



IMPORTANT AMERICANISM DATES

FLY THE FLAG DATES

October 3, 2021. Fallen Firefighters Day (Half-Staff All Day)

Every October, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. Thousands attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

<https://www.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend/>

October 11, 2021 Columbus Day

Columbus Day is a U.S. holiday that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492, and Columbus Day 2021 occurs on Monday, October 11. It was unofficially celebrated in a number of cities and states as early as the 18th century, but did not become a federal holiday until 1937. For many, the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage. But throughout its history, Columbus Day and the man who inspired it have generated controversy, and many alternatives to the holiday have proposed since the 1970s including [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#), now celebrated in several U.S. states.

<https://www.history.com/topics/exploration/columbus-day>

October 13, 2021 Navy's Birthday

A 13 October 1775 resolution of the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy with "a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months..." After the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress "to provide and maintain a navy." Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/commemorations-toolkits/navy-birthday.html>

October 27, 2021 Navy Day

What is the difference between Navy Day and the [Navy Birthday](#)? Both occur in the month of October, and both celebrate the men and women of the United States Navy, past and present. The Navy celebrates its birthday officially on October 13, and Navy Day was established to be observed on October 27. This year Navy Day will be on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. There are plenty of differences between the two, starting with the fact that the Navy Birthday is recognized on the anniversary of the historic formation of the Continental Navy during the American Revolution. Navy Day was originally chosen to coincide with the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt. <https://militarybenefits.info/navy-day/>

HISTORIC DATES TO REMEMBER

October 27, 1787

The first in a series of eighty-five essays by "Publius," the pen name of [Alexander Hamilton](#), [James Madison](#), and [John Jay](#), appeared in the *Independent Journal*, a New York newspaper, on **October 27**, 1787. Publius urged New Yorkers to support ratification of the [Constitution](#) approved by the [Constitutional Convention](#) on September 17, 1787. <https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-27/>