



## Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson Jr., M.D.

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Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson Jr. has always felt compelled to serve. As a young man during the Vietnam War, he saw his country in need and joined the Navy. Prepared to fight, Robinson received surprising news before shipping out.

“I was told that I had been accepted into medical school. I didn’t know what to do. I was dedicated to my country, but it had been my dream to be a doctor,” said Robinson.

Robinson decided to do both. He combined his military and health careers in an effort to help more diverse populations. Navy medicine provided Robinson an experience he couldn’t get in medical school.

“I was able to see care from different points of view. I taught medical students and led deployed medical commands. My experiences enabled me to serve more people,” said Robinson.

In 2007, Robinson accepted the position of Navy surgeon general. He currently is the senior physician for the U.S. Navy overseeing the health and well-being of all sailors, Marines and their families around the world. He has received numerous awards for his service. His decorations include a Distinguished Service Medal and two Legion of Merit awards.

“I believe that all people should be recognized for their service. It is a noble experience to be in Navy medicine. But, we can’t overlook the work that is done each day in every community,” said Robinson.



**1969**  
Charles Evers, WWII soldier and head of the NAACP in Mississippi, becomes the first African American mayor in Mississippi since Reconstruction.



**1971**  
Samuel L. Gravely Jr. becomes the first African American admiral in the U.S. Navy.

# JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>1889:</b> Frederick Douglass named U.S. Minister to Haiti.	<b>2</b> <b>1872:</b> Elijah McCoy patents first self-lubricating locomotive engine. The quality of his inventions helped coin the phrase “the real McCoy.”	<b>3</b> <b>1688:</b> The Quakers in Germantown, Pennsylvania, make first formal protest against slavery.
<b>4</b> <b>1900:</b> Traditional birthdate of Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong, jazz pioneer. <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> <b>1991:</b> Nelson Mandela elected president of the African National Congress. <b>Independence Day Observed</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1957:</b> Althea Gibson wins women’s singles title at Wimbledon, first black to win tennis’s most prestigious award.	<b>7</b> <b>1948:</b> Cleveland Indians sign pitcher Leroy “Satchel” Paige.	<b>8</b> <b>2000:</b> Venus Williams wins women’s singles championship at Wimbledon.	<b>9</b> <b>1893:</b> Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performs first successful open-heart operation.	<b>10</b> <b>1875:</b> Educator Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman College, born.
<b>11</b> <b>1905:</b> W.E.B. DuBois and William Monroe Trotter organize the Niagara Movement, a forerunner of the NAACP.	<b>12</b> <b>1949:</b> Frederick M. Jones patents cooling system for food transportation vehicles.	<b>13</b> <b>1965:</b> Thurgood Marshall becomes first black appointed U.S. solicitor general.	<b>14</b> <b>1951:</b> George Washington Carver Monument, first national park honoring a black, is dedicated in Joplin, Missouri.	<b>15</b> <b>1867:</b> Maggie Lena Walker, first woman and first black to become president of a bank, born.	<b>16</b> <b>1822:</b> Violette A. Johnson, first black woman to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, born.	<b>17</b> <b>2009:</b> Ret. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr. becomes first African American administrator of NASA.
<b>18</b> <b>1998:</b> African American Civil War Soldiers Memorial dedicated, Washington, D.C.	<b>19</b> <b>1925:</b> Paris debut of Josephine Baker, entertainer, activist and humanitarian.	<b>20</b> <b>1950:</b> Black troops (24th Regiment) win first U.S. victory in Korea.	<b>21</b> <b>1896:</b> Mary Church Terrell elected first president of National Association of Colored Women.	<b>22</b> <b>1939:</b> Jane M. Bolin of New York City appointed first black female judge.	<b>23</b> <b>1962:</b> Jackie Robinson becomes first black baseball player in the major leagues inducted into baseball’s Hall of Fame.	<b>24</b> <b>1807:</b> Shakespearean actor Ira Aldridge born in New York City.
<b>25</b> <b>1916:</b> Garrett Morgan, inventor of the gas mask, rescues six people from gas-filled tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio.	<b>26</b> <b>1948:</b> President Harry S. Truman issues Executive Order 9981, ending segregation in armed forces.	<b>27</b> <b>1880:</b> Alexander P. Ashbourne patents process for refining coconut oil.	<b>28</b> <b>1868:</b> 14th Amendment, granting blacks full citizenship rights, becomes part of the Constitution.	<b>29</b> <b>1895:</b> First National Conference of Colored Women Convention held in Boston.	<b>30</b> <b>1822:</b> James Varick becomes first bishop of African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.	<b>31</b> <b>1874:</b> Rev. Patrick Francis Healy inaugurated president of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

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