corps established (1795)

MARCH

National Holidays:

Women's History Month, National Nutrition Month, Irish American Heritage Month, National Brain Injury Awareness Month, National Kidney Month, American Red Cross Month, National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month & National Eye Donor Month

March 2: Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss's birthday, 1904)

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

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APRIL

National Holidays:

Cancer Control Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, Autism Awareness Month (U.S.), Jazz Appreciation Month, National Poetry Month, Mathematics Awareness Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Counseling Awareness Month, National Occupational Therapy Month & National Youth Sports Safety Month

April 1: April Fool's Day

April 2: World Autism Day

April 7: World Health Day

April 15: Tax Day

April 19: Patriot's Day

April 22: Earth Day

Administrative Professionals Day: Wednesday of Administrative Professionals Week on the last full week of April

April 25: World Malaria Day

National Arbor Day: Celebrated on the last Friday of April

Navy Special Events and Observances:

April 1: First Sailor killed in action in World War I (1917)

April 7: African-American volunteers first accepted for enlistment for general service (1942)

April 11: U.S. Submarine Force Birthday (1900)

April 12: Civil War begins when Confederates fire on Fort Sumter, SC (1861)

April 30: Congress establishes Department of the Navy (1798)

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MAY

National Holidays:

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, South Asian Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month, ALS Awareness Month, Lupus Awareness Month, Asthma Awareness Month, Celiac Awareness Month, National Pet Month, National Guide Dog Month, Jewish American Heritage Month

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 6: National Nurses Day

Mother's Day: Second Sunday of May

National Defense Transportation Day: Third Friday of May

Armed Forces Day: Third Saturday of May

Memorial Day: Final Monday of May

Navy Special Events and Observances:

May 1: Navy Office of Information established (1941)

May 4: Navy's first official seal adopted (1780)

May 8: Naval Aviation Birthday. Navy ordered first airplane, an A-1 (1911)

May 13: Navy Nurse Corps established (1908)

May 24: Armed Forces Radio Service, now AFRTS established (1942)

JUNE

National Holidays:

National Safety Month, Caribbean-American Heritage Month, Men's Health Month, Fireworks Safety Month, National Stroke Month

June 14: Flag Day

Father's Day: Third Sunday of June

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June 4: Battle of Midway. U.S. Navy defeated Japanese naval forces. Turning point in the war in the Pacific WWII (1942)

June 6: D-Day (1944)

June 10: First Formal graduation exercises held at USNA (1854)

June 12: Women enter regular military service under Armed Services Integration Act (1948)

June 17: Navy Hospital Corps established (1898)

June 18: Beginning of the War of 1812

JULY

National Holidays:

July 4: Independence Day

Parent's Day: Fourth Sunday of July

Navy Special Events and Observances:

July 4: John Paul Jones hoists first Stars and Stripes flag on Ranger in Portsmouth, NH (1777)

July 6: Birth of John Paul Jones in Arbigland, Scotland (1747)

July 10: Franklin D. Roosevelt completes first U.S. Presidential visit to South America on the USS Houston

July 15: Act of Congress establishes Pay Corps, which later becomes the Supply Corps (1870)

July 16: First Navy ships transit the Panama Canal (1915)

July 20: Former Navy Pilot Neil Armstrong is the first man to set foot on the moon (1969)

July 26: President Harry S. Truman orders desegregation of the Armed Forces (1948)

July 30: WAVES established (1942)

July 31: Commissioning of the USS Intrepid, first U.S. warship equipped with torpedoes (1874)

AUGUST

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Back-to-School Month, National Water Quality Month

August 13: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (1809)

August 19: National Aviation Day & World Humanitarian Day

Navy Special Events and Observances:

August 1: Office of Naval Research established

August 3: USS Nautilus (SSN 571) became the first ship to reach the North Pole (1958)

August 4: Birth of Medical Service Corps (1947)

August 7: Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) established (1782)

August 15: First American battleship, Texas, commissioned (1895) & U.S. Naval Academy established at Annapolis, MD on former site of Fort Stevens (1845)

August 22: Birth of Dental Corps (1912)

SEPTEMBER

National Holidays:

National Hispanic Heritage Month, National School Success Month, Leukemia/Lymphoma Awareness Month

Labor Day: First Monday in September

September 10: world Suicide Prevention Day

September 11: Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 17: Constitution Day/Citizenship Day

Navy Special Events and Observances:

September 1: Japan signs surrender documents on board USS Missouri (BB-63) at anchor in Tokyo Bay (1945)

September 3: First classes at U.S. Naval War College begin (1885)

September 5: Adoption of the first uniforms for Navy officers (1776)

September 9: USS Long Beach, first nuclear-powered surface warship commissioned (1961)

September 10: Sea Cadet Program established (1885)

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September 13: Francis Scott Key writes “The Star-Spangled Banner” (1814)

September 16: Navy Department authorizes establishment of 16 Naval air stations abroad (1917)

September 20: National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 24: Rank of Chief Petty Officer established (1894)

September 30: First nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571) commissioned (1954)

OCTOBER

National Holidays:

Hispanic Heritage Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, National Depression Education and Awareness Month

October 10: World Mental Health Day

October 12: Columbus Day (1492)

October 24: United Nations Day

October 31: Halloween

Navy Special Events and Observances:

October 1: Naval Space Command established (1983)

October 2: Establishment of Washington Navy Yard (1799)

October 6: Establishment of Naval War College in Newport, RI (1884)

October 10: U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, MD (1845)

October 11: First U.S. Navy Submarine, USS Holland (SS1) commissioned (1914)

October 12: USS Holland (SS-1) Commissioned (1900)

October 13: Navy Birthday—Navy established by the 2nd Continental Congress (1775) & Navy Memorial dedicated (1987)

October 17: First airplane successfully launched from the a/c carrier USS Langley (CV1) (1922)

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NOVEMBER

National Holidays:

Native American and Alaskan Heritage Month, Warrior Care Month, American Diabetes Month

November 11: Veterans Day

Thanksgiving: Fourth Thursday of November

Navy Special Events and Observances:

November 5: TF 38 (Vice Admiral John A. McCain) begins 2 days of carrier strikes on Luzon, Philippines (1944) & Ensign Jake C. West (VF-41) makes first jet landing on board a carrier, USS Wake Island (1945)

November 10: Establishment of the Marine Corps (1775)

November 18: First American battleship, USS Maine, is launched (1890)

November 28: Navy Chaplain Corps established (1775)

November 29: First Army-Navy football game (1890)

DECEMBER

National Holidays:

Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, Universal Human Rights Month

Hanukkah: May occur at any time from late November to late December

December 1: AIDS Awareness Day

December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 25: Christmas

December 26: Kwanzaa (weeklong celebration from December 26 to January 1)

December 31: New Year's Eve

Navy Special Events and Observances:

December 6: Naval Observatory established in Washington, DC (1830)

December 8: Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps established (1967)

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December 10: First deterrent patrol (1982)

December 14: Rank of Fleet Admiral, U.S. Navy (five star admiral) is established (1944)

December 16: Anniversary of the sailing of the Navy's Great White Fleet (1907)

December 21: Congress authorized the Medal of Honor, the Nation's highest award, for Naval personnel (1861)

December 31: First Fleet Ballistic Missile submarine commissioned (1959)

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