

THIS MONTH

Fireworks Safety Month (June 1-July 4)
National Men's Health Week (June 9-15)

timeline >>

1951 Mabel K. Staupers received Spingarn Medal for leadership in the movement to integrate black nurses as equals in the nursing profession.

1952 National League for Nursing, the leading professional association for nursing education, formed.

"Nursing is not a job. It's a lifelong commitment. I am blessed that I can impact lives in a very personal way, whether it's in the ICU on the ground or in the air."

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 1968: Henry Lewis becomes first black musical director of an American symphony orchestra — New Jersey Symphony.

2 1971: Samuel L. Gravely Jr. becomes first African American admiral in U.S. Navy.

3 1890: L.H. Jones patents corn harvester.
1904: Charles R. Drew, who developed process for preserving blood plasma, born.

4 1972: Activist Angela Davis acquitted of all murder and conspiracy charges.

5 1987: Dr. Mae C. Jemison becomes first black woman astronaut.

6 1831: First annual People of Color convention held in Philadelphia.

7 1917: Poetess Gwendolyn Brooks, first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize (poetry, 1950), born.

8 1953: Supreme Court ruling bans discrimination in Washington, D.C., restaurants.

9 1962: W.W. Braithwaite, poet, anthologist and literary critic, dies in New York City.
1995: Lincoln J. Ragsdale, pioneer fighter pilot of World War II, dies.

10 1854: James Augustine Healy, first African American Roman Catholic bishop, ordained.

11 1912: Joseph H. Dickinson patents player piano.
1920: Pianist and singer Hazel Dorothy Scott born.

12 1963: Medgar W. Evers, civil rights leader, assassinated in Jackson, Mississippi.

13 1967: Thurgood Marshall nominated to Supreme Court by President Lyndon Johnson.

14 FLAG DAY
1864: Congress rules equal pay for all soldiers.
1927: George Washington Carver patents process of producing paints and stains.

15 FATHER'S DAY
1913: Dr. Effie O'Neal Ellis, first black woman to hold an executive position in the American Medical Association, born.

16 1970: Kenneth A. Gibson elected mayor of Newark, New Jersey, first African American mayor of a major Eastern city.

17 1775: Minuteman Peter Salem fights in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

18 1863: The 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry attacks Fort Wagner, South Carolina.
1942: Harvard University medical student Bernard Whitfield Robinson commissioned as the Navy's first African American officer.

19 1865: Blacks in Texas are notified of Emancipation Proclamation, issued in 1863. "Juneteenth" marks the event.

20 1953: Albert W. Dent of Dillard University elected president of the National Health Council.

21 1945: Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. becomes first African American to command an Army Air Corps base.

22 1897: William Barry patents postmarking and cancelling machine.

23 1940: Sprinter Wilma Rudolph, winner of three gold medals at 1960 Summer Olympics, born.

24 1964: Carl T. Rowan appointed director of the United States Information Agency.

25 1941: Franklin D. Roosevelt issues executive order establishing Fair Employment Practices Commission.

26 1950: AMA seats first black delegates at annual convention.
1975: Dr. Samuel Blanton Rosser becomes first African American certified in pediatric surgery.

27 1991: Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall announces his retirement.

28 1864: Fugitive slave laws repealed by Congress.
1978: Allan P. Bakke wins reverse-discrimination suit when the Supreme Court orders the University of California Medical School at Davis to admit him.

29 1886: Photographer James Van Der Zee born.

30 1921: Charles S. Gilpin awarded Spingarn Medal for his performance in Eugene O'Neill's *Emperor Jones*.

