

Fall 2017



Dear Unit VA&R Chairman:

Here are some dates to help in planning your VA&R year:

September 17th: U.S. Air Force Birthday
Last Sunday in September: Gold Star Mother's Day

October 13th: U.S. Navy Birthday

Entire month of November: National Military Family Month. Established in 1996 to recognize the daily sacrifices made by military families.

<http://militarybenefits.info/military-family-month>

November 1st: The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Volunteer of the Year nominees are due to the Chiefs of the Voluntary Service at the VAMC or CBOC.

Beginning of November: The James H. Parke Scholarship application for student volunteers is also due.

November 10th: Marine Corps Birthday

November 11th: Veterans Day

December 7th: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 13th: U.S. National Guard Birthday

February 19th: Coast Guard Reserves Birthday

March 3rd: Navy Reserves Birthday

March 15th: American Legion's Birthday

Entire Month of April: Month of the Military Child

April 4th: Gold Star Wives Day

April 14th: Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 23rd: Army Reserves Birthday

Entire Month of May: National Military Appreciation Month

May 1st: Silver Star Service Banner Day

Friday Before Mother's Day: Military Spouse Appreciation Day

2nd Saturday through 3rd Sunday in May: Armed Forces Week

Third Saturday in May: Armed Forces Day

Last Monday in May: Memorial Day

June 14th: Army Birthday and U.S. Flag Day

June 27th: PTSD Awareness Day

July 4th: HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

August 4th: Coast Guard Day

August 29th: Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

Of course, it's impossible to have special events to honor each of these days. You might consider listing them on a Post Home bulletin board or noting them in Unit and District mailings. Credit for this list goes out to Marcia Wheatley, the Southern Division VA&R Chairman. It was forwarded to me by Minnesota's Carol Kottom, the NW Division VA&R Chairman.

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