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Happy Devil Dog Day

Devil Dog Day? Yep, it's really a thing. I have known some "devil dogs" in my life. I remember some especially evil little dogs my *Not-So-Great Aunt Sue** had when I was a kid, but somehow I don't think there's a national day to celebrate them...or their death, which I celebrated.

This day honors the service members dubbed with the nickname of a devilish snack cake. With a layer of cream filling sandwiched between two layers of devil's food cake, Devil Dogs became a tasty single-serving treat in the mid-1920s. The cakes were first made in 1926.

During World War I, the legend goes that German soldiers took to calling U.S. Marines "devil dogs" for their tenacity. In 1928, a U.S. recruiting poster headlined with the phrase *Teufel Hunden* put the story into circulation across the country. Although the German expression was rare & oddly worded, the nickname took a firm hold.

The U.S. Marines fought with fierce bravery in Europe as did all the troops. Sports teams adopted the name, poets wrote about the military prowess of the

devil dogs, movies were made featuring the devil dogs, & the story of the name, embellished or not, became a part of history.

Ok, now on to the important stuff!

Week of April 24-30 is:

- National Library Week
- National Dance Week
- Celebrate National Parks Week
- National Karaoke Week
- National Princess Week
- National Scoop the Poop Week

Some celebrations only last a day:

24th-Sauvignon Blanc Day

National Bucket List Day

Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day

25th-Hairstylists Appreciation Day

Hug A Plumber Day

National Library Day

National Zucchini Bread Day

World Penguin Day

Red Hat Society Day

National Telephone Day

26th-Administrative Professionals Day

Denim Day

Hug An Australian Day

National Pretzel Day

Walk at Lunch Day

- 27th**-Morse Code Day
 Devil Dog Cakes Day
 Little Pampered Dog Day
 Poem In Your Pocket Day
 National Prime Rib Day
- 28th**-Hairball Awareness Day
 National Blueberry Pie Day
 National Historic Marker Day
 National Superhero Day
 Save the Frogs Day
- 29th**-Eeyore's Birthday Day
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
 Independent Bookstore Day
 International Dance Day
 National Herb Day
 National Shrimp Scampi Day
 National Sense of Smell Day
 Zipper Day
- 30th**-Bugs Bunny Day
 National Bubble Tea Day
 National Military Brats Day
 National Raisin Day
 National Oatmeal Cookie Day
 International Jazz Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church!

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol 😊

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****The Legend of Not-So-Great Aunt Sue***

*Well, it's not really a legend, so much as a goofy story of a great nickname. Mom was patiently explaining to me and my three younger sisters how everyone was related. When she got to Aunt Sue she said, "she is my mother's sister. That means she's **my** aunt and your **great** aunt." It was at this point that my sister Ellen said, "Huh. I don't think she's so great!" As you can imagine, the nickname not only stuck, but was used on all of her mail, including her birthday cards (mailed to the S.C. Baptist Convention where she served as Executive Secretary to the Chairman). This made her quite famous in the building which thrilled her to no end.*

