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2. [All of Nebraska's veterans homes pass federal inspection](#). [Grand Island Independent](#) The US Department of Veterans Affairs sends survey teams to the veterans' homes annually. The teams inspect to see how well the homes meet quality care standards in the areas of life safety, resident care, environment, staff training and development ...
3. [Afghan forces take over responsibility for security from NATO](#). Afghan President Hamid Karzai announced Tuesday that Afghan troops will begin the final step toward taking full responsibility for security in all of Afghanistan, amid continued fighting in much of the country and stepped up attacks in the capital, including an explosion shortly before Karzai's speech.
4. [DOD readies service-by-service plan for women in combat](#). Leaders from each service branch and U.S. Special Operations Command laid out road maps Tuesday to begin moving female troops toward the front lines of combat, but said the process would proceed deliberately over the course of years, and be accompanied by a host of studies.
5. [Obamacare will share personal health info with federal, state agencies](#). [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Washington Examiner:** A new 253-page Obamacare rule issued late Friday requires state, federal and local agencies as well as health insurers to swap the protected personal health information of anybody seeking to join the new health care program that will be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service.
6. [With help, vets can recover and contribute](#). [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Stars and Stripes:** The good news is the VA has an impressive evidence-based record of providing effective therapy and job coaching for these less competitive individuals.

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7. [Defending Data at the Department of Veterans Affairs.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#)
Foreign Affairs: Accusations of a serious breach of personal data at the nation's largest integrated hospital network ignore the harsh realities of cybercrime. Rather than expecting network defenses to protect it against every possible attack, the United States needs to learn to isolate different cybersecurity problems and focus on what matters and what is feasible.

8. [Lawmaker Calls For State Funds To Clear Backlog Of Veterans' Benefits Claims.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **CBS San Francisco:** Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner called on Gov. Jerry Brown Monday to support spending provisions recently approved by state legislators that would provide \$6 million to reduce the long backlog of veterans' benefit claims in California.

9. [Goodbye Paper: VA Installs Automated Claims System in all Regional Offices.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **NextGov:** The Veterans Affairs Department finished installing its paperless Veterans Benefits Management System last week in all 56 of its regional offices. VBMS is key to helping the department eliminate its backlog of disability claims, senior officials have said.

10. ["Real Warriors Campaign" helps veterans battling PTSD.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **WPMT-TV:** After returning home, Mitcham was encouraged by her colleagues to seek appropriate care, and continued to serve for several years after seeking treatment. She shares her story to encourage fellow warriors and their families to reach out for care early to prevent more serious challenges later on.

11. [Housing for homeless vets dedicated in Providence.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Boston.com (AP):** The six two-bedroom units will provide housing for 12 homeless veterans, who will also get access to services from the Providence Center and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for up to a year.

12. [Format, funding options taking shape for veterans court in Orange, Osceola.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Orlando Sentinel:** A new veterans-court program is close to launching in Orange and Osceola counties to help keep returning troops who land in trouble out of jail by connecting them to counseling, mentors or other services they need.

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13. VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as June 19, 2013:

- **June 19, 2013.** HVAC Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will hold a legislative Hearing on H.R. 1490 'Veterans' Privacy Act;' H.R. 1792, 'Infectious Disease Reporting Act;' and H.R. 1804, 'Foreign Travel Accountability Act'. 1:30 P.M.; 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.
 - 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
 - **July 10, 2013.** The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Armed Services entitled, "DOD and VA Collaboration to assist Service Members Returning to Civilian Life." 10:00 A.M.; 2118 Rayburn

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14. Today in History:

- [1816](#) – [Battle of Seven Oaks](#) between [North West Company](#) and [Hudson's Bay Company](#), near [Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada](#).
- [1821](#) – Decisive defeat of the [Philikí Etaireía](#) by the Ottomans at [Drăgășani](#) (in [Wallachia](#)).
- [1846](#) – The first officially recorded, organized [baseball](#) game is played under [Alexander Cartwright](#)'s rules on [Hoboken, New Jersey](#)'s Elysian Fields with the New York Base Ball Club defeating the Knickerbockers 23-1. Cartwright umpired.
- [1862](#) – The [U.S. Congress](#) prohibits [slavery](#) in [United States](#) territories, nullifying [Dred Scott v. Sandford](#).
- [1865](#) – Over two years after the [Emancipation Proclamation](#), slaves in [Galveston, Texas](#), United States, are finally informed of their freedom. The anniversary is still officially celebrated in [Texas](#) and 13 other contiguous states as [Juneteenth](#).
- [1867](#) – [Maximilian I](#) of the [Second Mexican Empire](#) is [executed](#) by a [firing squad](#) in [Querétaro, Querétaro](#).
- [1875](#) – The [Herzegovinian rebellion](#) against the [Ottoman Empire](#) begins.
- [1910](#) – The first [Father's Day](#) is celebrated in [Spokane, Washington](#).
- [1913](#) – [Natives' Land Act](#) in [South Africa](#) implemented.
- [1934](#) – The [Communications Act of 1934](#) establishes the United States' [Federal Communications Commission](#) (FCC).
- [1944](#) – [World War II](#): First day of the [Battle of the Philippine Sea](#).
- [1953](#) – [Julius and Ethel Rosenberg](#) are executed at [Sing Sing](#), in [New York](#).
- [1961](#) – [Kuwait](#) declares independence from the [United Kingdom](#).
- [1964](#) – The [Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) is approved after surviving an 83-day [filibuster](#) in the United States Senate.
- [1978](#) – [Garfield](#), holder of the [Guinness World Record](#) for the world's most widely syndicated [comic strip](#), makes its debut.
- [1982](#) – In one of the first militant attacks by [Hezbollah](#), [David S. Dodge](#), president of the [American University in Beirut](#), is kidnapped.
- [1982](#) – The body of *God's Banker*, [Roberto Calvi](#) is found hanging beneath [Blackfriars Bridge](#) in [London](#).
- [1985](#) – Members of the [Revolutionary Party of Central American Workers](#), dressed as [Salvadoran](#) soldiers, [attack the Zona Rosa](#) area of [San Salvador](#).
- [1987](#) – Basque separatist group [ETA](#) commits one of its [most violent attacks](#), in which a bomb is set off in a supermarket, [Hipercor](#), killing 21 and injuring 45.
- [1990](#) – The current international law defending indigenous peoples, [Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989](#), is ratified for the first time by [Norway](#).
- [1991](#) – The [Soviet occupation of Hungary](#) ends.
- [2007](#) – The [Al-Khilani Mosque](#) in [Baghdad](#) is bombed, killing 78 people and injuring 218 others.
- [2009](#) – [Mass riots](#) involving over 10,000 people and 10,000 police officers break out in [Shishou, China](#), over the dubious circumstances surrounding the death of a local chef.
- [2009](#) – [War in North-West Pakistan](#): The [Pakistani Armed Forces](#) open [Operation Rah-e-Nijat](#) against the [Taliban](#) and other [Islamist](#) rebels in the [South Waziristan](#) area of the [Federally Administered Tribal Areas](#).