

## **August Facts of the Day**

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## **Preface**

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Date	Fact	Source
1	On August 1, 1944, Anne Frank made her last entry in her diary. Three days later after 25 months of seclusion, Anne and her family were arrested along with two of the people who had helped shelter them.	<a href="http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/4">http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/4</a>
2	In 1776, members of Congress affixed their signatures to a copy of the Declaration of Independence. Fifty-six congressional delegates in total signed the document, including some who were not present at the vote approving the declaration. The delegates signed by state from North to South.	<a href="http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/2">http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/2</a>
3	In August 1936, Adolf Hitler's Nazi dictatorship hosted the Summer Olympics. Minimizing its anti-Semitic agenda and plans for expansion, the regime showcased the Games to present an image of a peaceful, tolerant Germany. After the Olympics, Germany's expansionism and the persecution of Jews and other "enemies of the state" accelerated, culminating in World War II and the Holocaust.	<a href="http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/olympics/detail.php">http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/olympics/detail.php</a>
4	August 4th celebrates the inception of the oldest maritime service in the United States, the United States Coast Guard established in 1790. The Coast Guard consists of Armed Forces whose responsibilities range from search and rescue to national defense.	<a href="http://www.defense.gov/AFD/military/coastgrd.html">www.defense.gov/AFD/military/coastgrd.html</a> - Cached
5	In August 1964, civil rights workers, Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney whose disappearance garnered national attention, were found dead in Mississippi. They hoped to organize civil rights efforts in heavily segregated Mississippi. The disappearance of the three men led to a massive FBI investigation that was code-named MIBURN, for "Mississippi Burning."	<a href="http://www.mississippiburning.org/">http://www.mississippiburning.org/</a>

6	<p>On this day in 1945, at 8:16 a.m., an American B-29 bomber, the <i>Enola Gay</i>, drops the world's first atom bomb, over the city of Hiroshima. Approximately 80,000 people are killed as a direct result of the blast, and another 35,000 are injured. At least another 60,000 would be dead by the end of the year from the effects of the fallout.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/6?catId=14">http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/6?catId=14</a></p>
7	<p>In 1782, General George Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, created the "Badge for Military Merit," a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk, edged with silver, with the word <i>Merit</i> stitched across the face in silver. The badge was to be presented to soldiers for "any singularly meritorious action."</p>	
8	<p>Richard Milhous Nixon announced on August 8, 1974 that he would resign as the 37th President of the United States. After two years of bitter public debate over the Watergate scandals, President Nixon bowed to pressures from the public and leaders of his party to become the first President in American history to resign.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/national/longterm/watergate/articles/080974-3.htm">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/national/longterm/watergate/articles/080974-3.htm</a></p>
9	<p>A growing number of women are serving in the U.S. military. In 2008, 11 percent of Veterans from the Afghanistan and Iraq military operations were women. In fact, women are the fastest growing group of Veterans.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/traumatic-stress-female-vets.asp">http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/traumatic-stress-female-vets.asp</a></p>
10	<p>Special observances are conducted to enhance cross-cultural awareness among the Armed Forces, civilian employees, and their families. These observances recognize the achievements and contributions made by members of specific racial, ethnic, or gender groups in our society.</p>	
11	<p>The Holy Month of Ramadan is observed by more than one billion Muslims around the world. It is a time when Muslims fast during daylight hours to celebrate the time when Allah revealed the first verses of the Qu'ran, the holy book of Islam. Ramadan is a time for spiritual purification achieved through fasting, self-sacrifice and prayers.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.holidaysmart.com/z_islamiccalendar.htm">http://www.holidaysmart.com/z_islamiccalendar.htm</a></p>

12	The first woman to run for U.S. president was Victoria Woodhull, who campaigned for the office in 1872 under the National Woman's Suffrage Association. Women would not be granted the right to vote for nearly another 50 years, there were no laws prohibiting a woman from running for the chief executive position.	<a href="http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/04/30_women.html">http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/04/30_women.html</a>
13	The first female governor of a U.S. state was Wyoming governor Nellie Tayloe Ross, elected in 1924. Wyoming was also the first state to give women the right to vote, enacting women's suffrage in 1869.	<a href="http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/04/30_women.html">http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/04/30_women.html</a>
14	On this day in 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Social Security Act. Flanked by ranking members of Congress, FDR signed into law the historic act, which guaranteed an income for the unemployed and retirees. Roosevelt commended Congress for what he considered to be a "patriotic" act.	<a href="http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/fdr-signs-social-security-act">http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/fdr-signs-social-security-act</a>
15	In 2008, the percentage of females 16 and older who participated in the labor force was 59 percent, representing about 72 million women.	<a href="http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat2.pdf">http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat2.pdf</a>
16	On August 16, 1965 President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act which created a significant change in the status of African Americans throughout the South. The Voting Rights Act prohibited the states from using literacy tests, interpreting the Constitution, and other methods of excluding African Americans from voting.	<a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aopart9b.html">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aopart9b.html</a>
17	The percentage of females 16 or older who worked in management, professional and related occupations was 38 percent, compared with 32 percent of males.	<a href="http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/">http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/</a>
18	Approximately 29 million women 25 and older held a bachelor's degree or higher education in 2008, the corresponding number for men was 28 million. Women had a larger share of high school diplomas, as well as associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. More men than women had a professional or doctoral degree.	<a href="http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/education/cb09-66.html">http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/education/cb09-66.html</a>

19	The median annual earnings of women 15 or older who worked year-round, full time, in 2008, was \$35,745, down from \$36,451 in 2007 (after adjusting for inflation). Women earned 77 cents for every \$1 earned by men.	<a href="http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/income_wealth/cb09-141.html">http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/income_wealth/cb09-141.html</a>
20	There were 155.8 million females in the United States as of Oct. 1, 2009. The number of males was 151.8 million.	<a href="http://www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/2008-nat-res.html">http://www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/2008-nat-res.html</a>
21	Approximately 99,000 police officers across the country were female in 2008. In addition, there were about 14,000 women firefighters, 349,000 lawyers, 267,000 physicians and surgeons, and 36,000 pilots. (Note: Number of pilots pertains to 2007.)	<a href="http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/">http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/</a>
22	Officials of the United States Lawn Tennis Association (USLTA) on this day in 1950, accepted Althea Gibson into their annual championship at Forest Hills, New York, making her the first African-American player to compete in a U.S. national tennis competition.	<a href="http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/22">http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/22</a>
23	According to the latest statistics from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1.8 million or 8% of the 23 million veterans are women.	<a href="http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/2011-02-17-womenvets17_ST_N.htm">http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/2011-02-17-womenvets17_ST_N.htm</a>
24	The percentage of female citizens 18 and older who reported voting in the 2008 Presidential election was 66 percent. Sixty-two percent of their male counterparts cast a ballot. Additionally, 73 percent of female citizens reported being registered to vote.	<a href="http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/voting/cb09-110.html">http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/voting/cb09-110.html</a>
25	According to the Department of Defense as of September 2008, the total number of women in the military was 197,900. Out of that total, 34,300 women were officers, and 163,600 were enlisted.	<a href="http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/cb10-ff03.html">http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/cb10-ff03.html</a>
26	August 26th of each year is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day. Instituted by Rep. Bella Abzug and established in 1971, the observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.	<a href="http://www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/equalityday.php">http://www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/equalityday.php</a>
27	Of the total labor force, 46.5 percent of the U.S. are women. This number is expected to reach to 47 percent in the year 2016.	<a href="http://www.ygoy.com/index.php/facts-and-figures-about-the-status-of-working-women-in-our-society/">http://www.ygoy.com/index.php/facts-and-figures-about-the-status-of-working-women-in-our-society/</a>

28	<p>"Women who stepped up were measured as citizens of the nation, not as women...This was a people's war, and everyone was in it." Inscription on the World War II memorial by Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, first commanding officer of the Women's Army Corps.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.womensmemorial.org/H&amp;C/History/hobby.html">http://www.womensmemorial.org/H&amp;C/History/hobby.html</a></p>
29	<p>From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom," Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered, "I Have a Dream" in August 1963. King called for racial equality and an end to discrimination and became a defining moment of the American Civil Rights Movement.</p>	<p><a href="http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/04/30_women.html">http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/04/30_women.html</a></p>
30	<p>Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice on this day in 1967. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring, leaving a legacy of upholding the rights of the individual as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/30">http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/8/30</a></p>
31	<p>In 1951, a Native American soldier killed in Korea was refused a burial ceremony in Winnebago, Nebraska on the grounds of race. President Harry S. Truman heard about this travesty of justice and offered the widow a plot in Arlington National Cemetery, stating no person should be refused burial based on race, color or creed.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/august30th.html">http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/august30th.html</a></p>