

## Pride Month

### **In the United States June is “Pride Month”.**

Many of us have become very familiar with what Pride Month is, and the various ways to celebrate, but this month emerged out of a particular protest back in the late 1960's. Scroll on to learn more about how Pride Month came to be.

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### **The history of Pride Month**

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In June, we celebrate and recognize Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history; locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Stonewall Riots occurred due to a raid by New York City police on the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village on June 28th, 1969. Angered by police harassment and social discrimination, the events of June 28th sparked six days of protests and galvanized the gay rights movement. America's first gay pride parade was held on the one-year anniversary of the riots.

Pride Month was first recognized in 1994 when a coalition of education-based organizations in the United States designated October as LGBT History Month. The federal government first recognized the month in 1999 when President Bill Clinton declared June “Gay & Lesbian Pride Month.” In 2009, President Barack Obama declared June LGBT Pride Month. On 1 June 2021, President Joe Biden declared June LGBTQ Pride Month.

The Department of Defense celebrated its first Pride Month in June of 2012 following the repeal of “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” in 2011. Here at Joint Base Andrews, we have honored Pride Month in a number of ways with the first full scale celebration in 2017 with the theme “LGBT: I am an American Airman.” During the month, Airmen served as parade marshals for the Washington, D.C. Capital Pride parade, participated in a 5K run, and held a panel discussion. This year's celebrations will include a Pride Month Panel broadcasted on Joint Base Andrews Facebook page and a Pride Day Color Run at 7 a.m. on the 28th of June.

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### **In Honor of Pride Month - A Little History...**

During this month of Pride, we thought it might be a good idea to offer some historical context to what has become such a distinguishable and celebratory month for so many members of the LGBTQIA+ community. This year marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> year since the first Pride parade was organized by Brenda Howard, a bisexual activist; however, Pride month was first recognized on a national level by President Bill Clinton in 1999 and 2000. During his term, President Barack Obama declared the month of June LGBT Pride Month. This declaration is the result of a decades long battle for equality after a brave group of LGBT community members decided to take a stand in New York City.

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### **Why Is Pride Month Celebrated in June?**

Pride Month commemorates years of struggle for civil rights and the ongoing pursuit of equal justice under the law for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, as well as the accomplishments of LGBTQ individuals. But why is Pride Month celebrated in June?

The organized pursuit of LGBTQ rights in the United States reaches back to at least 1924 and the founding of the Society of Human Rights in Chicago by Henry Gerber. But the event that catalyzed the LGBTQ rights movement came in June 1969 in New York City's Greenwich Village, at the Stonewall Inn. In the early morning hours of June 28, police raided this popular gathering place for young members of the LGBTQ community—arresting the employees for selling liquor without a license, roughing up many of the patrons, and clearing the bar. Outside, the crowd that watched the bar's patrons being herded into police vans became enraged. **Previously witnesses to police harassment of members of the LGBTQ community had stood by passively, but this time the crowd jeered the police and threw coins and then bottles and debris at them, forcing the police to barricade themselves in the bar to await backup. Before long some 400 people were rioting.** Although police reinforcements dispersed the crowd, riots waxed and waned outside the bar for the next five days, and **these Stonewall riots (also called the Stonewall uprising) provided the spark that ignited the LGBTQ rights movement in the United States.**

It was officially recognized by the U.S. government when President Bill Clinton declared June 1999 “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month,” President Barack Obama proclaimed June to be “LGBT Pride Month,” and President Joe Biden further expanded the observance to “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.” Elsewhere in the world, Pride is celebrated at different times of the year, although many cities observe it in June.

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### **Poll: Kids Pushed to ID as LBGTO**

A full 48% of Americans believe young adults aged 18 to 29 are influenced by popular culture to identify as LGBTQ+ even if it's not their true identity, according to a Los Angeles Times [poll released this week](#).

The survey, conducted for the Times by NORC at the University of Chicago, found that Americans are deeply divided on issues involving queer children, especially kids who identify as transgender or nonbinary:

- 40% believe the increased “political and media attention” on transgender and nonbinary Americans has been a “bad thing for society,” compared to 16% who said it has had a positive impact on society.
- 77% believed elected officials were “mostly using debates over transgender and nonbinary people to distract attention from more pressing priorities.”
- 57% agreed social stigmas had prevented older generations to come out — with many opting to keep their LGBTQ+ identity secret instead.
- 53% said transgender and nonbinary people are either “influenced by society” or it is a “lifestyle choice” — compared to 46% who said they are “born that way.”

Dan Malato, a senior research director at the University of Chicago-affiliated NORC Center, told the [New York Post](#) the survey replicated questions from a 1985 survey.

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This June 11<sup>th</sup> at sundown to the 13<sup>th</sup>, Shavuo The Feast of Weeks and is also Pentecost 4005 (fiftieth from Passover).

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

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**1 Timothy 3:** 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

**Proverbs 11:** 2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

**Proverbs 16:** 18 *Pride goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

**Jesus said in Mark 7:**

**20** And he said, *That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.*

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

### **Psalms 10:**

2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

**Seven deadly sins**, in Roman Catholic theology, the seven vices that spur other sins and further immoral behaviour. First enumerated by Pope Gregory I (the Great) in the 6th century and elaborated in the 13th century by St. Thomas Aquinas, they are (1) vainglory, or pride, (2) greed, or covetousness, (3) lust, or inordinate or illicit sexual desire, (4) envy, (5) gluttony, which is usually understood to include drunkenness, (6) wrath, or anger, and (7) sloth. Each of these can be overcome with the seven heavenly virtues of (1) humility, (2) charity, (3) chastity, (4) gratitude, (5) temperance, (6) patience, and (7) diligence. The seven deadly sins can be thought of as dispositions toward sin and separation from God.

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***A man will not become a woman nor a woman a man.***

**Deuteronomy 22:5** The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

**Genesis 13:13** But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

**Genesis 19:1** And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

Genesis 19:5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

### **The Rainbow flag. Genesis 9:**

12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

### **1 John 2:**

15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

### **End Results**

### **Obadiah 1:**

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

**Ezekiel 28: 1** The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a God, I sit *in* the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

3 Behold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5 By thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;

7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas.