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Monthly Celebrations

Here is a list of other important celebrations for the Month of July with a brief annotation.

Battle of Gettysburg: Anniversary	<p>July 1, 1863. After the Southern success at Chancellorsville, VA, Confederate General Robert E. Lee led his forces on an invasion of the North, initially targeting Harrisburg, PA. As Union forces moved to counter the invasion, the battle lines were eventually formed at Gettysburg, PA, in one of the Civil War's most crucial battles. On the climatic third day of the battle (July 3), Lee ordered an attack on the center of the Union liner, later to be known as Pickett's Charge. The 15,000 rebels were repulsed, ending the Battle of Gettysburg. After the defeat, Lee's forces retreated back to Virginia, listing more than one-third of the troops as casualties in the failed invasion. Union General George Meade initially failed to pursue the retreating rebels, allowing Lee's army to escape across the rain-swollen Potomac River. With more than 50,000 casualties, this was the worst battle of the Civil War.</p> <p>Web: http://www.civilwarhome.com/gettysbu.htm</p>
Bioterrorism/Disaster Education and Awareness Month	<p>July 1-31. To educate consumers, health care professionals, nonprofit organizations and health care facilities about being prepared for natural disasters, emergency care, bioterrorism and acts of God. For info: Fred Mayer, PPSI, 101 Lucas Valley Rd, Ste 210, San Rafael, CA 94903. Phone: (415) 479-8628. Fax: (415) 479-8608. E-mail: ppsi@aol.com.</p> <p>Web: www.ppsinc.org</p>
Cell Phone Courtesy Month	<p>July 1-31. There are more than 180 millions cell phone users in the US. This month is dedicated to encouraging the increasingly unmindful corps of cell phone users to be more respectful of their surroundings and those around them. Annually, the month of July. For info: Jacqueline Whitmore, Etiquette Expert, PO Box 3073, Palm Beach, Fl 33480. Phone: (561) 586-9026. Fax: (561) 586-6689. E-mail: info@etiquetteexpert.com.</p> <p>Web: www.etiquetteexpert.com</p>
First US Postage Stamps Issued: Anniversary	<p>July 1, 1847. The first US postage stamps were issued by the US Postal Service, a 5 cent stamp picturing Benjamin Franklin and a 10 cent stamp honoring George Washington. Stamps had been issued by private postal services in the US prior to this date.</p>
First US Zoo: Anniversary	<p>July 1, 1874. The Philadelphia Zoological Society, the first US zoo, opened. Three thousand visitors traveled by foot, horse and carriage and steamboat to visit the exhibits. Price of admission was 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. There were 1,000 animals in the zoo on opening day.</p>
Medicare: Anniversary	<p>July 1, 1968. Medicare, the US health insurance program for senior citizens, went into effect. The legislation authorizing the program had been signed by President Lyndon Johnson July 30, 1965. Former President Harry Truman received the first Medicare card.</p> <p>Web: http://www.medicare.gov/</p>
National Hotdog Month	<p>July 1-31. Celebrates one of America's favorite hand-held foods with fun facts and new topping ideas. More than 16 billion hot dogs per year are sold in the US. Sponsor: National Hot Dog and Sausage Council. For info: Nat; Hot Dog & Sausage Council, 1700 N Moore St, Ste 1600, Arlington, VA 22209. Phone (703) 841-2400. Web: www.hot-dog.org</p>
National Purposeful	<p>July 1-31. Encourages parents to incorporate "purpose" in their parenting.</p>

Parenting Month	Designed to elevate the level of parental effectiveness by building awareness and providing interested participants with tips for positive, conscientious parenting. For info: send SASE to Dale Eshleman, Episcopal Counseling Center, 1021-A E Robinson St, Orlando, FL 32081. Phone: (800) 544-1817.
Twenty-Sixth Amendment Ratified: 35th Anniversary	July 1, 1971. The 26 th Amendment to the Constitution granted the right to vote in all federal, state, and local elections to all persons 18 years or older. On the date of ratification the US gained an additional 11 million voters. Up until this time, the minimum voting age was set by the states, in most states it was 21.
Amelia Earhart Disappears: Anniversary	July 2, 1957. In 1937, aviatrix Amelia Earhart planned an around the world trip via the equatorial route that would be the longest ever made. Having completed 22,000 miles of her journey, Earhart, accompanied by navigator Fred Noonan, took off on this date from Lae, New Guinea, for the final 7,000 miles of her trip. About 800 miles into their flight to tiny Howland Island, radio contact was lost with her craft. Despite a massive search by the US Navy and US Coast Guard, Earhart, Noonan and their plane was never found.
Civil Rights Act of 1964: Anniversary	July 2, 1964. President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1964 into law, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race in public accommodations, in publicly owned or operated facilities, in employment and union membership and in registration of voters. The bill included Title VI, which allowed for the cutoff of federal funding in areas where discrimination persisted.
Declaration of Independence Resolution: Anniversary	July 2, 1776. Anniversary of adoption by the Continental Congress, Philadelphia, PA, of a resolution introduced June 7, 1776, by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United State Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation

For other celebrations during the month of July, please visit [University of California's Calendar](#).

Always remember that your InterAmerican Campus Library is the best place to obtain information on the month's celebrations. Ask a librarian for assistance.

*Most of the information in this page came from the *Chase's Calendar of Events, 2006*, also available in print in your library.