



# POWERNEWS

Defiance Mission Statement...

**"ONE TEAM - INNOVATING THE FUTURE"**

## On this day in history (March 20) ...

1345 Conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, thought by scholars at the University of Paris to be the "cause of the plague epidemic" known as the Black Death. Actual cause was the bacterium yersinia pestis spread by fleas, rats and other animals.

1760 Great Fire of Boston destroys 349 buildings

1774 The British parliament passes first of the Intolerable Acts: the Boston Port Act, which closed Boston harbor until colonists would pay for damages following the Boston Tea Party

1800 Alessandro Volta reports his discovery of the electric battery in a letter to Joseph Banks, president of the Royal Society of London

1815 Napoleon Bonaparte enters Paris after his escape from Elba and begins his 100-day rule

1816 US Supreme Court affirms its right to review state court decisions

1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is published in Boston

1854 Anti-slavery activists within the US Whig political party opposed to the Kansas-Nebraska Act form a new Republican Party; notable politicians who switched allegiance include Abraham Lincoln, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester A. Arthur, and Benjamin Harrison

1854 Boston Public Library opens in Boston, Massachusetts as the first large free municipal library in the US

1854 Republican Party is formally organized in Ripon, Wisconsin

1868 Jesse James Gang robs a bank in Russellville, Kentucky, stealing \$14,000

1883 Jan Matzeliger receives his 1st patent (number 274,207) for shoe lasting machine which mechanized shoe production

1886 1st AC power plant in US begins commercial operation in Massachusetts

1917 After the sinking of 3 more American merchant ships, US President Woodrow Wilson meets with cabinet, who agree that war is inevitable

1922 USS Langley is commissioned, US Navy's 1st aircraft carrier

1930 American fast food restaurant chain Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) is founded as Sanders Court & Café by Colonel Harland Sanders in North Corbin, Kentucky

1944 2,500 women trample guards and floorwalkers to purchase 1,500 alarm clocks announced for sale in a Chicago Illinois department store

1947 180 tonne blue whale (record) caught in South Atlantic

1954 1st newspaper vending machine used (Columbia Pennsylvania)

1956 Union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp

1958 50 inches of snow falls across the Mason-Dixon line

1968 LBJ signs a bill removing gold backing from US paper money

1982 Joan Jett & Blackhearts' "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" goes #1 for 7 weeks

1987 FDA approves sale of AZT (AIDS treatment)

1989 Major League Baseball announces Reds manager Pete Rose is under investigation

1990 LA Lakers retires Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's #33

1990 Singer Gloria Estefan fractures her spine when a truck hits her tour bus near Scranton, Pennsylvania

1991 Michael Jackson signs a \$65 million deal with Sony Records to produce six albums

1991 Supreme Court rules unanimously employers can't exclude women from jobs where exposure to toxic chemicals could potentially damage fetus

1992 Janice Pennington is awarded \$1.3M for accident on Price is Right set

1996 Erik and Lyle Menendez are found guilty of killing their parents

1996 UK admits humans can catch CJD (Mad Cow Disease)

1997 US tobacco company Liggett admits cigarettes are addictive

2001 Petrobras 36 Oil Platform, the world's largest oil rig, sinks with 400,000 US gallons of fuel and crude oil aboard, after suffering three explosions on March 15

2003 A US-led coalition launches a ground invasion of Iraq after an ultimatum for Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq expires

2016 Barack Obama becomes the first US President to visit Cuba since 1928, arriving for a three-day tour with First Lady Michelle

2019 A woman who can smell Parkinson's disease has helped researchers identify molecules on the skin of people with the disease in Manchester, England

2020 After 20 years with the New England Patriots, six-time Super Bowl winning quarterback Tom Brady officially agrees to move to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on a 2-year \$50m guaranteed deal

*By On This Day in History*

# CONNECT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Participating in your community is a great way to connect with others!

## Learn something new



- Take a cooking, art, dance, or language class
- Form or join a book or film club
- Visit local museums, as many offer group tours

## Connect with friends and family



- Host a game night
- Call or video chat your friends or family
- Try different restaurants with your loved ones
- Listen to or share your favorite music with your friends



## Volunteer in your community



- Serve meals or organize clothing donations
- Run errands for people with limited mobility or access to transportation
- Volunteer at a school, library, museum, or animal shelter
- Check out GM Cares volunteer events near you

Source: [nia.nih.gov](https://nia.nih.gov). Participating in Activities You Enjoy As You Age.  
[https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/do\\_this\\_in\\_the\\_morning\\_for\\_a\\_better\\_workday](https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/do_this_in_the_morning_for_a_better_workday)  
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The LifeSteps Program is offered to all GM U.S. hourly employees and their dependents age 18 and older. The program is also available to all GM U.S. salaried employees, including their enrolled dependents age 18+ in the U.S. Salaried Medical Plan. GM contract workers are not eligible to participate in the LifeSteps Program.

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# WORKPLACE OF CHOICE SURVEY

## ***What you need to know about the WOC Survey***



The survey designed to collect feedback about the workplace. They're meant to help assess progress towards improving our workplaces.



MFG hourly and salaried employees can participate. Contract workers are not eligible to take the survey.



The survey begins on **March 18** and closes at the end of the day on **April 1**.



The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.



Participation is 100% **voluntary**. Every voice will have equal weight.

**Need more info? Ask your TL or GL for assistance!**



# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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29	30	31				



## P.E.R.T.

### MARCH MEETING

**Medical & Trauma Scenarios,  
Patient Packaging, Rescue**

**When:**

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Where:**

PERT Training Lab Room 135

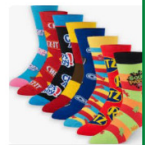
**Time:**

1st Shift 06:30 - 15:00

### Spirit Wear Fridays – March



## WACKY SOCKS



Send your Spirit Friday Pics to [justin.1.zimmerman@gm.com](mailto:justin.1.zimmerman@gm.com) 330-553-0478 or [brandy.thompson@gm.com](mailto:brandy.thompson@gm.com) 419-769-2175 (Plant 2 ops area Friday's 8:15am for pic)

Mar 6 - IWD

Mar 13 – St. Paddy's Day

Mar 20

Mar 27

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