

1959

Jul 7 26th MLB All Star Game, Forbes Field, Pittsburgh: Willy Mays triples to score Hank Aaron as NL wins 5-4

Jul 17 "North by Northwest" directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint premieres in Los Angeles

Aug 12 1st ship firing of a Polaris missile, USS Observation Island

Aug 21 Hawaii becomes the 50th US state

Sep Course validation and elective courses introduced. 228 members of the Class of 1963 validate one or more courses.

Sep 11 Congress passes a bill authorizing food stamps for poor Americans

Sep 12 "Bonanza" premieres on NBC-TV

Sep 26 Dedication of Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

Sep 29 Little Anthony & the Imperials record "Shimmy Shimmy Ko Ko Bop"

Nov 14 Triton Light, dedicated to the safe return of all those who go down to the sea in ships, dedicated at the Farragut Field sea wall

Nov 28 Army-Navy football game. Navy 43 Army 12

1960

Feb 1 Four students stage 1st civil rights sit-in, at Woolworth's in Greensboro, North Carolina

Mar 22 1st patent for lasers granted to Arthur Schawlow and Charles Townes

Mar 25 1st guided missile launched from nuclear powered sub (USS Halibut)

Mar 28 Scotch whisky factory explodes burying 20 fire fighters in Glasgow, Scotland

Apr 1 Census determines the resident population of the United States to be 179,245,000

Apr 10 Senate passes landmark Civil Rights Bill

Apr 14 1st underwater launching of Polaris missile

May 1 Russia shoots down Francis Gary Powers' U-2 spy plane over Sverdlovsk

May 7 Leonid Brezhnev replaces Kliment Voroshilov as President of USSR

May 9 US becomes the first country to legalize the birth control pill

May 10 US atomic submarine USS Triton completes 1st submerged circumnavigation of the globe

May 11 Israeli soldiers capture Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires

May 19 Alan Freed & eight other DJ's accused of taking radio payola

Jun 8 USNA Class of 1960 graduates. Class of 1963 conquers Herndon Monument: No More Mo' Plebes

Jun 16 The film "Psycho," directed by Alfred Hitchcock, opens in New York City

Jun 30 US stops sugar imports from Cuba

Jul 1 Fidel Castro nationalizes Esso, Shell & Texaco in Cuba

Jul 7 USSR shoots down a US aircraft over Barents sea

Jul 11 "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee is first published

Jul 20 1st submerged submarine to fire Polaris missile (USS George Washington)

Jul 22 Cuba nationalizes all US-owned sugar factories

Aug 1 Singer Chubby Checker releases "The Twist"

Aug 8 "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polkadot Bikini" hits #1

Aug 17 Francis Gary Powers U-2 spy trial opens in Moscow

Sep 14 Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi-Arabia & Venezuela form Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

Sep 17 Cuba nationalizes US banks

Sep 24 USS Enterprise, 1st nuclear power aircraft carrier, launched

Oct 3 "The Andy Griffith Show" premieres on CBS

Oct 21 JFK and Nixon clash in 4th and final presidential debate

Nov 2 Memorial honoring all USNA graduates killed in action is dedicated in Memorial Hall

Nov 8 John F. Kennedy is elected President of the United States,

Nov 26 Army-Navy football game. Navy 17 Army 12

Nov 29 26th Heisman Trophy Award: Joe Bellino, Navy

Dec 20 The National Liberation Front, better known as the Viet Cong, is officially formed in South Vietnam

Unk Completion of USNA project to convert Dewey Basin to Dewey Field and expand acreage by construction of Farragut Field

1961

Jan 2 27th Orange Bowl: #5 Missouri beats #4 Navy, 21-14

Jan 3 US breaks diplomatic relations with Cuba

Jan 15 Supremes signed with Motown Records

Jan 17 President Dwight D. Eisenhower warns against the accumulation of power by the "military-industrial complex".

Jan 20 John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as President of the United States,

Feb 1 1st full-scale test of Minuteman ICBM is successful

Feb 27 Marching to classes at USNA suspended for two-week trial period

Mar 1 Peace Corps established

Mar 13 Floyd Patterson KO's Ingemar Johansson in 6 for heavyweight boxing title

Mar 21 The Beatles' first appearance at the Cavern Club in Liverpool

Apr 11 Trial of Adolf Eichmann for war crimes in World War II begins in Jerusalem

Apr 12 Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes the first person to orbit Earth

Apr 24 JFK accepts "sole responsibility" following Bay of Pigs

Apr 25 Robert Noyce patents integrated circuit

Apr 26 First Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC)

May 5 Alan Shepard becomes 1st American in space (aboard Freedom 7)

May 9 FCC Chairman Newton Minow criticizes TV as a "vast wasteland"

May 14 Bus with 1st group of Freedom Riders bombed and burned in Alabama

May 25 President Kennedy announces US goal of putting a man on Moon before the end of decade

Jun 12 Captain Charles S. Minter becomes Commandant of the Naval Academy

Jun 12 Rehabilitation of wing 6 of Bancroft Hall begins; work on Wing 4 follows closely

Jun 30 Wings 7 and 8 of Bancroft Hall completed

Jul 24 Beginning of a trend, a US commercial plane is hijacked to Cuba

Aug 7 Cosmonaut Gherman Titov circles Earth for a full day in Vostok 2

Aug 13 Construction of the Berlin Wall begins in East Germany

Aug 27 Francis the Talking Mule is mystery guest on "What's My Line"

Aug 30 USSR says it will resume nuclear testing

Sep 5 United States begins underground nuclear testing

Sep 20 James Meredith refused enrollment to the segregated University of Mississippi

Oct 1 Roger Maris sets record of 61 home runs

Oct 6 President Kennedy advises Americans to build fallout shelters

Oct 18 Emergency crisis proclaimed in South Vietnam due to communist attack

Oct 30 Soviet Union tests a 58-megaton hydrogen bomb, the most powerful nuclear weapon ever detonated

Nov 16 President Kennedy decides to increase military aid to South Vietnam without committing US combat troops

Nov 18 JFK sends 18,000 military advisors to South Vietnam

Dec 2 Army-Navy football game. Navy 13 Army 7

Dec 11 JFK provides US military helicopters and crews to South Vietnam

Dec 12 Martin Luther King Jr. and 700 demonstrators are arrested in Albany, Georgia

Dec 15 Adolf Eichmann is sentenced to death in Israel for war crimes

Dec 31 Beach Boys play their debut gig under that name

Dec 31 Marshall Plan expires after distributing more than \$12 billion

Unk Seventh and Eighth wings of Bancroft Hall completed

1962

Jan 1 United States Navy SEALs established.

Jan 12 Operation Chopper begins, America's first combat mission in the Vietnam War

Jan 18 US begins spraying foliage in Vietnam to reveal Viet Cong guerrillas

Jan 31 Samuel Gravelly assumes command of destroyer escort "USS Falgout", first African American to command a combat ship

Feb 3 President Kennedy bans all trade with Cuba except for food and drugs

Feb 7 US begins blockade of Cuba by banning all Cuban imports and exports

Feb 10 USSR swaps spy Francis Gary Power to US for Rudolph Abel

Feb 20 John Glenn becomes first American to orbit the Earth

Feb 26 US Supreme court disallows race separation on public transportation

Apr 15 US national debt above \$300,000,000,000

May 6 1st nuclear warhead fired from Polaris submarine (Ethan Allen)

Jun 2 Class of 1963 Ring Dance

Jul 17 Senate rejects medicare for aged

Aug 11 Beach Boys release "Surfin' Safari"

Aug 18 Peter, Paul & Mary release their first hit "If I Had a Hammer"

Aug 18 RADM Charles C. Kirkpatrick becomes Naval Academy Superintendent

Aug 29 US U-2 flight sees SAM launch pads in Cuba

Sep 25 Sonny Liston KOs Floyd Patterson in 1st round for heavyweight title

Sep 29 JFK authorized use of federal troops to integrate U of Mississippi

Oct 14 U-2 reconnaissance planes locate missile launchers in Cuba

Oct 16 Cuban missile crisis begins as photos confirm the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba

Oct 22 President Kennedy makes TV address about Soviet missile bases in Cuba and imposes a naval blockade on Cuba

Oct 24 Soviet ships approach but stop short of the US blockade of Cuba

Oct 26 JFK warns Russia that the USA will not allow Soviet missiles to remain in Cuba

Oct 26 Nikita Khrushchev offers to withdraw missiles from Cuba if US closes its bases in Turkey: offer is rejected

Oct 28 Radio Moscow reports nuclear missiles in Cuba deactivated

Oct 28: President Kennedy receives letter from Soviet Leader Khrushchev suggesting agreement to end Cuban missile crisis

Dec 1 Army-Navy football game. Navy 34 Army 14. Four in a row.

Dec 10 Motion picture "Lawrence of Arabia" released

Dec 16 Evangelist Billy Graham preaches at USNA chapel service

Dec 25 "To Kill a Mockingbird" motion picture released

1963

Jan 7 1st class postage raised from 4 cents to 5 cents

Feb 9 1st flight of Boeing 727 jet

Feb 19 "The Feminine Mystique" by Betty Friedan published

Feb 20 Willie Mays (SF Giants) signs a record \$100,000 per year contract

Feb 25 Beatles release their 1st single in US "Please Please Me"

Mar 17 Bob Cousy plays his last NBA game

Apr 9 Winston Churchill becomes 1st honorary US citizen

Apr 10 USS THRESHER sinks 220 miles east of Boston killing 129 men, including 17 civilians

May 1 1st American (James Whittaker) conquers Mount Everest

May 8 First James Bond film "Dr No" premieres in US

May 15 Last Project Mercury flight, Gordon Cooper in Faith 7, launched

Jun 5 British Minister of War John Profumo resigns due to Christine Keeler scandal

Jun 5 State of siege proclaimed in Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini arrested

Jun 5 Naval Academy Class of 1963 graduates