



Important Dates and Events in History

January

- Jan. 1, 1863** - President Abraham Lincoln delivers the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves.
- Jan. 2, 1788** - Georgia is the 4th state to ratify the Constitution.
- Jan. 2, 1915** - Allied forces win the Battle of Sarikamis.
- Jan. 3, 1959** - Alaska is the 49th state admitted to the Union.
- Jan. 4, 1896** - Utah is the 45th state admitted to the Union.
- Jan. 4, 1951** - North Korean/Chinese forces recapture Seoul.
- Jan. 5, 1778** - Naval mines are used for the 1st time by the Continental Navy.
- Jan. 6, 1912** - New Mexico is the 47th state admitted to the Union.
- Jan. 7, 1868** - The Arkansas constitutional convention meets in Little Rock.
- Jan. 7, 1868** - The Mississippi constitutional convention meets in Jackson.
- Jan. 8, 1798** - The 11th Amendment is added to the Constitution.
- Jan. 9, 1788** - Connecticut is the 5th state to ratify the Constitution.
- Jan. 9, 1861** - Mississippi is the 2nd state to secede from the Union.
- Jan. 8, 1815** - American forces win the Battle of New Orleans (they didn't know the war is over)
- Jan. 10, 1861** - Florida is the 3rd state to secede from the Union.
- Jan. 11, 1805** - The Michigan Territory is organized.
- Jan. 11, 1861** - Alabama is the 4th state to secede from the Union.
- Jan. 12, 1945** - American forces liberate the Philippines.
- Jan. 14, 1868** - The North Carolina constitutional convention meets in Raleigh.
- Jan. 14, 1868** - The South Carolina constitutional convention meets in Columbia.
- Jan. 16** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday observed
- Jan. 16, 1907** - Oklahoma is the 46th state admitted to the Union.
- Jan. 16, 1991** - Operation Desert Storm begins with a U.N. air strike launched on Iraq.
- Jan. 19, 1861** - Georgia is the 5th state to secede from the Union.
- Jan. 20, 1937** - Franklin Roosevelt is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.
- Jan. 20, 1937** - Henry Wallace is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.
- Jan. 20, 1941** - Franklin Roosevelt is sworn in as President for a 3rd term.
- Jan. 20, 1941** - Henry Wallace is sworn in as Vice President for a 3rd term.
- Jan. 20, 1945** - Franklin Roosevelt is sworn in as President for a 4th term.
- Jan. 20, 1945** - Harry Truman is sworn in as the 34th Vice President of the United States.
- Jan. 20, 1949** - Alben Barkley is sworn in as the 35th Vice President of the United States.
- Jan. 20, 1949** - Harry Truman is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.
- Jan. 20, 1953** - Dwight Eisenhower is sworn in as the 34th President of the United States.
- Jan. 20, 1953** - Richard Nixon is sworn in as the 36th Vice President of the United States.
- Jan. 20, 1957** - Richard Nixon is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.
- Jan. 20, 1961** - John Kennedy is sworn in as the 35th President of the United States.

Jan. 20, 1961 - Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as the 37th Vice President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1965 - Hubert Humphrey is sworn in as the 38th Vice President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1965 - Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 20, 1969 - Richard Nixon is sworn in as the 37th President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1969 - Spiro Agnew is sworn in as the 39th Vice President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1973 - Richard Nixon is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 20, 1973 - Spiro Agnew is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 20, 1977 - Jimmy Carter is sworn in as the 39th President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1977 - Walter Mondale is sworn in as the 42nd Vice President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1981 - George H. W. Bush is sworn in as the 43rd Vice President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1981 - Ronald Reagan is sworn in as the 40th President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1981 - The hostages from the American Embassy in Teheran, Iran are freed.
Jan. 20, 1985 - George H. W. Bush is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 20, 1989 - Dan Quayle is sworn in as the 44th Vice President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1989 - George H. W. Bush is sworn in as the 41st President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 1993 - Al Gore is sworn in as the 45th Vice President of the United States
Jan. 20, 1997 - Al Gore is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 20, 2001 - George W. Bush is sworn in as 43rd President of the United States.
Jan. 20, 2005 - George W. Bush is sworn in as President of the United States for a second term.
Jan. 21, 1957 - Dwight Eisenhower is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 21, 1985 - Ronald Reagan is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 21, 1993 - Bill Clinton is sworn in as the 42nd President of the United States.
Jan. 21, 1997 - Bill Clinton is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.
Jan. 23, 1933 - The 20th Amendment is added to the Constitution.
Jan. 26, 1837 - Michigan is the 26th state admitted to the Union.
Jan. 26, 1861 - Louisiana is the 6th state to secede from the Union.
Jan. 27, 1870 - Virginia is the 8th state to be readmitted to the Union.
Jan. 27, 1973 - The United States and Vietnam sign a peace treaty, ending the Vietnam War.
Jan. 28, 1712 - American forces attack the Tuscarora Indians during the Tuscarora Indian War.
Jan. 29, 1861 - Kansas is the 34th state admitted to the Union.
Jan. 29, 1919 - The 18th Amendment is added to the Constitution.
Jan. 30, 1781 - Maryland is the 13th State to ratify the Articles of Confederation.
Jan. 30, 1964 - The 24th Amendment is added to the Constitution.
Jan. 31, 1917 - Germany declared unrestricted submarine warfare against all ships.
Jan. 31, 1968 - Communist forces violate the New Year (Tet) truce and launch the "Tet Offensive" against the populated areas of South Vietnam.

February

Feb. 1 National Freedom Day observed.
Feb. 1, 1865 - The 13th Amendment is passed by Congress.
Feb. 1, 1992 - The United States and Russia sign a treaty officially ending the Cold War.
Feb. 2, 1848 - Mexico and the United States sign the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War.
Feb. 2, 1848 - The United States gains what is now California, Nevada, Utah, and parts of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

Feb. 2, 1943 - 200,000 German soldiers surrender at Stalingrad.

Feb. 3, 1809 - The Illinois Territory is organized.

Feb. 4, 1861 - The Apache declare war on the United States.

Feb. 4, 1861 - The Confederate States of America is formed.

Feb. 5, 1778 - South Carolina is the 1st State to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

Feb. 6, 1788 - Massachusetts is the 6th state to ratify the Constitution.

Feb. 6, 1899 - The United States annexes Guam, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico.

Feb. 10, 1967 - The 25th Amendment is added to the Constitution.

Feb. 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 14, 1859 - Oregon is the 33rd state admitted to the Union.

Feb. 14, 1912 - Arizona is the 48th state admitted to the Union.

Feb. 18, 1793 - The U.S. Supreme Court rules that a citizen of one state may sue a citizen of another state in Federal Court.

Feb. 18, 1861 - Alexander Stevens is sworn in as the 1st Vice President of the Confederate States of America.

Feb. 18, 1861 - Jefferson Davis is sworn in as the 1st President of the Confederate States of America

Feb. 19, 1945 - Iwo Jima invaded in the bloodiest battle of World War II.

Feb. 20 President's Day observed.

Feb. 20, 1792 - The United States Postal Service is established.

Feb. 20, 1933 - The 21st Amendment is passed by Congress.

Feb. 21, 1787 - The Continental Congress adopts a resolution calling for a convention of state delegates to draw up a change to the Articles of Confederation.

Feb. 21, 1916 - The Battle of Verdun begins.

Feb. 22 George Washington's Birthday.

Feb. 22, 1819 - The United States annexes Florida.

Feb. 22, 1900 - The Hawaii Territory is organized.

Feb. 23, 1861 - Texas is the 7th state to secede from the Union.

Feb. 23, 1870 - Mississippi is the 9th state to be readmitted to the Union.

Feb. 23, 1991 - A U.N. ground force liberates Kuwait.

Feb. 24, 1863 - The Arizona Territory is organized.

Feb. 24, 1863 - The New Mexico Territory is organized.

Feb. 24, 1868 - The U.S. House of Representatives impeaches President Andrew Johnson.

Feb. 24, 1968 - Vietnamese Communist "Tet Offensive" is crushed by Allied Forces with the recapture of the Imperial city of Hue. A massive military defeat for the communists is turned into a psychological victory by an unfriendly press.

Feb. 25, 1913 - The 16th Amendment is added to the Constitution.

Feb. 26, 1951 - The 22nd Amendment is added to the Constitution.

Feb. 27, 1869 - The 15th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Feb. 28, 1704 - French/Indian forces destroy Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Feb. 28, 1861 - The Colorado Territory is organized.

Feb. 28, 1991 - A cease fire is signed between the United Nations and Iraq.

March

Mar. 1, 1803 - Ohio is the 17th state admitted to the Union.

Mar. 1, 1867 - Nebraska is the 37th state admitted to the Union.

Mar. 3, 1931 - The "Star Spangled Banner" is made the official U.S. National Anthem.

Mar. 2, 1819 - The Arkansas Territory is organized.

Mar. 2, 1853 - The Oregon Territory is organized.

Mar. 2, 1853 - The Washington Territory is organized.

Mar. 2, 1861 - The Dakota Territory is organized.

Mar. 2, 1861 - The Nevada Territory is organized.

Mar. 2, 1917 - Puerto Rico is made a United States territory.

Mar. 2, 1932 - The 20th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Mar. 3, 1817 - The Alabama Territory is organized.

Mar. 3, 1845 - Florida is the 27th state admitted to the Union.

Mar. 3, 1849 - The Minnesota Territory is organized.

Mar. 3, 1918 - Russia pulls out of World War I.

Mar. 3, 1971 - The 26th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Mar. 4, 1791 - Vermont is the 14th state admitted to the Union.

Mar. 4, 1793 - George Washington is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1793 - John Adams is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1797 - John Adams is sworn in as the 2nd President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1797 - Thomas Jefferson is sworn in as the 2nd Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1801 - Aaron Burr is sworn in as the 3rd Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1801 - Thomas Jefferson is sworn in as the 3rd President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1805 - George Clinton is sworn in as 4th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1805 - Thomas Jefferson is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1809 - George Clinton is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1809 - James Madison is sworn in as the 4th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1813 - Elbridge Gerry is sworn in as the 5th Vice President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1813 - James Madison is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1817 - Elbridge Gerry is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1817 - James Monroe is sworn in as the 5th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1821 - Daniel Tompkins is sworn in as the 6th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1821 - James Monroe is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1825 - John Calhoun is sworn in as the 7th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1825 - John Quincy Adams is sworn in as the 6th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1829 - Andrew Jackson is sworn in as the 7th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1829 - John Calhoun is sworn in as Vice President for a 2nd term

Mar. 4, 1833 - Andrew Jackson is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1833 - Martin van Buren is sworn in as the 8th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1837 - Martin van Buren is sworn in as the 8th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1837 - Richard Johnson is sworn in as the 9th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1841 - John Tyler is sworn in as the 10th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1841 - William Harrison is sworn in as the 9th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1845 - James Polk is sworn in as the 11th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1849 - Millard Fillmore is sworn in as the 12th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1853 - Franklin Pierce is sworn in as the 14th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1853 - William King is sworn in as the 13th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1857 - James Buchanan is sworn in as the 15th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1857 - John Breckinridge is sworn in as the 14th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1861 - Abraham Lincoln is sworn in as the 16th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1861 - Hannibal Hamlin is sworn in as the 15th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1865 - Abraham Lincoln is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1865 - Andrew Johnson is sworn in as the 16th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1869 - Schuyler Colfax is sworn in as the 17th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1869 - Ulysses Grant is sworn in as the 18th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1873 - Henry Wilson is sworn in as the 18th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1873 - Ulysses Grant is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1877 - William Wheeler is sworn in as the 19th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1881 - Chester Arthur is sworn in as the 20th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1881 - James Garfield is sworn in as the 20th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1885 - Grover Cleveland is sworn in as the 22nd President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1885 - Thomas Hendricks is sworn in as the 21st Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1889 - Benjamin Harrison is sworn in as the 23rd President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1889 - Levi Morton is sworn in as the 22nd Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1893 - Adlai Stevenson is sworn in as the 23rd Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1893 - Grover Cleveland is sworn in as the 24th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1897 - Garret Hobart is sworn in as the 24th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1897 - William McKinley is sworn in as the 25th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1901 - Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as the 25th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1901 - William McKinley is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1905 - Charles Fairbanks is sworn in as the 26th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1905 - Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1909 - James Sherman is sworn in as the 27th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1909 - William Taft is sworn in as the 27th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1913 - Thomas Marshall is sworn in as the 28th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1913 - Woodrow Wilson is sworn in as the 28th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1917 - Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as the 29th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1921 - Charles Dawes is sworn in as the 30th Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1921 - Warren Harding is sworn in as the 29th President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1925 - Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 4, 1925 - Charles Curtis is sworn in as the 31st Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1929 - Herbert Hoover is sworn in as the 31st President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1929 - John Garner is sworn in as the 32nd Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1933 - Franklin Roosevelt is sworn in as the 32nd President of the United States.

Mar. 4, 1933 - Henry Wallace is sworn in as the 33rd Vice President of the United States.

Mar. 5, 1770 - British troops fire on a rock throwing crowd (known as "The Boston Massacre").

Mar. 5, 1794 - The 11th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Mar. 5, 1849 - Zachary Taylor is sworn in as the 12th President of the United States.

Mar. 5, 1877 - Rutherford Hayes is sworn in as the 19th President of the United States.

Mar. 5, 1917 - Woodrow Wilson is sworn in as President for a 2nd term.

Mar. 6, 1836 - The Alamo falls to Mexican General Santa Anna's Army in Texas War of Independence. All defenders are killed including famous Americans Col. James Bowie, Col. William B. Travis, and former U.S. Congressman from Tennessee, David Crockett. "Remember the Alamo" becomes a famous battle cry after the massacre.

Mar. 7, 1936 - Germany invades the Rhineland (Austria).

Mar. 9, 1862 - The 1st ironclads, the Monitor and the Merrimack, meet at the Battle of the James River (resulting in a Union victory).

Mar. 9, 1916 - Pancho Villa raids Columbus, New Mexico.

Mar. 11, 1861 - The Confederate Congress adopts their Constitution.

Mar. 13, 1868 - The U.S. Senate begins its Impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson

Mar. 15, 1820 - Maine is the 23rd state admitted to the Union.
Mar. 15, 1916 - American forces drive Pancho Villa to Mexico.
Mar. 16, 1802 - Congress establishes the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
Mar. 16, 1968 - American forces take My Lai.
Mar. 19, 2003 - Operation Iraqi Freedom begins.
Mar. 21, 1865 - Union forces finish the "march to the sea" (by taking Savannah, Georgia).
Mar. 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech is given to the Virginia House of Burgesses.
Mar. 23, 1983 - President Reagan starts the Strategic Defense Initiative.
Mar. 23, 1999 - NATO begins launching air strikes against Yugoslavia.
Mar. 24, 1947 - The 22nd Amendment is passed by Congress.
Mar. 25 - Celebration of National Medal of Honor Day.
Mar. 27, 1794 - The United States Navy is established.
Mar. 29, 1961 - The 23rd Amendment is added to the Constitution.
Mar. 29, 1973 - The last of American forces leave Vietnam.
Mar. 30, 1822 - The Florida Territory is organized.
Mar. 30, 1867 - The United States purchases the Alaska Territory from Russia for \$7.2 million.
Mar. 30, 1870 - Texas is the 10th state to be readmitted to the Union.
Mar. 30, 1870 - The 15th Amendment is added to the Constitution.

April

Apr. 1, 1789 - The United States House of Representatives holds its 1st full meeting in New York City.
Apr. 2, 1513 - Juan Ponce De Leon establishes the 1st colony in what is now the United States (St. Augustine, Florida).
Apr. 2, 1792 - The United States Mint is established.
Apr. 2, 1865 - The fleeing Confederate government sets fire to Richmond.
Apr. 3, 1790 - The United States Coast Guard is established.
Apr. 3, 1865 - Union forces occupy the Confederate capital, Richmond (3rd part of the Anaconda Plan).
Apr. 4, 1845 - George Dallas is sworn in as the 11th Vice President of the United States.
Apr. 4, 1949 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is established by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and the United States.
Apr. 6, 1841 - John Tyler is sworn in as the 10th President of the United States.
Apr. 6, 1917 - The United States enters World War I on the side of the Allies.
Apr. 6, 1991 - Persian Gulf War Cease Fire.
Apr. 7, 1862 - Union forces win the Battle of Shiloh.
Apr. 8, 1913 - The 17th Amendment is added to the Constitution.
Apr. 9, 1865 - The Confederate States of America surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War.
Apr. 9, 1942 - American/Philippine forces on Bataan Peninsula surrender to Japanese forces and begin the infamous "Death March" without food or water to Camp O'Donnell.
Apr. 10, 1869 - The number of Supreme Court Justices is increased from 7 to 9.
Apr. 11, 1865 - President Lincoln gives his last speech to the Nation - a speech of reconciliation.
Apr. 12, 1844 - The United States annexes what are now parts of Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas as a result of the Adams-Onís Treaty with Spain.
Apr. 12, 1861 - Confederate forces begin an assault on Fort Sumter.
Apr. 12, 1945 - Harry Truman is sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States.
Apr. 13, 1861 - After 34 hours of bombardment, Fort Sumter surrenders.
Apr. 14, 1862 - Union forces begin the Peninsula Campaign.

Apr. 14, 1865 - President Lincoln is tragically assassinated at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C.

Apr. 14, 1868 - South Carolina adopts a new constitution.

Apr. 15 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday.

Apr. 15, 1865 - Andrew Johnson is sworn in as the 17th President of the United States.

Apr. 16, 1868 - Louisiana adopts a new constitution.

Apr. 17, 1861 - Virginia is the 8th state to secede from the Union.

Apr. 17, 1961 - An American backed Cuban invasion force landed at Bahia de Cochinos (Bay of Pigs).

Apr. 18, 1775 - Paul Revere's midnight ride spreads warning of British troop movements allowing Americans to become victorious at the Battle of Concord Bridge, in the opening battle of the Revolutionary War.

Apr. 19, 1775 - The Revolutionary War officially begins with the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Apr. 19, 1861 - Union blockade of Confederate ports is initiated (1st part of the Anaconda Plan).

Apr. 20, 1836 - The Wisconsin Territory is organized.

Apr. 20, 1898 - The United States declares war on Spain.

Apr. 21, 1789 - John Adams is sworn in as the 1st Vice President of the United States.

Apr. 21, 1914 - American forces occupy Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Apr. 25, 1898 - America enters war with Spain following the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana's harbor.

Apr. 27, 1861 - 48 counties in western Virginia secede to rejoin the Union (reducing Virginia's size to 42,326sq. miles).

Apr. 28, 1788 - Maryland is the 7th state to ratify the Constitution.

Apr. 30, 1789 - George Washington is sworn in as the 1st President of the United States.

Apr. 30, 1803 - The United States purchases the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million, containing what is now Arkansas, part of Colorado, Iowa, Louisiana, part of Minnesota, Missouri, part of Montana, part of North Dakota, part of Oklahoma, South Dakota, and part of Wyoming.

Apr. 30, 1812 - Louisiana is the 18th state admitted to the Union.

Apr. 30, 1970 - American forces invade Cambodia.

Apr. 30, 1975 - Saigon falls to invading armored columns of re-armed, re-equipped North Vietnamese Forces in violation of the Paris Peace accords signed in 1973. American Embassy and all remaining American elements are evacuated by helicopter ending America's involvement in a noble, but costly and divisive Vietnam War.

May

May 1, 1898 - American forces win the Battle of Manila Bay.

May 2, 1890 - The Oklahoma Territory is organized.

May 4 National Teachers Day observed

May 4, 1778 - The Continental Congress ratifies the Treaty of Alliance with France.

May 4, 1863 - Confederate forces win the Battle of Chancellorsville.

May 5, 1779 - Delaware to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

May 6, 1861 - Arkansas is the 9th state to secede from the Union.

May 6, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln declares a state of insurrection in the southern states.

May 6, 1942 - Fortress Corregidor in Manila Bay surrenders to Japanese forces ending American resistance in the Philippines.

May 7, 1800 - The Indiana Territory is organized.

May 7, 1800 - The Ohio Territory is organized.

May 7, 1915 - British liner *Lusitania* is sunk by German U-Boats, killing 128 American passengers.

May 7, 1992 - The 27th Amendment is added to the Constitution.

May 8, 1792 - The United States Military Draft is established.

May 8, 1794 - The United States Post Office is established.

May 8, 1846 - The Mexican War begins with the Battle of Palo Alto.
May 8, 1945 - VE Day (Victory in Europe), Germany surrenders.
May 9, 1689 - Britain declares war on France.
May 10, 1775 - American forces take the British fort at Ticonderoga, New York.
May 10, 1869 - The Transcontinental Railroad is completed at Promontory Point, Utah.
May 11, 1858 - Minnesota is the 32nd state admitted to the Union.
May 13, 1846 - The United States declares war on Mexico.
May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in what is now the United States is established at Jamestown, Virginia.
May 14, 1812 - The Mississippi Territory is organized.
May 15 - Peace Officer's Memorial Day observed.
May 15, 1942 - Women are now allowed to serve in all branches of the armed services.
May 16, 1912 - The 17th Amendment is passed by Congress.
May 17, 1787 - Delegates begin meeting in Philadelphia to draw up a change to the Articles of Confederation.
May 17, 1804 - Lewis & Clark begin their expedition of the Louisiana Territory.
May 17, 1884 - The Alaska Territory is organized.
May 17, 1954 - The U.S. Supreme Court declares that segregated schools violate the 14th Amendment.
May 21, 1861 - North Carolina is the 10th state to secede from the Union.
May 21, 1861 - Richmond, VA becomes the official capital city of the Confederate States.
May 22 - National Maritime Day observed
May 23, 1788 - South Carolina is the 8th state to ratify the Constitution.
May 24, 1689 - English Parliament guarantees freedom of religion for Protestants.
May 25, 1787 - George Washington is elected President of the Philadelphia convention.
May 26, 1864 - The Idaho Territory is organized.
May 26, 1864 - The Montana Territory is organized.
May 26, 1868 - The U.S. Senate acquits President Andrew Johnson of all 11 Articles of Impeachment.
May 29, 1790 - Rhode Island is the 13th state admitted to the Union.
May 29, 1845 - Wisconsin is the 29th state admitted to the Union.
May 29, 2004 - World War II Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.
May 30, 1850 - The Kansas Territory is organized.
May 30, 1850 - The Nebraska Territory is organized.

June

Jun. 1, 1792 - Kentucky is the 15th state admitted to the Union.
Jun. 1, 1796 - Tennessee is the 16th state admitted to the Union.
Jun. 1, 1868 - The Texas constitutional convention meets in Austin.
Jun. 2, 1774 - Martial Law is declared in Massachusetts.
Jun. 4, 1812 - The Missouri Territory is organized.
Jun. 4, 1940 - The British evacuate over 300,000 soldiers from Dunkirk, France back across the English Channel.
Jun. 5, 1919 - The 19th Amendment is passed by Congress.
Jun. 6, 1944 - Allied forces invade Normandy (referred to as "D-Day") opening of 2nd front on the continent of Europe.
Jun. 6, 1968 - Democratic Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated by Palestinian Terrorist, Sirhan Sirhan.
Jun. 8, 1861 - Tennessee is the 11th state to secede from the Union.
Jun. 9, 1772 - The 1st naval Battle of the American Revolution off the coast of Rhode Island.

Jun. 10, 1915 - The Girl Scouts are established.

Jun. 11, 1838 - The Iowa Territory is organized.

Jun. 12, 1775 - 2nd naval Battle of the American Revolution takes place.

Jun. 14 Celebrations of Flag Day and Army Day.

Jun. 14, 1775 - The Continental Army is established by the Continental Congress.

Jun. 15, 1215 - The Magna Carta is signed by the English King John at Runnymede. This document is the forerunner for the evolution of the English-American system of Rights, Liberty, and the Rule of Law.

Jun. 15, 1775 - George Washington is appointed to Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

Jun. 15, 1836 - Arkansas is the 25th state admitted to the Union.

Jun. 15, 1916 - The Boy Scouts are established.

Jun. 16, 1960 - The 23rd Amendment is passed by Congress.

Jun. 17, 1775 - British troops win the Battle of Breed's Hill.

Jun. 18, 1812 - United States declares war on Britain.

Jun. 20, 1863 - West Virginia is the 35th state admitted to the Union.

Jun. 21, 1788 - New Hampshire is the 9th state to ratify the Constitution.

Jun. 21, 1788 - The United States Constitution goes into effect now that the necessary 9 states have ratified it.

Jun. 22 Celebration of Father's Day.

Jun. 22, 1868 - Arkansas is the 2nd state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jun. 22, 1940 - France surrenders to Germany.

Jun. 22, 1941 - Germany invades the Soviet Union.

Jun. 22, 1942 - "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag officially recognized by U.S. Congress.

Jun. 22, 1944 - GI Bill signed into Law – a great reward for returning WW II Heroes.

Jun. 25, 1788 - Virginia is the 10th state admitted to the Union.

Jun. 25, 1868 - Alabama is the 4th state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jun. 25, 1868 - Florida is the 3rd state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jun. 25, 1868 - Louisiana is the 5th state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jun. 25, 1868 - North Carolina is 6th the state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jun. 25, 1868 - South Carolina is 7th the state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jun. 25, 1950 - The Korean War officially starts as North Korea invades South Korea.

Jun. 26, 1945 - The United Nation is established.

Jun. 26, 1950 - North Korean forces take Seoul.

Jun. 27, 1950 - The United Nations declares war on North Korea.

Jun. 28, 1914 - Gavrilo Princip assassinates Archduke Ferdinand of the Ottoman Empire, starting WW I.

Jun. 28, 1919 - The Treaty of Versailles is signed, ending World War I.

Jun. 30, 1834 - The Indian Territory is established in what is now Oklahoma.

Jun. 30, 1971 - The 26th Amendment is added to the Constitution.

July

Jul. 1, 1863 - The Battle of Gettysburg begins.

Jul. 1, 1898 - American forces win the Battle of Santiago.

Jul. 1, 1916 - The 1st Battle of Somme begins.

Jul. 2, 1862 - Bugle call "Taps" composed during the War Between the States.

Jul. 2, 1964 - Segregation is now abolished in the United States.

Jul. 3, 1863 - Union forces win the Battle Gettysburg.

Jul. 3, 1890 - Idaho is the 43rd state admitted to the Union.

Jul. 4, 1776 - The United States declares its Independence from Britain (by approving the Declaration of Independence).

Jul. 4, 1863 - Union forces capture Vicksburg, thereby taking the entire Mississippi River (2nd part of the Anaconda Plan).

Jul. 4, 1946 - The Philippines, a United States protectorate, gains its independence.

Jul. 6, 1775 - Second Continental Congress passes the "Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of taking up Arms"

Jul. 6, 1965 - The 25th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Jul. 7, 1898 - The United States annexes Hawaii.

Jul. 8, 1775 - Second Continental Congress passes the "Olive Branch Petition"

Jul. 9, 1778 - The Continental Congress approves the Articles of Confederation.

Jul. 10, 1850 - Millard Fillmore is sworn in as the 13th President of the United States.

Jul. 10, 1890 - Wyoming is the 44th state admitted to the Union.

Jul. 11, 1798 - The United States Marine Corps is established.

Jul. 11, 1955 - U.S. Air Force Academy dedicated.

Jul. 12, 1909 - The 16th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Jul. 12, 1945 - American forces take Okinawa.

Jul. 14, 1862 - Congress creates the Medal of Honor.

Jul. 15, 1870 - Georgia is the 11th state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jul. 15, 1918 - The 2nd Battle of the Marne begins.

Jul. 18, 1914 - The United States Army Air Corps is established.

Jul. 18, 1918 - Allied forces win the Battle of the Aisne-Marne.

Jul. 20, 1969 - American astronaut Neil Armstrong is the 1st human to walk on the Moon.

Jul. 21, 1778 - North Carolina to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

Jul. 21, 1861 - Confederate forces win the 1st Battle of Bull Run.

Jul. 22, 1778 - Pennsylvania to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

Jul. 23, 1868 - The 14th Amendment is added to the Constitution.

Jul. 24, 1778 - Georgia to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

Jul. 24, 1866 - Tennessee is the 1st state to be readmitted to the Union.

Jul. 25, 1689 - France declares war on Britain.

Jul. 25, 1868 - The Wyoming Territory is organized.

Jul. 25, 1898 - American forces invade Puerto Rico.

Jul. 26, 1788 - New York is the 11th state admitted to the Union.

Jul. 27, 1953 - Korean Conflict ends with Armistice.

Jul. 28, 1914 - World War I begins as the Ottoman Empire declares war on Bosnia.

Jul. 29, 1915 - American forces invade Haiti.

August

Aug. 1, 1870 - Colorado is the 38th state admitted to the Union.

Aug. 2, 1964 - US Destroyer *Maddox* is attacked in international waters in the Gulf of Tonkin, beginning America's major involvement in the Vietnam War.

Aug. 2, 1990 - Iraqi forces invade Kuwait.

Aug. 2, 1990 - Operation "Desert Shield" begins.

Aug. 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus sets sail to find a westward route to the east.

Aug. 3, 1923 - Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as the 30th President of the United States.

Aug. 4, 1790 - U.S. Coast Guard established.

Aug. 4, 1914 - Central forces invade Belgium.

Aug. 4, 1914 - President Wilson issues a proclamation of neutrality.

Aug. 4, 1916 - The United States purchases the West Indies and the Virgin Islands for \$25 million.

Aug. 5, 1917 - The United States National Guard is established.

Aug. 5, 1964 - US retaliates for attack on *Maddox* with air strikes on military targets in North Vietnam.

Aug. 6, 1945 - The United States drops the 1st atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

Aug. 7, 1782 - Gen. George Washington creates the Order of the Purple Heart (for soldiers wounded in battle).

Aug. 7, 1942 - United States Marines land at Guadalcanal.

Aug. 7, 1964 - The United States begins military presence in Vietnam.

Aug. 7, 1998 - 2 American embassies (Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya) in eastern Africa are destroyed by terrorist bombs.

Aug. 8, 1778 - New Hampshire to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

Aug. 8, 1786 - The Continental Congress adopts the "Dollar" and decimal coinage.

Aug. 9, 1945 - The United States drops the 2nd atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.

Aug. 9, 1974 - Gerald Ford is sworn in as the 38th President of the United States.

Aug. 10, 1821 - Missouri is the 24th state admitted to the Union.

Aug. 12, 1898 - The United States and Spain sign an armistice, ending the Spanish-American War.

Aug. 14, 1848 - The United States annexes the Oregon Territory containing what is now Idaho, part of Montana, Oregon, Washington, part of Wyoming.

Aug. 14, 1945 - Japan surrenders "unofficially" ending World War II.

Aug. 15, 1914 - The Panama Canal opens for business.

Aug. 20, 1998 - American forces launch air strikes at 2 targets in retaliation for the American embassy bombings: a terrorist training facility in Afghanistan, and a chemical plant in Sudan.

Aug. 21, 1959 - Hawaii is the 50th state admitted to the Union.

Aug. 22, 1775 - King George III officially declares a state of open rebellion in the American colonies.

Aug. 22, 1846 - The United States annexes what is now Arizona and New Mexico.

Aug. 24, 1814 - The British set fire to Washington, D.C.

Aug. 25, 1914 - Central forces bomb Antwerp, Belgium.

Aug. 25, 1914 - Central forces invade France.

Aug. 25, 1916 - The United States National Park Service is established.

Aug. 25, 1944 - Allied troops liberate Paris.

Aug. 26, 1920 - The 19th Amendment is added to the Constitution.

Aug. 27, 1962 - The 24th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Aug. 28, 1867 - The U.S. annexes the Midway Islands.

Aug. 30, 1862 - Confederate forces win the 2nd Battle of Bull Run.

Aug. 30, 1914 - Central forces bomb Paris, France.

September

Sep. 1, 1864 - Union forces take Atlanta.

Sep. 1, 1939 - Germany invades Poland.

Sep. 2, 1752 - Britain and the colonies under its control adopt the Gregorian calendar.

Sep. 2, 1945 - Japan unconditionally surrenders to the United States, ending World War II. Known as VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day).

Sep. 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris 1783 is signed by Britain and the United States, officially ending the Revolutionary War as the United States is recognized as a sovereign nation.

Sep. 3, 1783 - The United States gains what is currently Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee,

Wisconsin, and parts of Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia as a result of the Treaty of Paris 1783.

- Sep. 3, 1916** - Allied forces win the Battle of Verdun.
- Sep. 4, 1939** - France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.
- Sep. 6, 1776** - The first submarine, the Turtle, is used in Battle in New York Harbor.
- Sep. 9, 1850** - California is the 31st state admitted to the Union.
- Sep. 9, 1850** - The Utah Territory is organized.
- Sep. 9, 1914** - Allied forces win the Battle of Marne.
- Sep. 11, 2001** - Global Terrorists hijack civilian airliners and fly them into the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and crash into a field in Pennsylvania, killing 3,000 innocent, mainly civilian, Americans and other nationalities.
- Sep. 12, 1918** - The 2nd Battle of Verdun begins.
- Sep. 14, 1814** - The Star Spangled Banner is written by Francis Scott Key while a Prisoner of War on a British warship in Baltimore Harbor.
- Sep. 14, 1847** - American forces take Mexico City.
- Sep. 14, 1901** - Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as the 26th President of the United States.
- Sep. 15, 1950** - U.N. forces take Inchon.
- Sep. 17, 1787** - The delegates at the Philadelphia convention approve the Constitution and sends it to the Continental Congress.
- Sep. 17, 1787** - The Constitution of the United States is adopted and signed in Philadelphia.
- Sep. 17, 1796** - George Washington gives his Farewell Address to the Nation.
- Sep. 17, 1862** - Union forces win the Battle of Antietam.
- Sep. 18, 1850** - The Fugitive Slave Act is passed by Congress, requiring the return of escaped slaves.
- Sep. 19, 1777** - American forces win the 1st Battle of Saratoga.
- Sep. 20, 1814** - The "Star-Spangled Banner" becomes the official national Anthem.
- Sep. 20, 1881** - Chester Arthur is sworn in as the 21st President of the United States.
- Sep. 22, 1862** - Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation is issued as warning that if rebel States did not end fighting and rejoin the Union all slaves in the rebellious states would be freed on January 1st, 1863
- Sep. 23, 1806** - Lewis and Clark return from exploring the Louisiana Territory.
- Sep. 25, 1789** - The United States Congress adopts the Bill of Rights (containing the 1st 10 Amendments) and sends it to the states to be ratified.
- Sep. 25, 1804** - The 12th Amendment is added to the Constitution.
- Sep. 26, 1918** - The Battle of Muse-Argonne begins.
- Sep. 28, 1787** - The Continental Congress sends the new Constitution to the states for ratification.
- Sep. 28, 1939** - Germany and the Soviet Union sign the Warsaw pact, keeping the Soviet Union out of World War II.
- Sep. 29, 1789** - The United States Army is established.
- Sep. 29, 1918** - Allied forces push Central forces past the Hindenburg Line.

October

- Oct. 1, 1946** - Nazi war criminals receive sentencing at the Nuremberg trials.
- Oct. 7, 1950** - U.N. forces recapture Seoul.
- Oct. 12, 1492** - Christopher Columbus is the 1st European to set foot on the New World (in what is now the Dominican Republic).
- Oct. 12, 1892** - "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" is first recited by millions of school children across America as part of the First "Columbus Day" celebration.

- Oct. 13, 1775** - U.S. Navy established.
- Oct. 14, 1774** - First Continental Congress passes the "Declaration of Colonial Rights".
- Oct. 14, 1962** - American spy planes spot Soviet missile bases on Cuba.
- Oct. 15, 1991** - National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial dedicated.
- Oct. 16, 1940** - Benjamin Davis becomes the first black General in the United States Army.

- Oct. 17, 1946** - Winston Churchill proclaims "an Iron Curtain" has swept across the continent (Europe), beginning the Cold War.
- Oct. 19, 1781** - American/French forces win the Battle of Yorktown, ending the Revolutionary War.
- Oct. 19, 1845** - U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis founded.
- Oct. 22, 1861** - The transcontinental telegraph is completed.
- Oct. 22, 1962** - The Soviet Union pulls its missiles out of Cuba.
- Oct. 24** - United Nations Day observed.
- Oct. 26, 1774** - The Minute Men are established in America.
- Oct. 27, 1787** - The 1st of the Federalist Papers is published in a New York newspaper, calling for a Bill of Rights (written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay).
- Oct. 27, 1810** - The United States annexes what is now part of Alabama, part of Louisiana, and part of Mississippi.
- Oct. 29, 1929** - The New York Stock Market crashes to an all time low (referred to as "Black Tuesday"), signaling the start of the Great Depression.
- Oct. 31, 1864** - Nevada is the 36th state admitted to the Union.

November

- Nov. 1, 1952** - The United States detonates the 1st thermonuclear device.
- Nov. 1, 1963** - Vietnamese military forces stage a coup in South Vietnam, overthrowing and executing President Ngo Dinh Diem.
- Nov. 2, 1783** - The Continental Army is disbanded.
- Nov. 2, 1889** - North Dakota is the 39th state admitted to the Union.
- Nov. 2, 1889** - South Dakota is the 40th state admitted to the Union.
- Nov. 3, 1796** - John Adams was elected to be the second President of the United States.
- Nov. 4, 1979** - Iranians seize the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran taking 52 people hostage.
- Nov. 5, 1781** - John Hanson is elected the 1st President of the United States by the Continental Congress.
- Nov. 8, 1889** - Montana is the 41st state admitted to the Union.
- Nov. 10, 1775** - U.S. Marine Corps founded.
- Nov. 11, 1620** - Mayflower Compact signed at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.
- Nov. 11, 1889** - Washington is the 42nd state admitted to the Union.
- Nov. 11, 1918** - The Allied and Central Powers sign an Armistice, ending World War I. Now celebrated as Veterans Day.
- Nov. 16, 1864** - Union forces begin the "march to the sea", from Atlanta to Savannah.
- Nov. 17, 1869** - The Suez Canal opens for business, in Egypt, linking the Mediterranean and Red seas.
- Nov. 18, 1805** - Lewis and Clark reach the Pacific Ocean.
- Nov. 18, 1916** - Allied forces win the 1st Battle of Somme.
- Nov. 19, 1863** - President Abraham Lincoln gives the Gettysburg Address in a ceremony dedicating the battlefield at Gettysburg, PA.
- Nov. 21, 1789** - North Carolina is the 12th state admitted to the Union.
- Nov. 22, 1963** - Youthful President John F. Kennedy is tragically cut down by an assassin's bullet in Dallas, Texas.
- Nov. 22, 1963** - Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as the 36th President of the United States.

Nov. 25, 1863 - Union forces win the Battle of Chattanooga.

Nov. 26, 1778 - New Jersey to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

Nov. 28, 1775 - The Continental Navy is established by the Continental Congress.

Nov. 28, 1943 - Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin meet in Tehran to discuss WW II.

Last Thursday in November-Thanksgiving Day is celebrated as a National Holiday.

December

Dec. 2, 1823 - The Monroe Doctrine is affirmed by President James Monroe in an address to Congress.

Dec. 3, 1818 - Illinois is the 21st state admitted to the Union.

Dec. 4, 1619 - The 1st Thanksgiving is celebrated.

Dec. 5, 1792 - George Washington was re-elected President of the United States; John Adams was re-elected Vice President.

Dec. 5, 1933 - The 21st Amendment is added to the Constitution.

Dec. 6, 1849 - Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery on the "Underground Railroad".

Dec. 6, 1973 - Gerald Ford is sworn in as the 40th Vice President of the United States.

Dec. 7, 1777 - The 2nd Battle of Saratoga begins.

Dec. 7, 1787 - Delaware is the 1st state to ratify the Constitution.

Dec. 7, 1796 - Electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

Dec. 7, 1941 - Japanese warplanes attack the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killing over 2,000 Americans and sinking the majority of the American U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Dec. 7, 1994 - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day established by Congress. American Flags should be flown at Half Mast to Honor the 2,000 Americans who gave their lives in the surprise attack.

Dec. 8, 1941 - Japanese Air Forces launch air attack from Formosa (Taiwan) against Clark Field in Manila, The Philippines, catching the bulk of the U.S. Bomber Fleet on the ground, virtually destroying the entire U.S. Air Force in the Far East.

Dec. 8, 1941 - After a national radio address by President Franklin Roosevelt in which he said, "December 7th was a day which will live in infamy," Congress declares war on Japan.

Dec. 10, 1817 - Mississippi is the 20th state admitted to the Union.

Dec. 10, 1898 - The United States and Spain sign the Treaty of Paris 1898, officially ending the Spanish-American War.

Dec. 11, 1816 - Indiana is the 19th state admitted to the Union.

Dec. 11, 1941 - Germany and Italy declare war on the United States.

Dec. 12, 1787 - Pennsylvania is the 2nd state to ratify the Constitution.

Dec. 12, 1800 - Washington, D.C. becomes the official capital of the United States.

Dec. 12, 1803 - The 12th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Dec. 13, 1862 - Confederate forces win the Battle of Fredericksburg.

Dec. 14, 1819 - Alabama is the 22nd state admitted to the Union.

Dec. 15, 1791 - The First Ten Amendments to the Constitution known as the "Bill of Rights" are ratified.

Dec. 16, 1689 - English Parliament adopts a Bill of Rights.

Dec. 16, 1773 - The "Boston Tea Party" takes place as residents disguised as Indians throw crates of tea into Boston Harbor.

Dec. 16, 1944 - A German surprise attack begins the Battle of the Bulge.

Dec. 16, 1998 - American forces launch the 1st of 3 air strikes at targets in Iraq.

Dec. 17, 1777 - American forces win the 2nd Battle of Saratoga.

Dec. 17, 1917 - The 18th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Dec. 17, 1998 - American forces launch the 2nd of 3 air strikes at targets in Iraq.

Dec. 18, 1787 - New Jersey is the 3rd state to ratify the Constitution.

Dec. 18, 1865 - The 13th Amendment is added to the Constitution. Jun 16, 1866 - The 14th Amendment is passed by Congress.

Dec. 18, 1972 - American forces begin bombing Hanoi and Haiphong.

Dec. 18, 1998 - American forces launch the 3rd of 3 air strikes at targets in Iraq.

Dec. 19, 1974 - Nelson Rockefeller is sworn in as the 41st Vice President of the United States.

Dec. 19, 1998 - The U.S. House of Representatives approves 2 of 4 Proposed Articles of Impeachment against President William Jefferson Clinton.

Dec. 20, 1606 - Virginia Company settlers left London to establish the first permanent English settlement in North America.

Dec. 20, 1860 - South Carolina is the 1st state to secede from the Union.

Dec. 21, 1790 - Samuel Slater opens the first textile factory in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Dec. 22, 1775 - Esek Hopkins is appointed to Commodore of the Navy.

Dec. 24, 1814 - The United States and Britain sign the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

Dec. 24, 1914 - Central forces bomb Dover, England.

Dec. 24, 1944 - Allied forces push the German troops past the German border.

Dec. 25, 1776 - American forces cross the Delaware River and attack British forces at Trenton.

Dec. 25, 1868 - President Andrew Johnson issues an unconditional pardon to all those who participated in the southern rebellion.

Dec. 28, 1846 - Iowa is the 30th state admitted to the Union.

Dec. 28, 1972 - American forces cease bombing Hanoi and Haiphong.

Dec. 29, 1845 - Texas is the 28th state admitted to the Union.

Dec. 30, 1853 - The United States purchases what is now part of Arizona and New Mexico.

Dec. 31, 1970 - The United States begins withdrawing troops from Vietnam.

Dec. 31, 1999 - Panama gains control of the Panama Canal from the United States.