

Important Dates to Remember to include Commemorative Dates*

3rd Monday in January - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 27 - Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)*

January 31 - Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

February 15 - Sinking of U.S.S. Maine, 1898*

February 28 - Liberation of Kuwait—Operation Desert Storm 1991*

3rd Monday of February - Presidents' Day

March 24 - Start of Kosovo Campaign 1999*

March 29 - National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 31 - Somalia Campaign Ended (1995)*

April 9 - National Former POW/MIA Recognition Day

April 11 - Persian Gulf War Official Cease-Fire

May 1 - Loyalty Day*

May 8 - WWII Ends in Europe (V-E Day) (1945)*

May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day; Women's Army Corps Founded (1942) 3rd

Saturday in May - Armed Forces Day

Last Monday of May - Memorial Day*

June 6 – D-Day: Allied invasion of Europe, 1944*

June 14 - Flag Day; U.S. Army Founded (1775)*

June 27 - National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day

July 2 - U.S. Army Air Corps Established (1926)

July 4 - Independence Day*

July 27 - Korean War Armistice Day*

August 4 - U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)

August 14 - Japan Surrendered, Ending WWII (1945); National Navajo Code Talkers Day

August 31 - End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010*

September 2 - V-J Day: Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)*

First Monday of September - Labor Day

September 11 - Patriots Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance*

September 14 - VFW Auxiliary Founded (1914)

September 17 - Constitution and Citizenship Day

September 18 - U.S. Air Force Established (1947)

3rd Friday in September - POW/MIA Recognition Day*

September 29 - VFW Founded in 1899

October 9 - Start of Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan 2001*

October 13 - U.S. Navy Established (1775)

October 18 - Recognition of Women in Military Service*

1st Tuesday of November – Election Day

November 10 - U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)

November 11 - Veterans Day; Signing of WWI Armistice (1918)*

November 21 - Grenada Campaign Ended (1983)

December 7 - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*

December 13 - National Guard Established (1636)

December 15 - Iraq War Ended (2011)

December 20 – U.S. Space Force Established (2019)

December 31 - Official End of WWII (1946); Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

*** Commemorative Tribute Dates**

Posts should arrange special ceremonies and all commanders shall alert comrades to their obligations for the appropriate commemoration date.