



POWERNEWS

Defiance Mission Statement...

"ONE TEAM - INNOVATING THE FUTURE"

On this day in history (August 7)....

1428 Valais witch trial proceedings begin in Valais Canton, Switzerland, the first organized witch trials

1606 Possible first performance of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth, performed in the Great Hall at Hampton Court Palace for King James I

1782 Commander of the Continental Army, George Washington, creates two Honorary Badges of Distinction and a Badge of Military Merit (now the Purple Heart). First time military awards are presented to common soldiers.

1789 US Congress creates the Department of War and the United States Lighthouse Establishment

1820 1st potatoes planted in Hawaii

1882 Hatfields of south West Virginia and McCoys of east Kentucky feud, 100 wounded or die

1888 Theophilus Van Kannel of Philadelphia patents revolving door
1896 New Jersey fishermen George Harbo and Frank Samuelson are the first to row across the Atlantic arriving in Le Havre (left Manhattan June 6)

1912 Progressive (Bull Moose) Party nominates Theodore Roosevelt for US President

1915 Dario Resta, driving a Peugeot, wins the first Champ Car race ever to average over 100mph at a 100-mile race in Chicago; average speed 101.8mph

1927 Peace Bridge over the Niagara River between US and Canada dedicated to commemorate 100 years of peace between the two countries

1929 NY Yankees slugger Babe Ruth ties MLB record by hitting grand slams in consecutive games for the second time in a 13-1 win against the Philadelphia Athletics

1939 Millionaire Howard Hughes is presented with a Congressional Gold Medal his significant contributions to the advancement of aviation

1944 IBM dedicates the first program-controlled calculator, the Automatic Sequence Controlled Calculator (known best as the Harvard Mark I)

1946 1st US commemorative coin of an African American, Booker T. Washington (half dollar)

1948 American Alice Coachman becomes the first black woman from any country to win an Olympic gold medal when she takes out the high jump at the London Games

1951 US Viking rocket reaches 210 km height (record)

1953 Eastern Airlines enters jet age, uses Electra prop-jet

1954 Charles Mahoney becomes 1st US black to serve as a full UN delegate

1956 Boston Red Sox fine slugger Ted Williams \$5,000 for spitting at heckling Boston fans, third incident in 3 weeks

1957 Congress passes the Civil Rights Act of 1957

1959 Explorer 6 transmits 1st TV photo of Earth from space

1963 Jacqueline Kennedy becomes 1st presiding US First Lady to give birth (Patrick Kennedy) since Frances Cleveland in 1895; the infant dies three days later

1964 US Congress approves Gulf of Tonkin resolution granting US President Lyndon Johnson authority to assist any Southeast Asian facing "communist aggression"; he uses it to openly bring US into Vietnam conflict

1969 Fantasy Records releases "Green River", the third studio album by the American rock band Creedence Clearwater Revival, featuring the title track and "Bad Moon Rising", and "Lodi"

1970 First all-computer chess championship is conducted in New York and won by CHESS 3.0 (CDC 6400), a program written by Slate, Atkin & Golen at Northwestern University

1974 Philippe Petit walks tightrope strung between twin towers

1976 Scientists in Pasadena, California, announce Viking I found strongest indications to date of possible life on Mars

1976 US Viking 2 goes into Martian orbit after 11-month flight from Earth

1984 The US collects its first Olympic gold medal in women's basketball history with a 85-55 win over South Korea in the final at the LA Games

1986 Daniel Buettnner, Bret Anderson, Martin Engel and Anne Knabe begin cycling journey of 15,266 miles from Prudhoe Bay Alaska to Argentina

1990 US deploys troops to Saudi Arabia, beginning Operation Desert Shield

1991 American team of Carl Lewis, Mike Marsh, Leroy Burrell & Dennis Mitchell set 4 x 100m relay world record of 37.67 seconds in Zürich, Switzerland

1992 The Orlando Magic signs NBA No. 1 draft pick Shaquille O'Neal

2000 Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore picks Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman as his running mate, making him the first Jewish person to run for the nation's second-highest office

2007 "Eclipse" 3rd book in Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight Saga" is published by Little Brown - initial print run 1 million copies

2007 San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds hits his 756th career home run to break Hank Aaron's long-standing MLB record

2010 Jerry Rice, Emmitt Smith, John Randle, Russ Grimm, Rickey Jackson, Floyd Little & Dick LeBeau are inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

2016 United States men's 4 x 100m freestyle relay team wins the final in 3:09.92 at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics; Michael Phelps' record 19th Olympic gold medal

2018 Australia's population hits 25 million according to Australian Bureau of Statistics

By On This Day in History

Happy Retirement

Congratulations to the following employees who retired August 1, 2025:

David Blankemeyer DOH: 01/29/1996 Millwright
 Kip Gochenour DOH: 03/03/1997 Millwright
 Richard Maag DOH: 05/01/1984 Millwright
 Damaris Nunez DOH: 02/03/1992 Pattern Maker



Richard Maag pictured with Al Garrow, Rob Egnor, Steve Rieger, Gary Hoehn and Derrick Parson



LEFT: Kip Gochenour pictured with his family



RIGHT: with Al Garrow, Joe Thomas, Gary Hoehn, Rob Egnor, Derrick Parson and Steve Rieger



LEFT: Damaris Nunez receiving gift from her team members with Kent Merritt and Derrick Parson



RIGHT: Damaris with her family

BENEFITS OF GETTING OUTDOORS



Breathe Better

Going outside to green spaces helps you breathe better. These places have cleaner air than indoors or busy cities. Being in open spaces like fields or parks can make a big difference in how you feel and breathe.



Sleep Better

Sunlight during the day can make you feel more awake, and then tired when it's time for bed. It's like a natural clock for your body. Just spending time outside during the day can help improve your sleep at night.



Feel Better

Sunlight can help you feel less sad and tired. It's like a natural mood booster. Even just being outside while doing simple things like reading or relaxing can make you feel better.



Get Motivated

Exercising outdoors can be a lot more enjoyable than working out indoors. It's a refreshing change from the gym, and you get to enjoy nature while staying active. Simple activities like walking the dog or playing at the park are great ways to stay active and have fun outdoors.

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Restore Your Mind

Nature gives your mind a break from all the noise and business of everyday life. Being in natural places helps you relax and focus better. Slow activities like walking in the woods or paddling on a lake can really clear your mind.



Immune System Boost

Spending time outside can help keep you healthy. Fresh air and sunlight can make your body stronger and less likely to get sick. It's like giving your immune system a workout, so it's ready to fight off germs.



Boost Creativity

Studies have shown that spending time in nature can boost creativity. Being in nature helps the brain relax and refocus, making it easier to think creatively. Even just a short break outside can help your brain start thinking in new and different ways.



Improved Emotional Well-Being

Being outside can make you feel happier and more peaceful. It's a good way to relax and feel connected to the world around you. At night, looking at the stars or enjoying the quiet can help you feel calm and focused.

Upcoming Project Improvements in the Gen Area

- Mod 3 & 4 Core Machine Rebuild – Supplying Loramendi parts – (delivered)
- Pattern Shop Romer Arm Purchase – Aug '25 (delivered)
- Quality Band Saw – Sept '25 (delivered)
- Mod 3 OP 130 Maintenance Hoist Upgrade – Nov '25 (quoting)
- Mod 4 OP 130 Maintenance Hoist Upgrade – Nov '25 (quoting)
- Mod 3 OP 130 Shakeout – Replace 2 Oscillators & 2 Robots – Dec '25
 - Robots (delivered), Oscillator (awaiting PO)
- Mod 4 OP 130 Shakeout – Replace 2 Oscillators & 2 Robots – Dec '25
 - Robots (delivered), Oscillator (awaiting PO)
- Mod 3 OP 130 Saw – Replace 2 Robots – Dec '25 (delivered)
- Mod 4 OP 130 Saw – Replace 2 Robots – Dec '25 (delivered)
- Dog Bone (tensile specimen) Machine – Dec '25 (PO issued)
- Mod 3 OP 30 & 50 New Style Core Buffer – Dec '25 (quoting)
- Mod 4 OP 30 & 50 New Style Core Buffer – July '26 (quoting)



Asset Sustainment – Total \$5M



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