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1. [Medicare prescribes more brand name drugs than VA.](#) [Chicago Tribune](#) Medicare Part D beneficiaries are two to three times more likely than those covered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be prescribed brand name diabetes drugs rather than generics, a new study suggests. Because it ...
2. [German WWII bomber raised from English Channel.](#) A British museum on Monday successfully recovered what could be the last intact model of a famous German World War II bomber from beneath the English Channel.
3. [Community leaders fear legal pot's impact on military bases.](#) An influx of marijuana use on military bases isn't necessarily the largest issue--some Colorado civic leaders are worried about the perception of their bases in competition for increasingly scarce defense dollars.
4. [Army brass gathers to address sexual assaults.](#) Nearly every soldier who wears two or more stars gathered near Washington on Monday to rally around the idea that fighting sexual assault is priority No. 1 from the top to the bottom of the Army.
5. [Veterans generate new job prospects.](#) [Fort Wayne Journal Gazette](#) Robert Rummells, a U.S. Army Ranger for 22 years, said it was a natural transition when he opened a Mosquito Joe pest-control franchise in Richmond, Va., last month. "I'm an outdoor type of guy, and I didn't want to be ... To emphasize ...
6. [Program to help sex assault victims at Naval base.](#) Some encouraging news is coming out of the Naval base outside of Chicago as pressure mounts on the military to crack down on sexual abuse: A pilot program aimed at reducing the number of sexual assaults just might be working.
7. [Sex assault in military 'a wound that doesn't heal'.](#) [Hyperlink to Story USA Today \(The Indianapolis Star\)](#): ...Wilken, a wife and mother of two living in Westfield, looks at the latest revelations about sexual assaults in the military and says she is victimized a third time – by a military chain of command that hasn't learned from past or from what happened to her 20 years ago.

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8. **[Military Rape Survivor: Decades Of Failure To Improve Sexual Assault Policies Has 'Re-Victimized' Me.](#)** **[Hyperlink to Story](#)** **Think Progress:** President Obama has called the rate of sexual assault in the armed forces “an outrage,” and both military leaders and members of Congress have agreed that action needs to be taken to fix it. Last week, the House passed the Ruth Moore Act, which would help ensure that military rape survivors can receive the disability benefits they need to cope with the trauma resulting from sexual crimes.

9. **[Vets program aims to make rehab fun.](#)** **[Hyperlink to Story](#)** **Houston Chronicle (AP/Killeen Daily Herald):** While activities such as archery, croquet, ladder golf, volleyball, washers and zendoodle are games, they are also effective ways to help wounded soldiers suffering from traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder and other physical impairments begin the long road to recovery down a new path to a new life.

10. **[Veterans Resource Center is a Work in Progress.](#)** **[Hyperlink to Story](#)** **U-T San Diego:** Gunnery Sgt. John Janney... Janney went to the Veterans Association of North County's resource center in Oceanside on a recent Monday afternoon. He was there to participate in the four-week Career Transition Assistance Program, which assists military veterans with preparing for the civilian job market.

11. **[Battle Buddies: 'Rescued' Dogs Rescue Soldiers From Scars of PTSD.](#)** **[Hyperlink to Story](#)** **NBCNews.com (The Daily Nightly):** According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 502,546 veterans received treatment at VA medical clinics in fiscal year 2012 for primary or secondary diagnosis of PTSD. Of those, 24 percent were veterans from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation New Dawn.

12. **[Michigan veterans finally get a helping hand from state government.](#)** **[Hyperlink to Story](#)** **MLive.com:** Gov. Rick Snyder created a veterans' agency with a cabinet-level director. And lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are pushing several bills aimed at assisting those who served in the military.

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13. [Re: "Shameful," Your Turn, June 2. Hyperlink to Story](#) **San Antonio Express-News:** I must take exception to the letter written by Paul Rettman referencing the Veterans Administration... While I do not know his exact circumstances, I am a Vietnam War veteran and have nothing but praise for the VA and its actions and treatments of me.
14. [Lake Charles opposes VA ruling. Hyperlink to Story](#) **San Francisco Chronicle (AP):** The City Council plans to ask the state's congressional delegation to fight a Congressional Budget Office ruling that hinders construction of clinics for veterans.
15. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as June 11, 2013:**
- **June 12, 2013.** The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold a legislative hearing on VA's benefit programs and other purposes. 10:00 A.M.; Russell 418
- The tentative bill list is as follows:
- S. 6 Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013 (Reid)
 - S. 200 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes (Murkowski)
 - S.257 GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013 (Boozman)
 - S.262 Veterans Education Equity Act of 2013 (Durbin)
 - S. 294 Ruth Moore Act of 2013 (Tester)
 - S. 373 Charlie Morgan Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act of 2013 (Shaheen)
 - S. 430 Veterans Small Business Opportunity and Protection Act of 2013 (Heller)
 - S. 492 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the Military experience of Veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to Veterans and for other purposes (Burr)
 - S. 495 Careers for Veterans Act of 2013 (Burr)
 - S. 514 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional Educational Assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to Veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or an area that leads to employment in a high-demand occupation, and for other purposes (Brown)

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- S. 515 A bill to amend Title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes. (Brown)
- S 572 Veterans Second Amendment Act (Burr)
- S. 629 Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act of 2013 (Pryor)
- S. 674 Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013 (Heller)
- S. 690 Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2013 (Schatz)
- S. 695 Veterans Paralympic Act of 2013--A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to Disabled Veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., and for other purposes (Boozman)
- S. 705 A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure Memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes (Burr)
- S. 735 Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2013 (Sanders)
- S. 748 Veterans Pension Protection Act (Wyden)
- S. 778 A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue cards to Veterans that identify them as Veterans, and for other purposes. (Burr)
- S. 819 Veterans Mental Health Treatment First Act of 2013 (Burr)
- S. 863 Veterans Back to School Act of 2013 (Blumenthal)
- S. 868 Filipino Veterans Promise Act (Heller)
- S. 889 Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act of 2013 (Boozman)
- S. 893 Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013 (Sanders)
- S. 894 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend expiring authority for work-study allowances for individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand such authority to certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes. (Sanders)

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- S. 922 Veterans Outreach Act of 2013 (Sanders)
- S. 927 Veterans Equipped for success During Transition Act of 2013 (Sanders)
- S. 928 Claims Processing Improvement Act of 2013 (Sanders)

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- S. XXX Franchise Education for Veterans for Veterans Act of 2013 (Moran)
 - S. XXX A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes. (Blumenthal)
 - S. XXX Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013 (Begich)
 - S. XXX Giving Rise to Emerging Environmental Technologies for Vets Act of 2013 (Sanders)
 - S. XXX Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act (Franken)
 - S. XXX A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge Veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.
 - S. XXX A bill to provide in-state tuition to transitioning Veterans (Sanders)
- **June 18, 2013.** Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs will hold a hearing on the post-decision process for appealed Veterans. 2:30 P.M.; 334 Cannon
 - **June 20, 2013.** HVAC Economic Opportunity Subcommittee will hold a hearing to discuss the value of education for Veterans at public, private, and for-profit colleges and universities. 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon
 - **June 26, 2013.** HVAC Economic Opportunity Subcommittee will hold a legislative hearing on the following bills. Time: TBD

The tentative bill list is as follows:

- HR 331 – School Consortium Bill, to permit the centralized reporting of Veteran enrollment by certain groups, districts, and consortiums of educational institutions.
- HR 1357 – VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to improve the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program by providing assistance under such program for certain training programs that are considered less than fulltime.

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- HR 1796 –Troop Talent Act, ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and Veterans better assists members and Veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.
 - HR 2210 – Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship Improvements Act of 2013, amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility of children of certain deceased Veterans to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Education bill on ‘irrevocable decision’.
 - Draft “Veterans Economic Opportunity Administration Act of 2009,” this is a reprise of a Buyer Bill from 2009 that would split off from VBA a new “Economic Opportunity Administration.”
- **June 27, 2013.** HVAC will hold a hearing to discuss VA’s capital investment options to provide Veterans with care. 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon

16. Today in History:

- [1770](#) – Captain [James Cook](#) runs aground on the [Great Barrier Reef](#).
- [1775](#) – The [American Revolutionary War](#)'s first naval engagement, the [Battle of Machias](#), results in the capture of a small British naval vessel.
- [1776](#) – The [Continental Congress](#) appoints [Thomas Jefferson](#), [John Adams](#), [Benjamin Franklin](#), [Roger Sherman](#), and [Robert R. Livingston](#) to the [Committee of Five](#) to draft a [declaration of independence](#).
- [1788](#) – [Russian](#) explorer [Gerasim Izmailov](#) reaches [Alaska](#).
- [1825](#) – The first [cornerstone](#) is laid for [Fort Hamilton](#) in [New York City](#).
- [1837](#) – The [Broad Street Riot](#) occurs in [Boston](#), fueled by ethnic tensions between [Yankees](#) and [Irish](#).
- [1865](#) – The Naval Battle of Riachuelo is fought on the rivulet Riachuelo ([Argentina](#)), between the [Paraguayan Navy](#) on one side and the [Brazilian Navy](#) on the other. The [Brazilian](#) victory was crucial for the later success of the [Triple Alliance](#) ([Brazil](#), [Uruguay](#) and [Argentina](#)) in the [Paraguayan War](#).
- [1898](#) – [Spanish-American War](#): [U.S.](#) war ships set sail for [Cuba](#).
- [1903](#) – Group of Serbian officers [stormed royal palace and assassinated](#) King [Alexander Obrenović](#) and his wife queen [Draga](#).
- [1917](#) – King [Alexander](#) assumes the throne of [Greece](#) after his father [Constantine I](#) abdicates under pressure by [allied](#) armies occupying [Athens](#).
- [1919](#) – [Sir Barton](#) wins the [Belmont Stakes](#), becoming the first horse to win the [Triple Crown](#).
- [1920](#) – During the [U.S. Republican National Convention](#) in [Chicago](#), [U.S. Republican Party](#) leaders gathered in a room at the [Blackstone Hotel](#) to come to a consensus on their candidate for the [U.S. presidential election](#), leading the [Associated Press](#) to first coin the political phrase "[smoke-filled room](#)".
- [1935](#) – Inventor [Edwin Armstrong](#) gives the first public demonstration of [FM](#) broadcasting in the United States at [Alpine, New Jersey](#).
- [1937](#) – [Great Purge](#): The [Soviet Union](#) under [Joseph Stalin](#) executes [eight army leaders](#).

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- [1938](#) – [Second Sino-Japanese War](#): The [Battle of Wuhan](#) starts.
- 1938 – Second Sino-Japanese War: The Chinese Nationalist government creates the [1938 Yellow River flood](#) to halt [Japanese](#) forces. 500,000 to 900,000 civilians are killed.
- [1942](#) – World War II: The United States agrees to send [Lend-Lease](#) aid to the Soviet Union.
- [1944](#) – [USS Missouri \(BB-63\)](#) the last [battleship](#) built by the [United States Navy](#) and future site of the signing of the [Japanese Instrument of Surrender](#), is [commissioned](#).
- [1955](#) – Eighty-three are killed and at least 100 are injured after an [Austin-Healey](#) and a [Mercedes-Benz](#) [collide at the 24 Hours of Le Mans](#), the deadliest ever accident in [motorsports](#).
- [1956](#) – Start of [Gal Oya riots](#), the first reported ethnic riots that target minority [Sri Lankan Tamils](#) in the Eastern Province. The total number of deaths is reportedly 150.
- [1962](#) – [Frank Morris](#), [John Anglin](#) and [Clarence Anglin](#) allegedly become the only prisoners to [escape](#) from the prison on [Alcatraz Island](#).
- [1963](#) – [American Civil Rights Movement](#): [Alabama Governor George Wallace](#) [stands at the door](#) of [Foster Auditorium](#) at the [University of Alabama](#) in an attempt to block two black students, [Vivian Malone](#) and [James Hood](#), from attending that school. Later in the day, accompanied by federalized [National Guard](#) troops, they are able to register.
- 1963 – [Buddhist](#) monk [Thich Quang Duc](#) [burns himself](#) with [gasoline](#) in a busy [Saigon](#) intersection to protest the lack of religious freedom in [South Vietnam](#).
- 1963 – [John F. Kennedy](#) addresses Americans from the Oval Office proposing the [Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) that would revolutionize American society. Proposing equal access to public facilities, end segregation in education and guarantee federal protection for voting rights.
- [1964](#) – World War II veteran [Walter Seifert](#) runs amok in an elementary school in [Cologne, Germany](#), killing at least eight children and two teachers and seriously injuring several more with a home-made [flamethrower](#) and a [lance](#).
- [1970](#) – After being appointed on [May 15](#), [Anna Mae Hays](#) and [Elizabeth P. Hoisington](#) officially receive their ranks as [U.S. Army Generals](#), becoming the first females to do so.
- [1971](#) – The [U.S. Government](#) forcibly removes the last holdouts to the [Native American Occupation of Alcatraz](#), ending 19 months of control.
- [1998](#) – [Compaq](#) Computer pays \$9 billion for [Digital Equipment Corporation](#) in the largest high-tech acquisition.
- [2001](#) – [Timothy McVeigh](#) is executed for his role in the [Oklahoma City bombing](#).
- [2002](#) – [Antonio Meucci](#) is acknowledged as the first inventor of the [telephone](#) by the [United States Congress](#).
- [2008](#) – [Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper](#) makes a historic official apology to Canada's [First Nations](#) in regard to a [residential school abuse](#) in which children are isolated from their homes, families and cultures for a century.
- [2012](#) – [Two earthquakes](#) struck northern [Afghanistan](#), causing a large [landslide](#), which buried the town of Sayi Hazara, trapping 71 people. After four days of digging, only five bodies were recovered and the search was called off.