2023 Holiday celebrations

Instructions:

Each CORE member needs to select 1 holiday and send that information to the Chair. The CORE member will be expected to develop an educational writeup on the holiday and submit it to the Chair at least 7-10 days before the actual holiday. Please see the criteria on page 3 & 4.

January 1: New Year’s Day

 7: Orthodox Christmas

 14: Orthodox New Year

 16: Martin Luther King Jr Day

 16: Civil Rights Day

 16- 20: Unity Week

 17: National Day of Racial Healing

 22: Lunar New Year

 27: Holocaust Remembrance Day

February: Black History Month

 1: National Freedom Day

 4: Rosa Parks Day

 6: Tu Bishvat/Tu B’shevat. (Jewish)

 12: Lincoln’s Birthday. Observed the 13th this year.

 14: Statehood Day

 14: Valentine’s Day

 14: Susan B Anthony’s Day

 18. Maha Shivaratri (Muslim)

 18: Isra and Mi’raj. (Muslim)

 20: President’s Day

 21: Mardi Gras

 22: Ash Wednesday (Christian)

 25: African and American Scientist and Inventor Day

March: Women’s History Month

 2: Read Across America Day

 7: Hali (Hindu)

 7: Purim. (Jewish)

 12: Daylight Savings

 17: St Patrick’s Day. (Christian)

 20: March Equinox

 23: Ramadan Starts. (Muslim)

 29: National Vietnam War Veteran’s Day

 30: Vietnam Veteran’s Day

April:

 2. Palm Sunday. (Christian)

 5: Passover Eve. (Jewish)

 6. First day of Passover (Jewish)

 7: Good Friday. (Christian)

 10: Easter. (Christian)

 13: Last Day of Passover (Jewish)

 15: Orthodox Good Friday (Christian- Greek, Romanian, Russian)

 17: Orthodox Easter (Christian)

 17: Laylat at-Qadr. (Holiest nigh of the year for Muslims)

 17: Patriot’s Day

 17: Boston Marathon

 18: Yom HaShoah. (Known as Holocaust Remembrance Day). (Jewish)

 22: Eid al-Fitr. (Muslim). Tentative Date

 26: Yom Ha’atzmaut. (Jewish)

 27: Take Daughters and Sons to Work Day

 28: Arbor Day

May: Military Appreciation Month

 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

 Jewish American Heritage Month

 1: Law Day

 1: Loyalty Day

 2: National Teacher Appreciation Day

 4: National Day of Prayer

 5: Cinco de Mayo

 6: Kentucky Derby

 6: National Nurses Day

 8: Victory in Europe Day

 9: Lag BaOmer. (Jewish).

 14: Mother’s Day

 15: Peace Officers Memorial Day

 20: Public Lands Day

 20: Armed Forces Day

 20: Preakness Stakes. (Always held on Armed Forces Day)

 24: National Medical Services for Children’s Day

 28: Pentecost. (Christian)

 29: Memorial Day

Below is a **DRAFT** criterion that I would like your feedback on. Please review and comment so we can discuss and approve in the December meeting.

**Holiday celebration write up criterion:**

1. Content to be educational
2. 1-2 pages in length
3. Graphs, drawings, tables, pictures, etc. are allowed to illustrate a point
4. Use a minimum of 2 Sources
5. 5-day formal review process:
	* + The Author of the Holiday writeup will send it via email to all CORE members 7 -10 days in advance of the holiday. (CORE members are allowed to send emails to all members. The requirement is that members don’t REPLY ALL to the communication because then it will be considered a meeting. Please add “Don’t reply all” to your email when sending a communication to all commission members. An individual member may reply directly to the sender of the email.)
		+ All members have 5 days to review the Holiday write up for comments.
		+ Be aware and respectful of the 5-day timeframe. For example, if comments for a major revision are submitted on the 4th day, and the review period ends of 5th day, the author may or may not be able to make all changes.
		+ If a member has an issue with the content in the write up, take it up with the author.
		+ It is expected that all members act professionally if there is a dispute over the content. Specifically, CORE members need to be mature, have a respectful tone in the delivery of the message, stick to the facts, don’t attack a fellow member, or make personal insinuations and assumptions.
		+ The author needs to reply to the person submitting comments if the suggested changes were made or not and state why.
		+ If a majority of members feel the content doesn’t represent the holiday in a balanced and educational manner, the write up will not be posted publicly until it can be fixed.