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Diversity Corner

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Two important dates in July that have significance to diversity and unique groups:
The first is Women in Military Service for America Memorial Anniversary on the July 14th.

The second is the Americans with Disabilities Act which was signed on July 26th.

Why is the Women in Military Service for America Memorial important?

The Women in Military Service for America Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery,

is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history.

Their patriotism and bravery are a part of our nation's heritage and are now recognized.

In the United States, July 26 is recognized annually as National Disability Independence Day, commemorating the signing of the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) into law in 1990.

The landmark legislation has served as a de facto bill of rights for Americans with impairments by assuring their access to economic and civic opportunities. Its passage represented an unprecedented bipartisan effort to acknowledge the centuries of discrimination suffered by the disabled community, and a fundamental change to how they live their lives.

