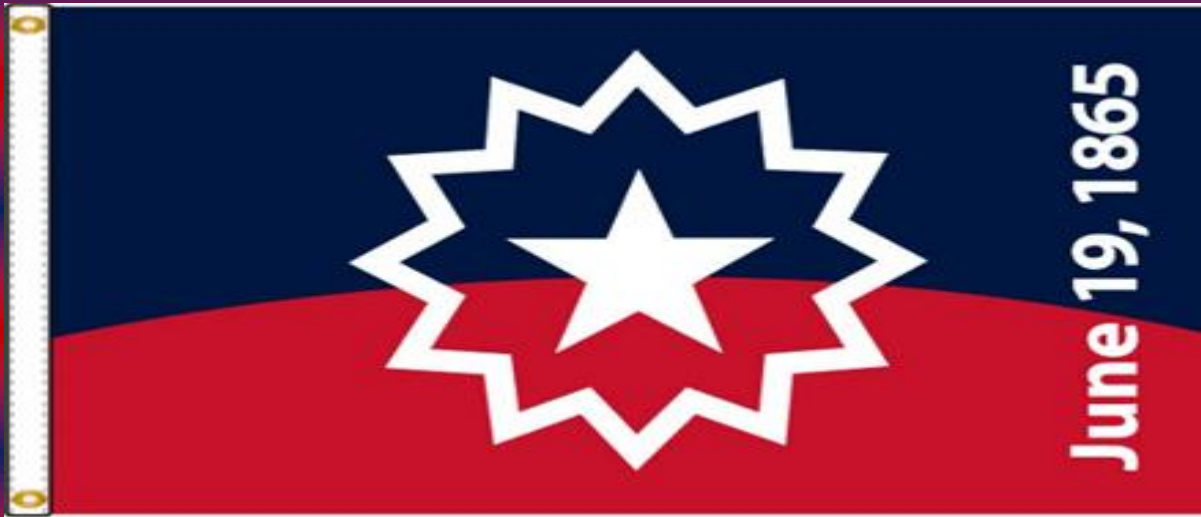


# COMMEMORATING JUNTEENTH



Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th — the name is a portmanteau of the words “June” and “Nineteenth.”

While Juneteenth has been celebrated throughout the country by many since the initial celebration in 1865, the day was officially recognized as a US Federal Holiday under President Biden in 2021.

Known by many names, including Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, or Juneteenth Independence Day, the holiday recognizes the time when enslaved Black people in Texas were notified of their freedom, more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation



## A Juneteenth Story...

It was the United States Colored Troops (USCT), who were dispatched from City Point, VA (present-day Hopewell, VA) as a "Show of Force" along the Texas/Mexico border to France's Maximilian I, ran into a storm in the Gulf of Mexico, and were forced to land at Galveston, TX on June 19, 1865. Over 4,000 USCT bivouac on the island that day, bringing realization to the rumors of freedom to those still enslaved, while General Order #3 was posted on the door of the Colored church (present-day Reedy Chapel) informing all of their Absolute Equality

Proclamation in January 1863.

<https://www.national-juneteenth.org/>