

## Appendix E

# Calendar of Significant Events for a Program Year

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**T**his appendix identifies significant events observed during the calendar year. Dates that remain constant each year are provided. For events that fall on different days or weeks each year, only the month and event are provided. Sources of information regarding the events are included to assist in planning support activities, should the command's partnership goals and objectives coincide with Flagship Partners' plans to observe these occasions. A support category (education, citizenship, health, safety and fitness, environmental conservation, drug demand reduction, and humanitarian assistance) is provided for each event.

For current dates, contact the Flagship Sponsor where appropriate.

### **JANUARY**

#### **January 1: New Year's Day (Education)**

Legal holiday in all states and territories, also a federal holiday designated by P.L. 92-392. Contact your local or school librarian for information regarding how the New Year is celebrated around the world.

#### **January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (Education and Citizenship)**

Civil rights leaders, minister, and winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929; assassinated April 4, 1968. A federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in January. Contact: Civil Rights Commission, Office of Public Inquiry, 1121 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005. "I Have a Dream" Foundation, 655 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

#### **Fourth Wednesday in January: School Nurse Day (Health and Fitness)**

Increases awareness regarding the role of the school nurse. Contact: National Association of School Nurses, Inc., PO Box 1300, Scarborough, ME 04070-1300. 207-883-2117.

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Black (Afro-American) History Month (Education and Citizenship)**

Sponsored by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Black History Month kits are available in October for a fee. The kit includes a resource guide, posters, and other materials. Each year, a different theme is selected. Contact: The Associated Publishers, Inc., 1407 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. 202-265-1441.

### **National Children's Dental Health Month (Health and Fitness)**

Contact: American Dental Association, Bureau of Health Education and Audiovisual Services, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

### **February 1: National Freedom Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Commemorates the signing of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865. In 1949, a Presidential Proclamation established this date as National Freedom Day. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

### **February 2: National Goundhog Job Shadow Day (Education)**

Sponsored by America's Promise, the National School-To-Work Office, Junior Achievement, and the American Society of Association Executives. Information is available at the official website ([www.jobshadow.org](http://www.jobshadow.org)), and from regional coordinators for Navy Community Service.

### **Week of February 5-11: Boy Scouts of America Anniversary Day (Citizenship)**

Celebrated during Scouting Anniversary Week. Materials are available during the month of October. Contact: Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75038. 972-580-2212.

### **Third Week in February: National Engineers Week (Education)**

Founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers. Contact National Engineers Week Headquarters, 1420 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 684-2852, E-mail [eweek@nspe.org](mailto:eweek@nspe.org).

### **February 12: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (Education and Citizenship)**

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States. He was born 1809 in Hardin County, Kentucky, and assassinated in 1865. In most states, a public holiday is observed on the third Monday in February. Contact: The Lincoln Library, 511 10th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

**February 14: St. Valentine's Day (Education)**

An occasion to exchange affectionate greetings in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The celebration dates back to the Roman festival of Lupercalia. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

**February 17: PTA Founders Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Founders Day is always February 17, although local PTAs may celebrate it on other dates in February. Information is available on the world wide web at <http://www.pta.org> and questions may be directed via electronic mail to [info@pta.org](mailto:info@pta.org). Contact: National PTA, 330 North Wabash Avenue. Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60611. 312-670-6782.

**Third Monday in February: Presidents' Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Designated as a federal holiday to honor Presidents George Washington. and Abraham Lincoln. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

**February 20: Anniversary of the Death of Frederick Douglass (Education and Citizenship)**

Frederick Douglass, an American journalist and antislavery leader, died on this date in 1895. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

**February 22: George Washington's Birthday Traditional (Education and Citizenship)**

George Washington, the first President of the United States, was born on February 22, 1732. This date is observed as a federal holiday on the third Monday in February.

**February 24: Gregorian Calendar Day (Education)**

Pope Gregory XIII issued a Papal Bull on February 24, 1582, correcting the Julian Calendar. The new calendar, which was named for him, became effective on October 4, 1582. It is the most widely used calendar today. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

## **MARCH**

**National Nutrition Month (Health and Fitness)**

Promotes the importance of good eating habits and physical and mental health. Contact: American Dietetic Association, 216 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60606-6995.

**American Red Cross Month (Education, Citizenship, and Health and Fitness)**

Observed during the entire month of March. Contact: American Red Cross, 2025 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. 202-728-6400.

**March 1: Peace Corps Anniversary (Education and Citizenship)**

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President John F. Kennedy signed the Executive Order establishing the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. Contact: Peace Corps, Attn: Public Affairs Office, 806 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20526.

### **March 3: Adoption of United States National Anthem (Education and Citizenship)**

The "Star Spangled Banner" was adopted as our national anthem on March 3, 1931. It was written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

### **March 3: Anniversary of The Naval Reserve (Citizenship)**

Founded on this day in 1915. Contact the Public Affairs Office at Commander, Naval Reserve Force, (504) 678-5307 for information.

### **First Week in March: National PTA Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week (Health and Fitness, Drug Demand Reduction)**

Focuses attention on school-age drug and alcohol abuse. Contact: National PTA, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60611. 312-670-6782.

### **Week of March 12: National Girl Scout Week (Citizenship)**

Observed all week including March 12, the date of its founding in 1912. Contact your local Girl Scout Council for information.

### **March 17: Camp Fire Founder's Day (Citizenship)**

Commemorates the founding of Camp Fire, Inc. Contact: Camp Fire, Inc., 4601 Madison Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64112. 816-756-1950.

### **Week of third Friday of the Month: National Energy Education Day (Education and Environmental Conservation)**

Intended to make energy education a part of the school curriculum. Contact: National Energy Education Day (NEED) Project, PO Box 2518, Reston, VA 22090. 703-860-5029.

### **March 20: National Agriculture Day (Education and Environmental Conservation)**

Honors the farmers, ranchers, growers, and agribusiness people who contribute to the abundant U.S. food supply. Contact: Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. 913-491-1895.

### **March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Education and Citizenship)**

Honors those people throughout the world who have been victims of racial injustice. Contact: Public Information Department, United Nations, New York, NY 10017. 212-963-1234.

### **National Wildlife Week (Education, Citizenship, and Environmental Conservation)**

Contact: National Wildlife Foundation, Conservation Education Department, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22180. 703-790-4434.

## **APRIL**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child.** Contact your Navy Family Service Center for information.

### **Mathematics Education Month (Education)**

Promotes student, parent, and public awareness of the importance of understanding mathematics in today's world. Contact: National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 1906 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191. 703-620-9840.

### **April: National Volunteer Week (Citizenship)**

Contact the Points of Light Foundation, 1400 I St., NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005. 202-729.8000. E-mail [volnet@pointsoflight.org](mailto:volnet@pointsoflight.org).

### **April: National Youth Service Day (Citizenship)**

Usually occurs the Tuesday of National Volunteer Week to encourage youth to volunteer.

### **April 2: International Children's Book Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Celebrated on Hans Christian Andersen's birthday to help young children develop an understanding of other cultures through literature. Contact: American Library Association. 800-545-2433. Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. 202-707-5221. International Reading Association, PO Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139. 302-731-1600.

### **April 7: World Health Day (Health and Fitness)**

Commemorates the establishment of the World Health Organization in 1948. Contact: United Nations Department of Public Information, United Nations, New York, NY 10017. 212-963-1234.

### **April 15: Income Tax Day (Citizenship)**

Information on federal taxation and taxes. Contact: The Internal Revenue Service, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20004.

### **April 22: Earth Day (Education, Citizenship, and Environmental Conservation)**

Promotes awareness of environmental issues. Contact your local Environmental Commission or librarian for information.

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### **Fourth Thursday in April: Take Our Daughters to Work Day (Education)**

Sponsored by the Ms. Foundation for Women to focus attention on the needs and concerns of girls and to help them stay focused on their future during adolescence. Many commands opt to host a similar event for young men at another time.

### **Last Friday in April: National Arbor Day (Education, Citizenship, and Environmental Conservation)**

Encourages people to plant and care for trees. National Arbor Day is observed in late April, however States often celebrate it at a different time according to the best tree-planting times. The following listing indicates the month in which a particular State observes Arbor Day. For the exact Dates, contact the local Environmental Commission or the National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410. 402-474-5655.

**January** - Florida and Louisiana

**February** - Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Nevada

**March** - Arkansas, California, Kansas, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee

**April** - Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

**May** - Alaska, Maine, North Dakota, Vermont

**November** - Hawaii

**December** - South Carolina

## **MAY**

### **National Physical Education and Sports Month (Health and Fitness)**

Emphasizes the importance of physical education to health and fitness. Contact: National Association for Sport and Physical Education, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191. 703-476-3410. President's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports, 701 Pennsylvania, NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20004. 202-272-3432. ([www.healthfinder.gov/text/orgs/hr0051.htm](http://www.healthfinder.gov/text/orgs/hr0051.htm)).

### **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (Education and Citizenship)**

Commemorates the contributions and the culture of Asian Americans.

### **National Sight-Saving Month (Health and Fitness)**

Alerts the public to the value of eye care and safety and the early detection of eye problems. Contact: National Society to Prevent Blindness, 500 East Remington Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

**May 1: Law Day USA (Citizenship)**

Joint resolution of Congress and Presidential Proclamation for "re-dedication to the ideals of equality and justice under the law." Contact: American Bar Association, 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. 312-988-6134.

**First full week in May: Be Kind to Animals Week (Education, Citizenship, and Environmental Conservation)**

Contact: American Humane Association, 63 Inverness Drive East, Inglewoode, CO 80112-5117. 303-792-9900 (1-800-227-4645).

**First full week in May: National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week (Education)**

Encourages respect for and support of the educational professionals. Contact: National PTA, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60611. 312-670-6782.

**Tuesday of first full week in May: Teacher Day USA (Education)**

Contact: National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. 202-822-7200.

**World Red Cross Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Honors Jean Henri Dunant, originator of the idea of the Red Cross. He won a Nobel Prize in 1901 and gave the money to the Red Cross. Contact: American Red Cross, 2025 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. 202-728-6400.

**Third week after Mother's Day: Girls Incorporated Week (Citizenship)**

Information is available on the worldwide web at <http://www.girlsinc.org>. Contact: Girls Club of America, Inc., 30 E. 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10016. 212-689-3700.

**Second Week in May: National Historic Preservation Week (Education, Citizenship, and Environmental Conservation)**

Recognizes groups working to preserve neighborhoods, districts and landmark buildings. Contact: National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

**Second Sunday in May: Mother's Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Observed nationally since 1914. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

**Third Saturday in May: Armed Forces Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Observed by Presidential Proclamation. Celebrated by all branches of the armed forces of the United States. First celebrated in May 1950, this special day was established to replace the separate celebrations held for the Navy, Air Force, and Army. Contact the Public Affairs Office for information regarding local events.

**Third week in May: Bike Safety Week (Health and Fitness)**

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Contact: Optimist International, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108. 314-371-6000.

### **Last Monday in May: Memorial Day (Education and Citizenship)**

A state and federal holiday in remembrance of all war dead; also known as Decoration Day. Contact the Public Affairs Office for information regarding local events.

## **JUNE**

### **National Dairy Month (Health and Fitness)**

Focuses on the health and nutrition aspects of dairy products. Contact: American Dairy Association, 5340 West Fayetteville Road, Atlanta, GA 30349. 910-294-3009.

### **World Environment Week (Education, Citizenship, and Environmental Conservation)**

Annual observance to reaffirm concern for the preservation and enhancement of the environment. Contact: Public Information Office, United Nations, New York, NY 10017. 212-963-1234.

### **June 14: Flag Day (Education and Citizenship)**

The "Stars and Stripes" was adopted as our nation's flag by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Contact the Public Affairs Officer for information regarding local events and observances.

### **June 15: Magna Carta Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Anniversary of the signing in 1215 of the Magna Carta by King John, the first Charter of English liberties. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

### **Third Sunday in June: Father's Day (Citizenship)**

Established as a day to honor fathers. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

## **JULY**

### **July 4: Independence Day (Citizenship)**

Contact your local or school librarian for information.

## **AUGUST**

### **Second Sunday in August: Family Day (Citizenship)**

Affirms the family's role as the foundation of strong communities and nations. Contact: Kiwanis International, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268. 317-875-8755

### **August 14: VJ Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Celebrates President Truman's 1945 announcement of the surrender of Japan to the allies signaling the end of World War II. The local Veterans of Foreign Wars and Navy League should be able to assist with locating retired military personnel who actually served in the Pacific during World War II to help the command observe this day. Contact: Navy Historical Center, Bldg. 44, Washington Navy Yard or Navy Museum, Washington Navy Yard. 202-433-4882.

**August 26: Women's Equality Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Established by Congress in 1974. On this date in 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified. It prohibits sex discrimination with regard to voting. Contact: League of Women Voters, 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

**SEPTEMBER**

**First Monday in September: Labor Day (Citizenship)**

Honors all working men and women. Legal holiday in all states and Canada. Contact: Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Women's Bureau, President's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, or Office of Work and Family Issues). Also contact: AFL-CIO, 815 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

**September 8: International Literacy Day (Education)**

Observed on this day each year by the United Nations. Contact: United Nations Department of Public Information, United Nations, New York, NY 10017. 212-963-1234.

**September 15 - October 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month (Education and Citizenship)**

Honors the rich contributions of Hispanics to America.

**Week of September 17: Citizenship Day and Constitution Week (Education and Citizenship)**

After framing the Constitution, the Constitutional Convention adjourned on this day in 1787 from Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The twelve states represented had voted unanimously to approve the proposed document. Presidential Proclamation sets aside this day and week for observance each year. Contact: Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, 808 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. HQDA, OSA (Attn: SACB), Room 3E524, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0107.

**Third Tuesday of September: United Nations International Day of Peace (Education and Citizenship)**

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Devoted to "commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples." The opening day of the United Nations General Assembly. Contact: United Nations Department of Public Information, United Nations, New York, NY 10017. 212-963-1234.

### **Fourth Saturday of September: Kid's Day (Citizenship)**

Contact the local Kiwanis Club for information on local activities.

## **OCTOBER**

### **Week beginning on the Second Sunday in October: National School Lunch Week (Health and Fitness)**

By annual Presidential Proclamation. Contact: U.S. Department of Agriculture and the American School Food Service Association, 5600 South Quebec Street, Suite 300-B, Englewood, CO 80111.

### **Week that includes October 10: National Metric Week (Education)**

Encourages the use of the metric system. Contact: National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 1906 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191. 703-620-9840.

### **Second Week in October: Fire Prevention Week (Health and Fitness)**

Contact: National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269. 617-770-3000.

### **October 13: United States Navy Birthday (Education and Citizenship)**

The Navy celebrates the anniversary of its founding in 1775. Contact the Public Affairs Office for information.

### **Second Monday in October: Columbus Day or Discoverers' Day Observed (Education and Citizenship)**

Honors Columbus and all explorers as well as commemorates Columbus' sighting of the New World on October 12, 1492. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

### **Third Week in October: National School Bus Safety Week (Education and Health and Fitness)**

Includes an annual poster contest. Contact: National School Transportation Association, Box 2639, Springfield, VA 22152. 703-644-0700.

### **October 16: World Food Day (Education, Health and Fitness, Citizenship, and Humanitarian Assistance)**

Designed to increase awareness, understanding and informed, year-round, long-term action on the complex issues of food security for all. This event is observed around the world. Contact: United States National Committee for World Food Day, 1001 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20437. 202-653-2404.

**October 17: Black Poetry Day (Education)**

Recognizes the contribution of black poets to American life and culture and commemorates the birthday of Jupiter Hammon, first black in America to publish his own verse. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

**Fourth Saturday in October: National Make a Difference Day (Citizenship)**

Sponsored by USA Weekend. Visit the website [www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index\\_6steps.html](http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index_6steps.html).

**October 23-31: Red Ribbon Week (Health, Safety, and Fitness)**

Sponsored by the National Family Partnership to prevent drug abuse in America. Information is available at [www.drugeducation.org](http://www.drugeducation.org) or call 334-433-5456.

**October 24: United Nations Day (Education and Citizenship)**

By annual Presidential Proclamation to commemorate the founding of the United Nations in 1945. Contact: Department of Public Information, United Nations, New York, NY 10017. 212-963-1234.

**October 31: Halloween (Health and Fitness)**

Evening before All Saints' or All Hallows' Day. Traditionally an occasion for masquerading, pumpkin decorating, and for children to play pranks. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

## **NOVEMBER**

**Native American Heritage Month (Education and Citizenship)**

Contact: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs as well as your local or school librarian for information.

**Parent-Teacher Association Child Safety and Protection Month (Health and Fitness)**

Contact: National PTA, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60611. 312-670-6782.

**First Tuesday after the First Monday in November: Election Day (Citizenship)**

Presidential and general elections. Contact: League of Women Voters, 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; the State or Local Board of Elections; the Voting Assistance Officer in Command.

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### **November 10: Marine Corps Birthday (Education and Citizenship)**

Contact: Marine Corps Historical Foundation, Building 58, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374.

### **November 11: Veterans' Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Anniversary of the World War I Armistice between the Allied Powers and the Central Powers; signed at 5:00 A.M., Nov. 11, 1918. Hostilities ceased at 1100 on that day. In many places, a silent memorial is observed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month each year. It is a federal holiday. Contact: Veterans' Day National Committee, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

### **Second Week in November: National Children's Book Week (Education)**

Contact: Children's Book Council, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10012. 212-966-1990.

### **Third Week in November: American Education Week (Education)**

Instituted to inform the public on school activities. Contact: National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. 202-822-7200.

### **Third Thursday in November: Great American Smoke-Out/Navy Smoke-Out Day (Health, Safety and Fitness, and Drug Demand Reduction)**

Expands awareness of health hazards of smoking as well as smokeless tobacco and encourages abstinence from smoking. Contact: American Cancer Society, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

### **Fourth Thursday in November: Thanksgiving (Education, Citizenship, and Humanitarian Assistance)**

Day appointed for giving thanks for blessings. A federal holiday and legal public holiday in all states. Many schools also observe the following Friday. Contact your local or school librarian for information.

## **DECEMBER**

### **December 7: Pearl Harbor Day (Education and Citizenship)**

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on this date in 1941, killing 2,300 people and sinking or damaging 19 ships. The United States declared war on Japan the following day. Contact: Naval Historical Center, Building 44, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374. The Navy Museum, Building 76, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374.

### **December 10: Human Rights Day (Education and Citizenship)**

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Observed on this date each year as the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Contact: Public Information Department, United Nations, New York, NY 10017. 212-963-1234.

### **December 15: Bill of Rights Day (Education and Citizenship)**

Anniversary of the adoption of the first 10 Amendments of the United States Constitution in 1791. Often marked by Presidential Proclamation. Contact: Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, 808 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. HQDA, OSA (Attn: SACB), Room 3E524, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0107.

### **December 25: Christmas (Education)**

A federal holiday celebrated in all states and territories. Contact your local or school librarian for information.