

**This day in history: April 29**

- 1854 Ashmun Institute (now Lincoln University), the first college for African American students, is established in Chester County, PA.
- 1898 The first American cancer lab is established at the University of Buffalo.
- 1913 Gideon Sundback of Hoboken, NJ, patents the first modern zipper.
- 1945 U.S. troops liberate the Dachau concentration camp in Germany.
- 1975 American officials evacuate Saigon as North Vietnamese troops close in on South Vietnam's capital. (A sad day in a defeat for U.S. troops).

**This day in history: April 30**

- 1789 George Washington takes office as the first U.S. president.
- 1803 The United States concludes negotiations with France for the Louisiana Purchase doubling the size of the young republic for \$15 million.
- 1812 Louisiana becomes the 18<sup>th</sup> state.
- 1939 Lou Gehrig plays his last game with the New York Yankees, ending his streak of 2,130 consecutive games played.
- 1939 Franklin D. Roosevelt becomes the first president to appear on TV as he opens the World's Fair in New York City.
- 1975 The last Americans evacuate Saigon as South Vietnam surrenders to the Vietcong. (Thanks to the progressives in LBJ's government pretending to know better than the Military, **we lost the war !!**)

**This day in history: May 1**

- 1884 Construction begins on the Home Insurance Building in Chicago.
- 1898 A squadron of U.S. ships defeats a Spanish squadron in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.
- 1931 The 102-story Empire State Building is dedicated.
- 1941 Orson Welles' film *Citizen Kane* debuts at the RKO Palace in New York City.
- 1963 Jim Whittaker becomes the first American to climb Mount Everest.
- 1970 The U.S. population tops 200 million, reaching 203,302,031 in the 19<sup>th</sup> census.

**This day in history: May 2**

- 1497 Explorer John Cabot set sail from England in search of a westward route to the Indies.
- 1863 Confederate general Stonewall Jackson is accidentally shot by his own troops in Chancellorsville, VA, and he dies eight days later.
- 1939 New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig's streak of 2,130 consecutive games comes to an end (his record stands until broken by the Baltimore Orioles' Cal Ripken Jr. in 1995).
- 1949 Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* wins the Pulitzer Prize.
- 1965 The *Early Bird* satellite sends TV pictures across the Atlantic for the first time.

**This day in history: May 3**

- 1765 The first U.S. medical school is established at the College of Philadelphia.
- 1802 Washington, D.C., is incorporated as a city.

- 1921 West Virginia becomes the first state to impose a sales tax.
- 1923 Air Service Lts. Oakley Kelly and John Macready land at Coronado Beach, CA completing the first transcontinental nonstop flight in 26 hours, 50 minutes.
- 1937 Margaret Mitchell wins the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *Gone with the Wind*.
- 1952 Lt. Cols. William Pershing Benedict and Joseph Otis Fletcher pilot the first plane to land at the North Pole, and Air Force ski-wheeled C-47.

**This day in history: May 4**

- 1626 Dutch colonist Peter Minuit arrives in Manhattan; he later buys the island from Indians for \$24 worth of trade goods.
- 1776 Rhode Island declares its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence.
- 1942 The Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought solely by air power, begins.
- 1959 Henry Mancini, Perry Como, and Ella Fitzgerald are among the winners of the first Grammy Awards.
- 1961 The Freedom Riders leave Washington, D.C., to challenge segregation laws.
- 1970 National Guardsmen kill four Kent State University students protesting the Vietnam War.

**This day in history: May 5**

- 1749 George Washington receives his surveyor's license from the College of William and Mary.
- 1809 Mary Kies of Connecticut becomes the first woman to receive a U.S. patent, for a technique for weaving straw with silk and thread.
- 1864 The Battle of the Wilderness begins in Spotsylvania County, VA.
- 1925 John T. Scopes is arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution.
- 1961 Astronaut Alan Shepard becomes the first American to travel into space during a 15 minute suborbital flight.
- 1988 The first Thursday in May is designated the National Day of Prayer.