

THIS MONTH

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

National Nutrition Month

timeline >>

1918

Eighteen black nurses admitted to the Army Nurse Corps after the armistice of WWI and assigned to Camp Sherman, Ohio, and Camp Grant, Illinois.

Frances Reed Elliott Davis became the first black nurse accepted in the American Red Cross nursing service.

“When a surgeon takes his gloves off, lives are in the hands of nurses. That’s why it’s so important that nurses have the technical knowledge.”

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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1807: Congress declares the importation of slaves into U.S. illegal.
1867: Congress enacts charter to establish Howard University.

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1841: Amistad mutineers freed by Supreme Court.

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1827: *Freedom's Journal*, the first U.S. black newspaper, is founded.
1846: Rebecca Cole, second black female physician in the U.S., born.

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1873: Slavery abolished in Puerto Rico.

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1870: Fifteenth Amendment ratified, guaranteeing voting rights to African Americans.

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1865: Freedmen's Bureau established by federal government to aid newly freed slaves.

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1913: Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and Civil War nurse, dies.
1989: Louis Sullivan confirmed as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY
1885: William F. Cosgrove patents automatic stop plug for gas and oil pipes.
1890: Charles B. Brooks patents street sweeper.

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1837: Canada gives African American citizens the right to vote.

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1988: Toni Morrison wins Pulitzer Prize for *Beloved*.

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1965: Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics honored as NBA most valuable player for fourth time in five years.

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1959: Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* opens at Barrymore Theater, New York, the first play by a black woman to premiere on Broadway.

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1822: The Phoenix Society, a literary and educational group, founded by blacks in New York City.

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1843: Explorer Jacob Dodson sets out in search of the Northwest Passage.

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ASH WEDNESDAY
1770: Crispus Attucks becomes one of the first casualties of the American Revolution.

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1932: Andrew Young, former U.N. ambassador and former mayor of Atlanta, born.

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1971: The Rev. Leon Sullivan elected to board of directors of General Motors.

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1872: Thomas J. Martin patents fire extinguisher.
1911: William H. Lewis becomes U.S. assistant attorney general.

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1857: Supreme Court issues Dred Scott decision.

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1773: Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable, black pioneer and explorer, founded Chicago.

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1883: Jan E. Matzeliger patents shoemaking machine.
1912: Carter Woodson receives doctorate from Harvard University.

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1930: Of the 116,000 African Americans in professional positions, more than two-thirds were teachers or ministers.

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1965: Supreme Court upholds key provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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1956: Montgomery bus boycott ends when municipal bus service is desegregated.

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1965: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. leads march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, for voting rights.

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1870: Jonathan S. Wright becomes first black state supreme court justice in South Carolina.

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1864: Rebecca Lee becomes the first African American woman to earn a U.S. medical degree.
1987: The Association of Black Nursing Faculty founded.

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1945: Phyllis Mae Daley becomes first African American to join the Navy Nurse Corps.
1977: Henry L. Marsh III becomes first African American elected mayor of Richmond, Virginia.

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1947: John Lee, first black commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, assigned to duty.

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1898: J.W. Smith patents lawn sprinkler.

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1898: W.J. Ballow patents combined hat rack and table.

