



Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Public Affairs

2004 OPA Calendar of Events







International Year of Rice

JANUARY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cervical Health Awareness Month •Glaucoma Awareness Month •National Thyroid Awareness Month •National Volunteer Blood Donor Month 				1  Emancipation Proclamation Took Effect (1863)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Jan 12-18 - National Graves Disease Awareness Week				Humanitarian Day	Religious Freedom Day	Gulf War I Began (1991)
18	19  MLK	20	21	22	23	24
Jan 18-24 - Healthy Weight Week			Congress Assembles	Women's Healthy Weight Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Intravenous Nurse Day		Vietnam Peace Treaty Signed (1973)			Tet Offensive Began (1968)	
Jan 25-31 - National Nurse Anesthetist Week						

FEBRUARY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Freedom Day Feb 1-7 - Women's Heart Week Feb 1-7 - National Consumer Protection Week	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Patient Recognition Day •Four Chaplains Memorial Day 	4 USO Founded (1941)	5	6	7
8 Feb 8-14 - National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Feb 8-14 - Cardiac Rehabilitation Week Feb 8-15 - Cardiovascular Professionals Week	9	10	11	12 	13 Women's Marine Corps Created (1943)	14 
15 Feb 15-21 - Heart Failure Awareness Week	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23 Desert Storm Ground War Began (1991)	24	25	26	27 Kuwait Liberation Day (1991)	28
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month •American Heart Month •Black History Month •National Dental Health Month •National Women's Heart Health Month •Wise Health Consumer Month •National Cancer Prevention Month 					

MARCH 2004

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 	1	2	3	4	5 World Day of Prayer	6 National Lymphedema "D" Day
7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13
March 7-13 - Save Your Vision Week March 7-13 - National Patient Safety Week						
14	15 VA Cabinet Status (1989)	16	17  • St. Patrick's Day • Doctor-Patient Trust Day	18	19 Operation Iraqi Freedom Anniversary (2003)	20 Spring Begins
March 14 - 20 - Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week • March 15-21 - Brain Awareness Week						
21	22 Tuskegee Airmen Activated (1941)	23 American Diabetes Alert	24 World TB Day	25	26	27
March 21-27 - National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week						
28	29 National Sleep Apnea Awareness Day	30 Doctors' Day	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month • National Kidney Month • National Nutrition Month • National Save Your Vision Month • National Social Work Month • Women's History Month • Workplace Eye Health & Safety Month • Deaf History Month (Mar 13-Apr 15) 		
March 28-April 4 - National Sleep Awareness Week						

APRIL 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Deaf History Month (March 13-April 15) •Alcohol Awareness Month •Cancer Control Month •Counseling Awareness Month •National Autism Awareness Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Donate Life Month •National Occupational Therapy Month •National Sexual Assault Awareness Month •Women's Eye Health & Safety Month •Oncology Nursing Month (April 29-May 29) 		1 Lupus Alert Day	2 April 2-4 - Alcohol-Free Weekend	3
4 •Daylight Savings •Palm Sunday April 4-9 - National Disabled Winter Sports Clinic, Snowmass Village, Colo.	5  Happy Passover Passover •April 5-11 - National Public Health Week	6	7 World Health Day	8 National Alcohol Screening Day	9 •Good Friday •POW Recognition Day •Iraq National Day (2003)	10
11  Happy Easter April 11-17 - Patient Advocacy Week April 11-17 - Health Information Privacy and Security Week April 11-17 - National Minority Cancer Awareness Week	12	13	14	15 Income Tax Day	16	17
18 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day) April 18-24 - National Volunteer Week April 18-24 - Administrative Professionals Week April 18-24 - Medical Laboratory Week	19 Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)	20	21 Administrative Professionals Day	22 Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day	23	24 April 24-25 - March of Dimes WalkAmerica
25 Earth Day April 25-May 1 - Jewish Heritage Week	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Oncology Nursing Month (April 29–May 29) •American Stroke Month •Arthritis Walk •Asian Pacific American Heritage Month •Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month •Better Hearing and Speech Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Critical Care Awareness & Recognition Month •Healthy Vision Month •Hepatitis Awareness Month •Huntington's Disease Awareness Month •Melanoma/Skin Cancer & Detection Month •Mental Health Month •National Arthritis Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Digestive Diseases Awareness Month •National High Blood Pressure Education Month •National Older Americans Month •National Osteoporosis Awareness & Prevention Month 		<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •May Day •National Law Day
2	3	4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day •Cinco de Mayo •Asthma Awareness Day on Capital Hill 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Day of Prayer •Nurses Day 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official End of Vietnam War (1975) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •V-E Day (1945) •Student Nurses Day
May 2-8 - National Mental Health Counseling Week May 2-8 - National Suicide Prevention Week			May 6-12 - National Nurses Week			
9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Race for the Cure Day  Mother's Day 	10	11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Nightshift Workers Day •Florence Nightingale's Birthday 	13	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Armed Forces Day •Peace Officer Memorial Day 
May 9-15 - National Police Week May 9-15 - National Hospital & Healthcare Week May 9-15 - National Nursing Home Week						
16	17	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Employee Health & Fitness Day 	20	21	22
May 16-22 - National Running and Fitness Week May 16-22 - National Emergency Medical Services Week			•May 18-24 - National Medical Transcriptionist Week			
23	24	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Senior Health and Fitness Day 	27	28	29
30	 31 Memorial Day					

JUNE 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Heimlich Maneuver Introduced (1974)	2	3 Battle of Midway (1942)	4	5
6 •National Cancer Survivor Day •D-Day (1944)	7	8	9	10 Career Nursing Assistants Day	11 June 11-18 - National Vascular Nursing Week	12
June 6-12 - National Headache Awareness Week			June 10-17 - National Nursing Assistants Week			
13	14  •Flag Day (1777) •US Army Established (1775)	15 Native American Citizenship Day (1924) •June 15-19 - National Veterans Wheelchair Games, St. Louis, Mo.	16 Prostate Cancer Awareness Day	17	18	19
June 13-19 - National Flag Week		•June 14-20 - National Men's Health Week				
20 •Father's Day •Summer Begins	21	22 •GI Bill (1944) •Pledge of Allegiance (1942)	23	24	25 Korean War Began (1950)	26
June 21-25 - National Healthcare Risk Management Week						
27 National HIV Testing Day June 27-July 3 - Eye Safety Awareness Week June 27-July 3 - Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week	28	29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Aphasia Awareness Month • National Hernia Awareness Month • National Safety Month • National Scleroderma Awareness Month • Vision Research Month • Fireworks Safety Month (June & July) 		


JULY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fireworks Safety Month (June & July) •Bioterrorism/Disaster Education and Awareness Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eye Injury Prevention Month •Herbal/Prescription Awareness Month •National Recreation & Parks Month 		1	2	3
4  Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dental Awareness Day •Distinguished Service Medal Created (1918) 	10 Allied Invasion of Sicily (1943)
July 4-10 - National Laundry Workers' Week						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
July 11-17 - National Therapeutic Recreation Week July 11-17 - International Massage Week						
18	19	20	21 VA Created (1930)	22	23	24
July 18-23 - National Veterans Golden Age Games, Fresno, Calif.						
25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Army Desegregation (1944) •Korean War Armistice (1953) •Department of Defense Formed (1947) 	27	28 World War I Began (1914)	29	30	31
July 27-Aug 1 - Fifty Years of U.S. Medical Transplants						

AUGUST 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Coast Guard Day (1790)	5	6 Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima (1945)	7 •Purple Heart (1782) •Battle of Guadalcanal (1942) 
Aug 2-6 - VA Office of Public Affairs National Training Conference, New Orleans, La.						
8	9 Atomic Bomb on Nagasaki (1945)	10	11	12	13	14 V-J Day (1945)
Aug 13-29 - Olympic Games in Athens, Greece						
15	16 National Airborne Day	17	18	19 19 th Amendment Ratified (1920)	20	21
Aug 15-21 - National Health Center Week						
22	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28
29	30	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataract Awareness Month • Clear Air Month • Medic Alert Awareness Month • National Immunization Awareness Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psoriasis Awareness Month • Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month 	

SEPTEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month • Healthy Aging Month • National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month • National Cholesterol Education Month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Food Safety Education Month • National Sickle Cell Awareness Month • National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month 		1	2	3	4
Sept 1-7 - Hearing Aid Awareness Week						
5	6 	7	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day
Sept 5-11 - Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) Awareness Week Sept 5-12 - National Emergency Preparedness Week						
12	13	14 The Star-Spangled Banner Written (1814)	15 US Troops entered Germany (1944)	16	17 •Citizenship Day •VFW Ladies Auxiliary Organized (1914) •National POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 US Air Force Established (1947) Sept 17-28 - Paralympic Games 2004 in Athens, Greece
Sept 12-18 - Prostate Cancer Awareness Week						
Sept 13-19 - Thyroid Cancer Awareness Week						
Sept 15-17 - Rosh Hashanah						
Sept 17-23 - Constitution Week						
19	20	21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25
Sept 19-25 - National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration Week Sept 19-25 - Prostatitis Awareness Week Sept 19-25 - National Reye's Syndrome Awareness Week Sept 19-25 - National Surgical Technologists Week						
Sept 20-27 - National Osteopathic Medicine Week						
Sept 24-25 - Yom Kippur						
26 Gold Star Mother's Day	27	28	29 •National Women's Health & Fitness Day •Veterans of Foreign Wars Established (1899)	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month • National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15) • Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month (Sept & Oct) 	



OCTOBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15) • Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month (September and October) • German-American Heritage Month • Lupus Awareness Month • Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month • National AIDS Awareness Month • National Brain Injury Awareness Month • National Breast Cancer Awareness Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Dental Hygiene Month • National Disability Employment Awareness Month • National Liver Awareness Month • National Medical Librarians Month • National Physical Therapy Month • National Spina Bifida Awareness Month • National Spinal Health Month • Polish American Heritage Month • World Blindness Awareness Month 			<p>1</p> <p>Oct 1-7 - Gerontological Nursing Week Oct 1-7 - Long-Term Care Planning Week</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Oct 2-3 - Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Oct 3-9 - National Newspaper Week Oct 3-9 - National Fire Prevention Week Oct 3-9 - Mental Illness Awareness Week Oct 3-9 - Nuclear Medicine Week</p>	<p>4</p> <p>•Oct 4-11 - Ulcer Awareness Week</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>National Physician Assistants Day</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Oct 9-16 - Dystonia Awareness Week</p>
<p>10</p> <p>World Mental Health Day</p> <p>Oct 10-16 - National Adult Immunization Awareness Week Oct 10-16 - Emergency Nurses Week Oct 10-16 - National Healthcare Quality Week Oct 10-16 - National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Salt Lake City, Utah</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>National Mammography Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>•National Boss Day •World Food Day</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Citizenship Day</p> <p>Oct 17-23 - National Health Education Week Oct 17-23 - National Infection Control Week</p>	<p>18</p> <p>•Oct 18-22 - National Hepatitis Awareness Week •Oct 18-24 - International Infection Control Week</p>	<p>19</p> <p>•Oct 19-25 - National Pharmacy Week</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend</p>
<p>24</p> <p>31</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Oct 24-30 - Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week Oct 24-30 - National Pharmacy Week Oct 24-30 - Pastoral Care Week Oct 24-30 - Respiratory Care Week</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

NOVEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
	Nov 1-6 - National Diabetes Education Week Nov 1-7 - National Homeless Week					
7	8 X-Ray Discovery Day (1895)	9 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue (1984)	10 US Marine Corp Established (1775)	11  Veterans Day	12	13 Fall of Kabul, Afghanistan (2001)
	Nov 7-13 - National Radiologic Technology Week					
14	15 America Recycles Day	16	17	18 Great American Smokeout	19	20 Suicide Awareness and Memorial Day
	Nov 14-20 - Bladder Health Week Nov 14-20 - Perioperative Nurse Week					
	•Nov 15-19 - Lung Cancer Awareness Week					
21	22 JFK Assassination (1963)	23	24	25  Thanksgiving Day	26	27
	Nov 21-27 - GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease) Awareness Week					
28	29	30 Computer Security Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •American Diabetes Month •Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month •National AIDS Awareness Month •National Alzheimer's Disease Month •National Epilepsy Awareness Month •National Hospice Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National Lung Cancer Awareness Month •National Marrow Awareness Month •Native American Indian Heritage Month 	

DECEMBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month • Safe Toys and Celebrations Month • Universal Human Rights Month 			1 • World AIDS Day • Civil Air Patrol Founded (1941)	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	3	4
Dec 1-7 - National Aplastic Anemia Awareness & MDS Week						
5	6	7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance (1941)	8 US Entered WWII (1941)	9	10	11
			Dec 8-15 - Hanukkah		Dec 10-16 - Human Rights Week	
12	13	14	15 Bill of Rights Day	16	17 Operation Just Cause (1989)	18
19	20	21 • Remember Our Homeless Veterans • Winter Begins	22	23	24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve	
Dec 26 – Jan 1 - Kwanzaa						