

THIS MONTH

Fireworks Safety Month (June 1- July 4)

timeline >>

1955 Elizabeth Lipford Kent became the first black nurse to earn a PhD.

1961 Mabel K. Staupers book No Time for Prejudice: A Story of the Integration of Negroes in Nursing in the United States published.

1967 Lawrence Washington became the first male, black or white, to receive a regular commission in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

"In health care, you can cure problems, you can resuscitate, you can give medicine; but the real contribution is to find out what can prevent health problems from escalating in the first place."

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6 1957: Althea Gibson wins women's singles title at Wimbledon, first African American to win tennis's most prestigious award.

7 1948: Cleveland Indians sign pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige.

8 1943: Faye Wattleton, first African American director of Planned Parenthood, born. 2000: Venus Williams wins women's singles championship at Wimbledon.

9 1893: Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performs first successful open-heart operation.

10 1875: Educator Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman College, born.

11 1905: W.E.B. DuBois and William Monroe Trotter organize the Niagara Movement, a forerunner of the NAACP.

12 1937: Actor, comedian Bill Cosby born. 1949: Frederick M. Jones patents cooling system for food transportation vehicles.

13 1965: Thurgood Marshall becomes first African American appointed U.S. solicitor general.

14 1955: George Washington Carver Monument, first national park honoring an African American, is dedicated in Joplin, Missouri.

15 1867: Maggie Lena Walker, first woman and first African American to become president of a bank, born.

16 1862: Anti-lynching activist Ida B. Wells Barnett born.

17 1953: Jesse D. Locker appointed U.S. ambassador to Liberia.

18 1939: Saxophonist Coleman Hawkins records "Body and Soul." 1998: African American Civil War Soldiers Memorial dedicated, Washington, D.C.

19 1925: Paris debut of Josephine Baker, entertainer, activist and humanitarian.

20 1950: Black troops (24th Regiment) win first U.S. victory in Korea.

21 1896: Mary Church Terrell elected first president of National Association of Colored Women.

22 1939: Jane M. Bolin of New York City appointed first African American female judge.

23 1778: More than 700 blacks participate in Battle of Monmouth (New Jersey).

24 1807: Shakespearean actor Ira Aldridge born in New York City.

25 1777: First black Baptist church in America organized by eight slaves at Silver Bluff, South Carolina.

26 1948: President Harry S. Truman issues Executive Order 9981, ending segregation in armed forces.

27 1880: Alexander P. Ashbourne patents process for refining coconut oil.

28 1868: 14th Amendment, granting blacks full citizenship rights, becomes part of the Constitution.

29 1895: First National Conference of Women Convention held in Boston.

30 1822: James Varick becomes first bishop of African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

31 1874: Rev. Patrick Francis Healy inaugurated as president of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

