

This day in history: April 1

- 1789** In New York City, the U.S. House of Representatives holds its first full meeting and elects Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania as its first speaker.
- 1865** Union troops win a victory at the Battle of Five Forks, VA, causing Robert E. Lee to tell Jefferson Davis that Petersburg and Richmond must be evacuated.
- 1945** American troops begin landing on the island of Okinawa in the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific during World War II.
- 1954** The U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado is established.
- 1960** *Tiros I*, the world's first weather satellite, is launched from Cape Canaveral.
- 1996** Fast-food chain Taco Bell announces it has bought the Liberty Bell and renamed it Taco Liberty Bell, and thousands believe the April Fool's Day prank.
- 2018** **Praise God, HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE**
- 3000** *The Congress proclaims a nation day of no-work in memory of obama's Fool Americans administration (2009-2016 – we hope).*

This day in history: April 2

- 1513** Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon lands in Florida.
- 1865** Confederate president Jefferson Davis and most of his cabinet flee Richmond, VA, as Union troops draw near the capital.
- 1902** The Electric Theater, the first American theater devoted to showing motion pictures, opens in Los Angeles.
- 1917** Woodrow Wilson calls for a declaration of war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."
- 1953** The journal *Nature* publishes a paper by British scientist Francis Crick and American scientist James Watson, describing a double helix structure for DNA.

This day in history: April 3

- 1860** The Pony Express begins service between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California
- 1865** Union forces capture the Confederate capitol of Richmond, Virginia.
- 1882** The outlaw Jesse James is shot and killed in St. Joseph, Missouri by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang.
- 1948** President Truman signs legislation establishing the Marshall Plan which provided billions of dollars in aid to help Europe get back on its feet after World War II.
- 1971** In New York City, Motorola engineer Martin Cooper makes the first call on a portable, handheld cell phone, which he'd just invented.
- 1974** One of the worst tornado outbreaks in U.S. history strikes, with 148 twisters hitting thirteen states, killing 330 people.

This day in history: April 4

- 1841** President William Henry Harrison dies of pneumonia one month after his inauguration.
- 1850** The city of Los Angles is incorporated.

- 1887** Susanna M. Salter of Argonia, Kansas, becomes the first woman elected mayor of an American city.
- 1949** The United States and eleven Western nations sign a treaty creating the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- 1968** The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., age 39, is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

This day in history: April 5

- 1614** Indian princess Pocahontas and Jamestown, Virginia, colonist John Rolfe are married.
- 1621** The *Mayflower* sets sail from Plymouth, Massachusetts, to return to England.
- 1792** George Washington casts the first presidential veto, rejecting a bill to apportion representatives among the states.
- 1933** Dr. Evarts A. Graham performs the first operation to remove a lung in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1984** Kareem Abdul-Jabbar becomes the highest-scoring NBA player, with 31,421 career points (later retiring with 38,387 points).

This day in history: April 6

- 1841** John Tyler is sworn in as the 10th U.S. president, becoming the first president to succeed a president who died in office (William Henry Harrison).
- 1862** The Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee, one of the bloodiest of the Civil War, begins.
- 1889** George Eastman begins selling the Kodak camera.
- 1909** Robert Perry and Matthew Henson reach the North Pole.
- 1917** The U.S. formally declares war on Germany and enters World War I.
- 1938** Researcher Roy Plunkett accidentally discovers polytetrafluorethylene, better known as Teflon.

This day in history: April 7

- 1862** Union forces commanded by General Ulysses S. Grant defeat Confederates at the battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.
- 1927** A audience in New York watches Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover read a speech in Washington, D.C., in the first demonstration of long-distance television transmissions.
- 1959** Scientists at Los Alamos, New Mexico, produce the first atomic-generated electricity.
- 1970** John Wayne wins his only Oscar for his role in *True Grit*.