

This day in history: February 25

- 1836** Inventor Samuel Colt patents his revolver.
- 1862** Captain William Driver flies Old Glory after Union troops enter Nashville.
- 1870** Hiram R. Revels, a Mississippi Republican, becomes the first black U.S. senator when he is sworn in to complete the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis, former president of the Confederacy.
- 1901** J.P. Morgan forms U.S. Steel, the world's first billion-dollar company.
- 1933** The USS Ranger, the first U.S. Navy ship designed and built as an aircraft carrier, is launched at Newport News, VA.

This day in history: February 26

- 1846** Frontiersman and showman William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody is born near LeClaire, Iowa.
- 1917** President Woodrow Wilson learns of the Zimmerman Telegram, a coded German message suggesting an alliance between Germany and Mexico, a communication that hastens the U.S. entry into World War I.
- 1919** The Grand Canyon becomes a national park.
- 1993** Islamic terrorists explode a bomb in the garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people.

This day in history: February 27

- 1827** Revelers dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations (Mobile Alabama, claims the first Mardi Gras).
- 1860** In New York City, Abraham Lincoln gives his Cooper Union speech, helps him gain national recognition as an opponent of the spread of slavery.
- 1951** The Twenty-second Amendment, limiting presidents to two terms is ratified.
- 1991** President George H.W. Bush announces the end of the Persian Gulf War, and overwhelming U.S. and allied victory against Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

This day in history: February 28

- 1827** The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the first commercial railroad in the United States to carry passengers and freight, is incorporated.
- 1849** The steamship California, carrying gold-seekers, arrives in San Francisco from New York, marking the beginning of regular steamboat travel between the East and West Coasts.
- 1854** Opponents of slavery meet in Ripon, Wisconsin, and agree to form a new political group, which later becomes the Republican Party.
- 1932** The last Ford Model A (the successor to the Model T) rolls off the factory line.

This day in history: March 1

- 1781** The Articles of Confederation go into effect.
- 1803** Ohio becomes the 17th state.
- 1845** President Tyler signs a Congressional resolution annexing the Republic of Texas.

- 1867** Nebraska becomes the 37th state.
- 1872** Yellowstone becomes the world's first national park.
- 1932** Charles and Anne Lindbergh's infant son is kidnapped from their home near Hopewell, NJ.
- 1961** President Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps.

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- 1793** Sam Houston is born near Lexington, VA.
- 1807** Congress outlaws the importation of slaves.
- 1836** The Republic of Texas declares its independence from Mexico.
- 1877** Republican Rutherford B. Hayes is declared president by an electoral commission over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden in a disputed election.
- 1917** Puerto Rico becomes a U.S. territory and its inhabitants U.S. Citizens.
- 1947** *The Lucky Lady II*, a B50 Superfortress, becomes the first plane to fly nonstop around the world, refueling times in the air along the way.

This day in history: March 3

- 1776** The Patriot army prepares to occupy Dorchester Heights outside of Boston.
- 1820** Congress passes the Missouri Compromise, admitting Maine as a free state and Missouri as a slave state.
- 1845** Florida becomes the 27th state.
- 1863** In need of soldiers to fight in the Civil War, Congress passes a conscription act that results in the first wartime draft in the United States.
- 1931** "*The Star-Spangled Banner*" is adopted as the national anthem.
- 2005** Adventurer Steve Fossett becomes the first person to fly a fixed-wing aircraft around the world alone without stopping or refueling.