



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**





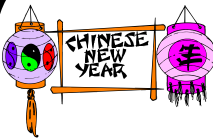


2008 OPA Calendar of Events



JANUARY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  New Year's Day Emancipation Proclamation Took Effect (1863)	2	3  110 th Congress Assembles	4	5
6	7	8	9	10  Muharram (Islamic New Year)	11	12
13	14	15	16 Religious Freedom Day First Gulf War Began (1991)	17	18	19
20	21  MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	22	23	24 Women's Healthy Weight Day	25 Intravenous Nurses Day	26
20-26 National Nurse Anesthetist Week 20-26 Healthy Weight Week						
27  Vietnam Peace Agreement Signed (1973) - 35th Anniversary	28	29	30 Tet Offensive (1968) 40th Anniversary	31  Mawlid al-Nabi (Muhammad's Birthday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cervical Health Awareness Month •National Clean Up Your Computer Month •National Glaucoma Awareness Month •National Poverty in America Awareness Month •National Thyroid Awareness Month •National Volunteer Blood Donor Month 	







FEBRUARY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 Ratified (1865)	2 GROUND HOG DAY 
1-7 National Patient Recognition Week						
3 Four Chaplains Memorial Day  Patient Recognition Day 3-9 National Burn Awareness Week 3-9 National Consumer Protection Week	4   -USO Founded (1941) -Navy Cross Created (1919)	5  Fat Tuesday - Mardi Gras	6 Ash Wednesday	7  CHINESE NEW YEAR	8	9
10	11 World Day for the Sick	12 	13 Marine Corps Women's Reserve Created (1943) 1st Medal of Honor Awarded (1861)	14  Happy Valentine's Day	15 Women's Heart Day	16
10-16 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans		11-15 Just Say No to Powerpoint® Week				
10-16 Cardiovascular Professionals Week						
10-16 National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week						
17	18 Presidents' Day 	19	20	21	22 	23 Desert Storm Ground War Began (1991)
17-23 National Engineers Week						
24	25	26	27 Kuwait Liberation Day (1991)	28	29  Leap Day	
24-3/1 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week						



MARCH 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •American Red Cross Month •Brain Injury Awareness Month •Hemophilia Awareness Month •Irish-American Heritage Month •National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month •National Eye Donor Month •National Kidney Month •National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Nutrition Month •National Social Work Month •National Women's History Month •Spiritual Wellness Month •Deaf History Month 			1 Peace Corps Found- ed (1961) 24-3/1 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
2	3 National Anthem Day (1931) 	4 Hug a GI Day	5	6	7 Army Distinguished Service Medal Authorized (1918)  World Day of Prayer	8 International Working Women's Day
2-8 Dental Assistants Recognition Week 2-8 Save Your Vision Week 2-8 National Patient Safety Awareness Week 3-9 National Sleep Awareness Week						
9  Daylight Savings Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15  VA Cabinet Status (1989)
10-16 International Brain Awareness Week						
16  15-17 American Legion and Auxiliary Established in Paris (1919) 	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 Forgive Mom and Dad Day	19  Operation Iraqi Freedom Anniversary (2003)	20  Spring Begins	21  Good Friday	22  Tuskegee Airmen Activated (1941)
16-22 National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week 16-22 National Poison Prevention Week						
23  Easter Sunday	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25 American Diabetes Association Alert Day	26	27	28	29
23-29 Doctor-Patient Trust Week 30 - 4/4 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic: Snowmass, Colo.						
National Doctors' Day 30	31			Rama Navami (Lord Rama's Birthday - Hindu)		

APRIL 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April Fools Day 	2	3 Marshall Plan 60 th Anniversary (1948)	4	5
	1-7 Medication Safety Week 1-7 Testicular Cancer Awareness Week			4-6 Alcohol Free Weekend		
3/30 - 4/4 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic: Snowmass, Colo.						
6 US Entered WWI (1917)	7 World Health Day	8	9 National Former POW Recognition Day	10 Bataan Death March (1942) -World Lupus Day -National Radiology Nurses Day	11 National Alcohol Screening Day	12
7-13 National Public Health Week 7-12 National Healthcare Access Personnel Week						
13	14 Paralyzed Veterans of America Established (1946) 	15 Income Tax Due	16	17	18	19  Begins at Sundown Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)
13-19 Patient Advocacy Week 13-19 Health Information Privacy and Security Week 13-19 National Heimlich Maneuver Week						
20	21	22 Earth Day 	23 Administrative Professionals Day	24 Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day	25	26
20-26 Administrative Professionals Week 20-26 National Minority Cancer Awareness Week 20-26 National Electroneurodiagnostic Week 20-26 Medical Laboratory Professionals Week						
27 	28	29	30 Fall of Saigon (1975)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Alcohol Awareness Month •Cancer Control Month •Counseling Awareness Month •Injury Prevention Month •National Donate Life Month •National Occupational Therapy Month •National Parkinsons Awareness Month •National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month •National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Education and Awareness Month •Stress Awareness Month 		
27-5/3 National Volunteer Week 27-5/3 National Healthcare Volunteer Week						

MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Asian Pacific American Heritage Month •Allergy and Asthma Awareness Month •Hepatitis Awareness Month •Huntington's Disease Awareness Month •Mental Health Month •National Arthritis Month •National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month •National Digestive Diseases Awareness Month •National High Blood Pressure Education Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lupus Awareness Month •National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month •National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month •National Trauma Awareness Month •Older Americans Month •Oncology Nursing Month •Stroke Awareness Month 		1 National Day of Prayer  USA Law Day 	2 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day)	3
27 - 5/3 National Volunteer Week						
4	5  American Medical Association Founded (1847)	6  National Nurses Day	7 -Official End of Vietnam War (1975) -National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day -Asthma Awareness Day on Capital Hill	8 V-E Day (1945)	9	10
4-10 National Mental Health Counseling Week 4-10 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week		5-11 Public Service Recognition Week 6-12 National Nurses Week				
11 	12 Florence Nightingale's Birthday (1820-1910)	13	14 -WAAC Anniversary (1942) -National Nightshift Workers Day	15  Peace Officer Memorial Day	16	17  Armed Forces Day
11-17 National Nursing Home Week 11-17 National Police Week 11-17 National Hospital and Health Care Week 11-17 National Hospital Week						
18	19 Day of Vesak - Buddhism	20	21  -American Red Cross Founded (1881) -National Employee Health and Fitness Day	22 National Maritime Day	23	24
18-24 National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week 18-24 National Medical Transcriptionist Week						
25	26  (Observed)	27	28 National Senior Health and Fitness Day	29	30 Memorial Day (Traditional)	31

JUNE 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -Heimlich Maneuver Introduced (1974) -National Cancer Survivors Day	2	3 Healthcare Recruiter Recognition Day	4	5	6 D-Day (1944)	7
1-7 Dystonia Awareness Week 1-7 National Headache Awareness Week						
8	9	10 Alcoholics Anonymous Founded (1935) 	11	12	13	14 Flag Day (1777) U.S. Army Established by Congress (1775) 
8-14 National Flag Week	9-13 National Vascular Nursing Week 9-15 National Men's Health Week		12-19 National Nursing Assistants Week			
15  Native American Citizenship Day (1924)	16	17	18	19	20  Begins	21
12-19 National Nursing Assistants Week	16-20 National Healthcare Risk Management Week					
22 GI Bill Signed into Law (1944)	23	24	25 Korean War Began (1950)	26	27 National HIV Testing Day	28
22-28 Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week					27-7/5 Eye Safety Awareness Week	
29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cancer from the Sun 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 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rebuild Your Life Month •Vision Research Month 	
27-7/5 Eye Safety Awareness Week						

JULY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bioterrorism/Disaster Education and Awareness Month •Cell Phone Courtesy Month •Cord Blood Awareness Month •Fireworks Safety Months (June 1–July 31) 		1 Medicare Anniversary (1968)	2 -U.S. Constitution Took Effect (1788) -Civil Rights Act of 1964 -U.S. Army Air Corps (1926)	3	4  Independence Day	5
6/27-7/5 Eye Safety Awareness Week						
6  Air Force Cross Created (1960)	7	8	9	10	11	12
6-12 National Therapeutic Recreation Week						
13	14	15	16 Atomic Bomb Tested (1945)	17	18 Dental Awareness Day	19
20  Special Olympics Day (40th Anniversary)	21  VA Created (1930)	22	23	24	25 	26  -Department of Defense (1947) -Desegregation of U.S. Army (1944) all U.S. Armed Forces (1948)
20-26 National Hospitality House Week					25-29 28 th National Veterans Wheelchair Games (Omaha, Neb.)	
27 Korean War Armistice (1953)	28 World War I Began (1914)	29	30	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hemochromatosis Screening Awareness Month •International/National Group B Strep Awareness Month •National Recreation and Parks Month •UV Safety Month 	
25-29 28 th National Veterans Wheelchair Games (Omaha, Neb.)						

AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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)-225th Anniversary -Desert Shield Anniversary (1990) 	8	9 Atomic Bomb on Nagasaki (1945)
3-7 VA OPIA National Public Affairs Training Conference in New Orleans, La. 3-9 National Health Center Week						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 19 th Amendment Ratified (1920)	20 	21	22	23 Health Unit Coordinator Day
20-24 22 nd National Veterans Golden Age Games (Indianapolis, Ind.)						
24	25	26 Women's Equality Day (1920)	27	28	29 Hurricane Katrina hit Central Gulf Coast (2005)	30
31 	25-31 Minority Enterprise Development Week					

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  LABOR DAY	2 V-J Day Anniversary (1945) RAMADAN begins at sundown (ends Sept. 30)	3	4	5	6
7	8  Begins at Sundown	9	10	11  Patriots Day UNITED STATES (2001)	12	13
7-13 National Assisted Living Week 7-13 National Healthcare Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week 7-13 National Suicide Prevention Week						
14	15 Neonatal Nurses Day	16	17  -VFW Ladies Auxiliary Organized (1914) -Citizenship Day	18  U.S. Air Force Established (1947)	19	20
14-20 Nephrology Nurses Week 14-20 National Surgical Technologists Week 14-20 Prostate Cancer Awareness Week			17-23 Constitution Week			
21  National POW/MIA Recognition Day	22  AL Begins	23	24 -Hurricane Rita hit Texas-Louisiana coastline (2005) -National Women's Health and Fitness Day	25  Disabled American Veterans Established (1920)	26	27
21-27 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration Week 21-27 National Reye's Syndrome Awareness Week 21-27 National Adult Immunization Awareness Week						
28	29  -Veterans of Foreign Wars (1899) -Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	30  Gold Star Mothers Day (1940)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cholesterol Education Month •Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month •Healthy Aging 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15) •National Osteopathic Medicine Month •National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month •National Preparedness Month •National Sickle Cell Awareness Month •Pain Awareness Month •Prostate Health Month •Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month 	
28-10/4 Hearing Aid Awareness Week						

OCTOBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •German-American Heritage Month •Liver Awareness Month •Long Term Care Planning Month •National American Pharmacy Month •National Breast Cancer Awareness Month •National Chiropractic Month •National Dental Hygiene Month •National Disability Employment Awareness Month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15) •National Medical Librarians Month •National Physical Therapy Month •National Spina Bifida Awareness Month •National Spinal Health Month •Polish-American Heritage Month 		1	2	3	4
			1-8 Gerontological Nurses Week 9/28-10/4 Hearing Aid Awareness Week			
5	6	7	8	9 Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day	10 World Mental Health Day	11
5-11 Mental Illness Awareness Week 5-11 National Newspaper Week 5-11 Nuclear Medicine Week 5-11 Emergency Nurses Week 5-11 National Fire Prevention Week		6-12 National Health Care Food Service Week 6-12 National Physician Assistants Week		7-13 National Health Care Resource and Materials Management Week		
12	13 -U.S. Navy Established (1775) -Columbus Day (Observed) 	14	15	16 National Boss Day	17 National Mammography Day	18
13-17 National Health Education Week 13-18 National Nephrology Technician/Technologist Week			16-22 International Infection Prevention Week			
19	20 	21	22 Lung Health Day	23	24	25
19-25 Respiratory Care Week 19-25 National Health Care Quality Week		20-24 National Medical Assistants Week 20-26 Pastoral Care Week 20-26 2008 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (Loma Linda, Calif.) 20-26 National Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week				
26	27	28	29 Internet Created (1969)	30	31 	




NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •American Diabetes Month •Epilepsy Awareness Month •Lung Cancer Awareness Month •National AIDS Awareness Month •National Alzheimer's Disease Month •National American Indian Heritage Month 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Family Caregivers Month •National Hospice Month •National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 			1
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	3	4 	5	6	7	8 X-Ray Discovery Day (1895)
1-7 Medical-Surgical Nurses Week 1-7 National Urology Nurses Week		2-8 National Health Information and Technology Week 2-8 Allied Health Professions Week 2-8 National Diabetes Education Week 2-8 National Radiologic Technology Week				
9	10 U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775) 	11 VETERANS DAY 	12	13 Fall of Kabul, Afghanistan (2001)	14	15
9-15 Perioperative Nurse Week		10-14 Lung Cancer Awareness Week				
16	17	18	19	20  Great American Smokeout	21	22
23 Computer Security Day 30	24	25	26	27  Thanksgiving	28	29

DECEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  <p>-Civil Air Patrol Founded (1941) -World AIDS Day</p>	2	3	4	5	6
7  <p>PEARL HARBOR DECEMBER 7, 1941 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941)</p>	8  <p>U.S. Entered WWII (1941)</p>	9  <p>Islamic New Year</p>	10  <p>AMVETS (American Veterans of WWII) Founded (1944)</p>	11	12	13
10-17 Human Rights Week						
14	15 <p>Bill of Rights Day (1789)</p>	16	17	18	19	20 <p>Operation Just Cause Began (1989)</p>
10-17 Human Rights Week						
21  <p>WINTER Begins</p>	22  <p>Begins at Sundown (Continues thru Dec. 29) Chanukah</p>	23	24	25  <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>	26  <p>Kwanzaa Begins (Dec. 6 - Jan. 1)</p>	27
28 <p>Pledge of Allegiance Recognized (1945)</p>	29	30	31  <p>New Year's Eve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 		

JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cervical Health Awareness Month •National Clean Up Your Computer Month •National Glaucoma Awareness Month •National Poverty in America Awareness Month •National Thyroid Awareness Month •National Volunteer Blood Donor Month 				1  <p>-New Year's Day -Emancipation Proclamation Took Effect (1863)</p>	2	3
4	5  <p>111th Congress Assembles</p>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <p>- Religious Freedom Day - Gulf War I Began (1991)</p>	17
18	19  <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</p>	20  <p>Presidential Inauguration</p>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27  <p>Vietnam Peace Agreement Signed (1973)</p>	28	29	30 <p>Tet Offensive Began (1968)</p>	31