

COST OF
FREEDOM



2022



Leading from the Front



Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion,
but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

Adlai Stevenson

JANUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others. – John Maxwell</p>						<p>New Year's Day Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation – 1863</p> <p>1</p>
2	3	4	<p>First American Presidential Election – 1789</p> <p>5</p>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	<p>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</p> <p>17</p>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	<p>Leadership is lifting a person's vision to high sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations. – Peter Drucker</p>				

Warrior Spirit



Foster and polish the warrior spirit while serving in the world; illuminate the path according to your inner light.

Morihei Ueshiba



FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Black History Month National Freedom Day	Groundhog Day	Four Chaplains Day	USO Birthday	
Ronald Reagan's Birthday						Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
National Salute to Veteran Patients Week	Valentine's Day					Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
	Presidents' Day	George Washington's Birthday				
		A person with true fortitude always takes the higher ground. – Marjorie K. Eastman				

Proud to be an American



He loves his country best who strives to make it best.

Robert G. Ingersoll

MARCH 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Women's History Month 1	Ash Wednesday 2	Navy Reserve Birthday 3	Hug a GI Day 4	Seabee Birthday 5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
K9 Veterans Day 13	14	American Legion Birthday 15	16	St. Patrick's Day 17	18	Op Iraqi Freedom begins - 2003 19
20	Rosie the Riveter Day 21	22	23	24	Medal of Honor Day 25	26
27	28	National Vietnam War Veterans Day 29	30	31	National pride is to countries what self-respect is to individuals: a necessary condition for self-improvement. – Richard Rorty	

Character Matters



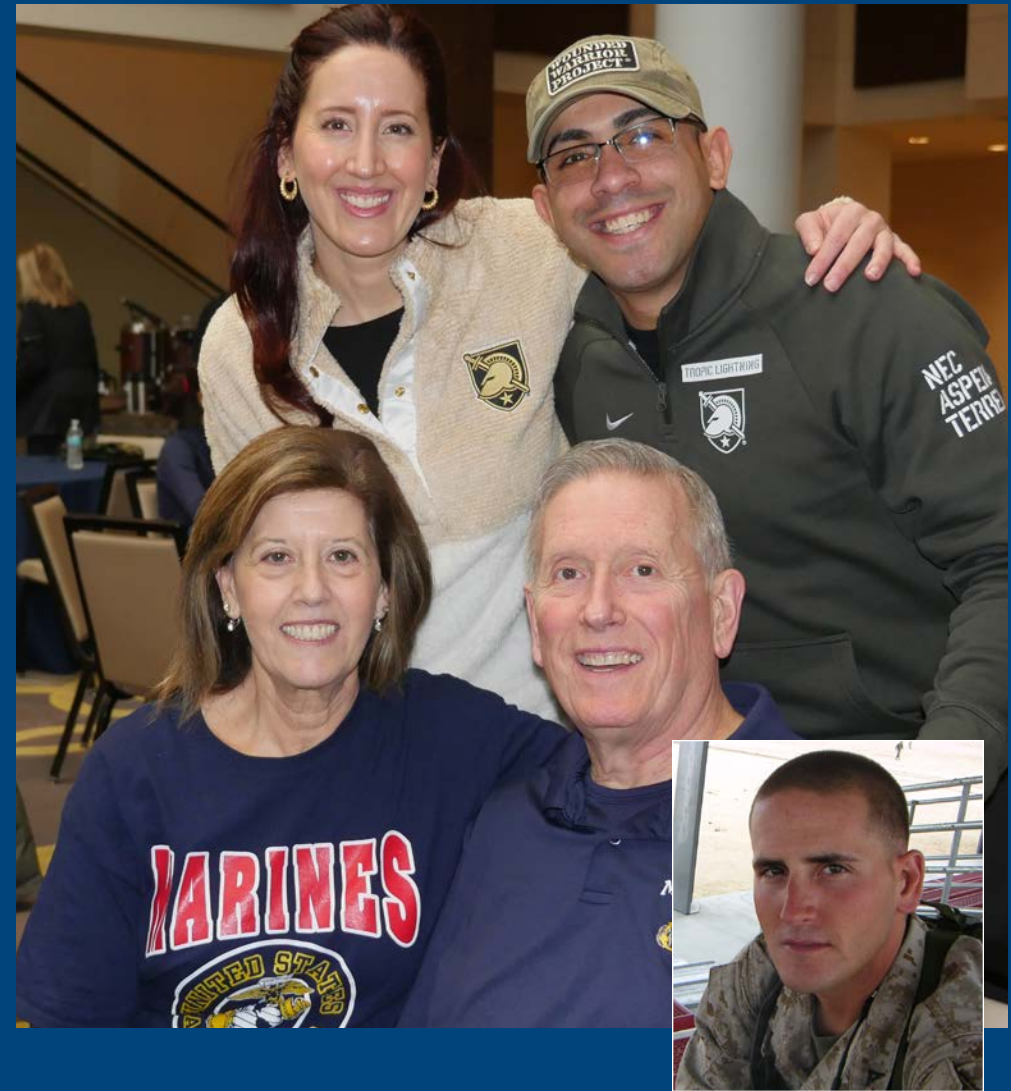
There is nothing more majestic than the determined courage of individuals willing to suffer and sacrifice for their freedom and dignity.

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
True character is revealed in the choices a human being makes under pressure—the greater the pressure, the deeper the revelation, the truer the choice to the character's essential nature. – Robert McKee					Month of the Military Child Military Saves Month 1	2
3	4	Gold Star Spouse Day 5	6	7	8	National Former POW Recognition 9
10	11	12	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday 13	Air Force Reserve Birthday 14	Good Friday Passover begins Purple Up! Day 15	16
Easter 17	18	19	20	21	Earth Day 22	Army Reserve Birthday 23
24	25	26	27	28	End of Vietnam War - 1975 29	National Military Brats Day 30

All Gave Some, Some Gave All



Nothing we do can change the past,
but everything we do changes the future.

Ashleigh Brilliant

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Month of the Military Caregiver National Military Appreciation Month Silver Star Service Banner Day		Cost of Freedom incorporated – 2011		National Day of Prayer	Military Spouse Appreciation Day	
Mother's Day V-E Day					Children of Fallen Patriots Day	Armed Forces Week
						Armed Forces Day
	Memorial Day		I have a duty to speak the truth as I see it and share not just my triumphs, not just the things that felt good, but the pain, the intense, often unmitigated pain. It is important to share how I know survival is survival and not just a walk throught the rain. – Audre Lorde			

If Not Me, Then Who?



Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected.

George Washington

JUNE 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>You do not have to have a title to be a leader. When you step up to serve, you are taking the first step in becoming a leader.</p> <p>– Marjorie K. Eastman</p>			PTSD Awareness Month 1	2	3	4
5	"D-Day" Normandy – 1944 6	Class of 1972 graduate from US Naval Academy 7	8	9	10	11
National Flag Week Women Veterans Day 12	13	Flag Day US Army Birthday – 1776 14	15	16	17	Veterans Golden Age Games 18
Father's Day 19	20	21	22	Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday 23	24	25
26	PTSD Awareness Day 27	28	29	30		

Honor Those Who Serve



America without her soldiers would be
like God without his angels.

Claudia Pemberton

JULY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause. – Abraham Lincoln					1	2
3	Independence Day 4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	National Hire a Veteran Day 25	26	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day 27	28	Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary 29	30
31	I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom. – Bob Dylan					

We Must Never Forget



Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss



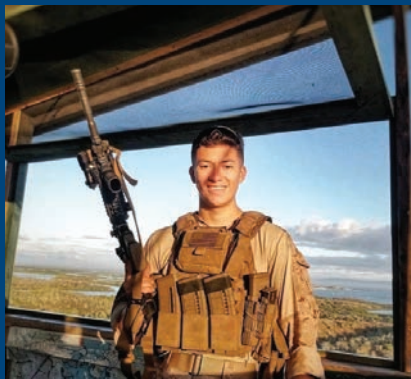
Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover



Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole L. Gee



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza



Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui



Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo



Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz



Navy Hospital Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak



Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan W. Page

The 13 soldiers we lost in Afghanistan

AUGUST 2022

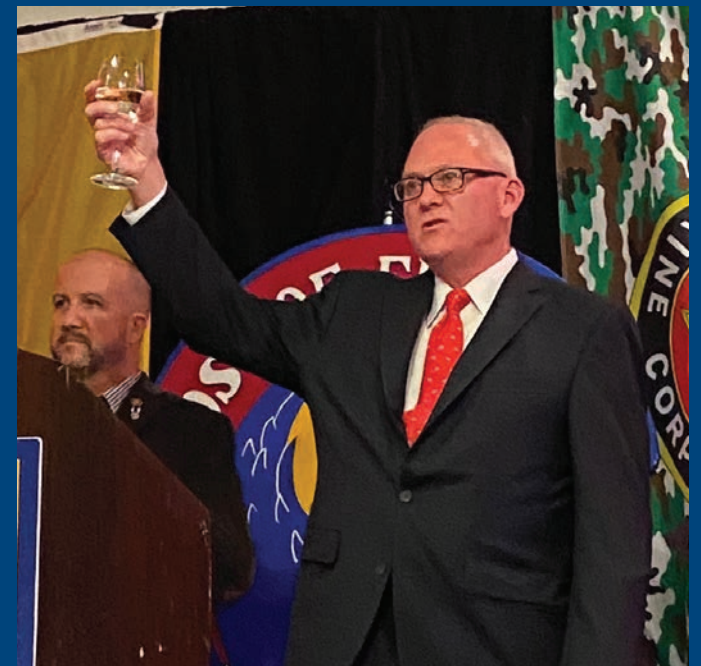
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Antiterrorism Awareness Month Air Force Day 1	2	3	US Coast Guard Birthday – 1790 4	5	6
Purple Heart Day 7	8	9	US Department of Defense Birthday 10	Cost of Freedom granted tax-exempt status – 2011 11	12	13
Navajo Code Talkers Day 14	15	National Airborne Day 16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	Marine Corps Reserve Birthday 29	30	31	Find common ground so that we can all make it to the higher ground. – Marjorie K. Eastman		

Honor, Courage, Commitment



No person was
ever honored for
what he received.
Honor has been
the reward for
what he gave.

Calvin Coolidge



SEPTEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Better than honor and glory, and history's iron pen, was the thought of duty done and the love of his fellow-men. – Richard Watson Gilder				National Suicide Prevention Month 1	V-J Day 2	3
4	Labor Day 5	6	7	8	9	10
Patriot Day 11	12	13	14	15	Constitution Day Constitution Week POW/MIA Recognition Day Warrior Games 16	Citizenship Day 17
18	US Air Force Birthday – 1947 Air National Guard Birthday 19	20	21	22	23	24
Gold Star Mother's Day 25	26	27	28	29	30	

The Cloth of Our Nation



"We wore the cloth of our nation in our service to our country. You wear the cloth of our nation as soon as you raise your hand and swear to defend the Constitution at all costs. In that instant, and for as long as you wear it, you know that you must always do your duty no matter what. That is the privilege and burden of wearing it and the single thing that ties us all together and makes the military work."

"This cloth is the toughest, most resilient, long-lasting, most beautiful fabric imaginable, worn by so many brave men and women before us."

Rear Admiral Stanley Bryant, USN (Ret)

OCTOBER 2022

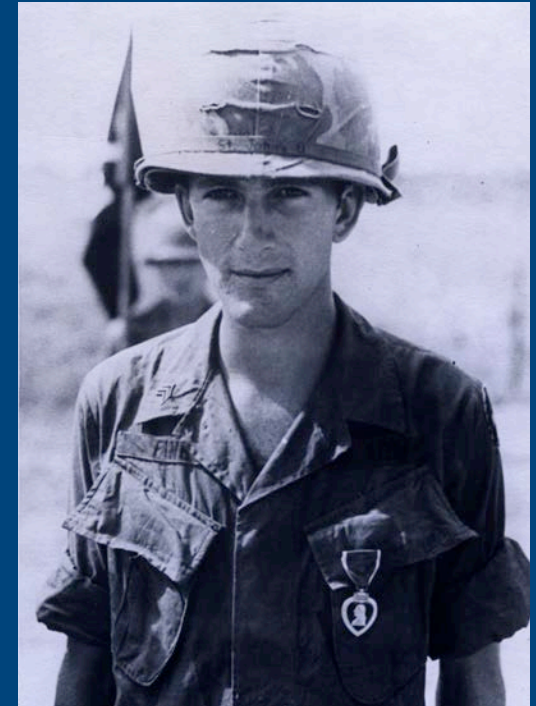
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore!</p> <p>– Oliver Wendell Holmes</p>						<p>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</p> <p>1</p>
2	3	4	5	6	<p>Operation Enduring Freedom begins – 2001</p> <p>7</p>	8
9	<p>Columbus Day</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples' Day</p> <p>10</p>	11	12	<p>US Navy Birthday – 1775</p> <p>13</p>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	<p>Day of the Deployed</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Navy Day</p> <p>27</p>	28	29
30	31	<p>Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. – Oliver Goldsmith</p>				

Bury Me With Soldiers

I've played a lot of roles in life
I've met a lot of men,
I've done some things I'd like to think
I wouldn't do again.
And though I'm young, I'm old enough
To know someday I'll die,
And think about what lies beyond, and
Besides whom I would lie.
Perhaps it doesn't matter much
Still, if I had a choice,
I'd want a grave amongst soldiers, when
At last death quells my voice.
I am sick of the hypocrisy
Of lectures by the wise,
I'll take the man with all his flaws
Who goes, though scared, and dies.
The troops I know were common place,
They didn't want the war,
They fought because their fathers and
Their father's fathers had before.
They cursed and killed and wept;
God knows they are easily to deride,
But bury me with men like these
They faced the guns and died.
It's funny when you think of it
the way we got along,
We'd come from different worlds

To live in one, where no one belongs.
I didn't even like them all
And I am sure they'd all agree,
Yet, I would give my life for them
I hope, some would, for me.
So bury me with the soldiers, please
Though much aligned they be,
Yes, bury me with the soldiers, please
For I miss their company.
We will not see their like again
We've had our fill of war,
But bury me with men like them
Till someone else does more!

Monsignor Charles Fink



NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		National Veterans and Military Family Month Warrior Care Month National Family Caregivers Month				
6	National Veterans Small Business Week 7	Election Day 8	9	Marine Corps Birthday – 1775 10	Veterans' Day Armistice Remembrance Day 11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Thanksgiving 24	25	26
27	28	#givingtuesday 29	30	The legacy of heroes—the memory of a great name, and the inheritance of a great example. – Benjamin Disraeli		

I Won't Give Up



Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently.

Maya Angelou

DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end. – Roy T. Bennett				Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary Birthday) 1	2	3
4	5	6	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 7	8	Cost of Freedom Weekend 9	Army-Navy Game 10
11	12	US National Guard Birthday 13	14	15	16	17
Hanukkah begins 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Christmas Day 25	26	27	28	29	30	New Year's Eve 31

Core Values of the United States Navy and Marine Corps

Honor, Courage, Commitment



U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1972, 27th Company

The Cost of Freedom mission is to show appreciation and offer encouragement to our Servicemen and Servicewomen returning from combat. It is our goal to further share the meaning of values such as honor, courage, commitment, respect, sacrifice, and valor to the community and to generations to come so that we might never forget the sacrifices of our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen and always be reminded that freedom is not free.

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