Calendar of Federal and Military Observances

January
- January 1 - New Year’s Day
- Third Monday of the month - Martin Luther King, Jr’s Birthday

February
- Third Monday of the month - Washington's Birthday observed

March
- No Federal or Military observances

April
- Month of the Military Child - Celebrated since 1983 to emphasize the importance of providing the children of our service men and women with quality services and support to help them adjust and succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

May
- **National Military Appreciation Month** - Designated by Congress, provides a period encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed services with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements.
- Friday before Mother’s Day - **National Military Spouse Day** - The day to honor the personal sacrifices military spouses make every day. With frequent moves to unknown towns, deployments and wartime fears, military husbands and wives are the military's unsung heroes.
- Third Saturday of month - **Armed Forces Day**
- Last Monday of month - **Memorial Day**

June
- June 14 - **Army Birthday (1775)**
- June 14 - **Flag Day**

July
- July 4 - Independence Day

August
- August 4 - **Coast Guard Birthday (1790)**
- Second Sunday of the month - **Spirit of ’45 Day** - The day to honor the legacy of the World War II generation by restoring their spirit of community, can-do attitude, willingness to sacrifice for others, and a sense of national unity.

September
- First Monday of the month - **Labor Day**
- September 18 - **Air Force Birthday (1947)**

October
- Second Monday of the month - Columbus Day
- October 13 - **Navy Birthday (1775)**

November
- **Military Family Appreciation Month** - This annual proclamation marks the beginning of a month-long celebration of the Military Family in which the Department of Defense and the nation will honor the commitment and sacrifices made by the families of the nation's service members.
- November 10 - **Marine Corps Birthday (1775)**
- November 11 - **Veteran's Day**
- Fourth Thursday of the month - Thanksgiving Day

December
- December 13 - **National Guard Birthday (1636)**
- December 25 - Christmas