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1. [Terry Schow, longtime Utah veterans affairs director, retires.](#) [Salt Lake Tribune](#) Several hundred veterans and those who work with them, as well as top brass from Hill Air Force Base and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Salt Lake City, heard Schow's daughter and others describe his passionate and witty service on behalf of ...
2. [Sexual Assault Solutions Include Everyone, Hagel Says.](#) Sexual assault issues are corrected within the fabric of an institution, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told troops today, "and you're the fabric. And I know you feel the same way." Hagel visited several military installations in Colorado this week. He said in a response to a soldier's question at a Fort Carson town hall meeting that sexual assault is a
3. [Former POWs Recall Chaplain at Medal of Honor Events.](#) An Army chaplain who posthumously received the nation's highest military honor earlier this year was inspirational, courageous in battle, and someone who talked the talk and walked the walk, a group of former Korean War prisoners of war said in a recent interview with Army Television. Army Chaplain (Capt.) Emil Kapaun, a
4. [Naval Academy Class of 2017 joins a changing military.](#) As she prepared to take her oath at the U.S. Naval Academy, Allison Pavlansky knew the challenges facing the military: Questions about mission after two long wars; budget pressures and spending cuts; rising reports of sexual assaults, and the scrutiny they have drawn.
5. [Saving 'Band of Brothers' regiment goal of the 101st Airborne Division.](#) The 101st Airborne Division is trying to save its illustrious 506th Infantry Regiment, whose origins date to World War II's fabled "Band of Brothers," from deactivation under an Army restructuring plan. The regiment parachuted into Normandy as part of the D-Day invasion in 1944 and raced to liberate Europe amid bouts of fierce fighting in Bastogne, Belgium and then overran Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" in Germany.
6. [Barrels found on Okinawa did not contain Agent Orange, Dow Chemical says.](#) Dow Chemical Co. said Friday that, despite local fears, barrels unearthed from former U.S. Air Force land on Okinawa did not contain Agent Orange herbicide.

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7. [PTSD tied to raised heart disease risk.](#) [Reuters](#) Behavioral symptoms of PTSD include reliving the traumatic event in memories or nightmares, avoiding situations that may trigger those memories and feelings of paranoia, fearfulness and guilt, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
  
8. [Administration issues final rules on contraception coverage and religious organizations.](#) the Obama administration issued final rules that balance the goal of providing women with coverage for recommended preventive care – including contraceptive services prescribed by a health care provider – with no cost-sharing, with the goal of respecting the concerns of non-profit religious organizations that object to contraceptive coverage.
  
9. [New veterans home relies on Wausau's INvent windows to meet accessibility.](#) [Glass on Web](#) This new 72-bed, 83,000-square-foot skilled nursing care home employs 90 people, and was paid for by state and federal funds. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) uses a 75-mile radius to define the market area for a state veterans' home.
  
10. [Governor's Budget Provides Continued Support for California's Veterans.](#) [Imperial Valley News](#) Sacramento, California - Long-pending benefits claims submitted by California veterans and caught in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) processing "log jam" could soon see the light of day. The newly signed Governor's Budget has authorized ...
  
11. [US Veterans Affairs Secretary Visits UNL Campus.](#) [KLIN](#) U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki visited the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus Thursday. Shinseki says this year marks the first graduating class of the Post 911/GI Bill for those graduating from four year programs. It is the most ...
  
12. [UNL student veterans target of visit by VA secretary.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) [Lincoln Journal Star](#): U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki visited the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Thursday to talk with university leaders about efforts to help student veterans and their dependents.
  
13. [Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki says agency working to reduce backlog.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) [The Oregonian \(AP\)](#): The head of the Department of Veterans Affairs said the agency is making strides in reducing the backlog and reducing the time it takes to process pension and disability claims.

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14. [Lawmakers want new VA-DoD burn pit research centers.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Army Times:** Lawmakers want the Defense Department to create “centers of excellence” to study and treat illnesses in troops and veterans related to environmental exposures such as burn pit emissions, contaminated dust and chemicals.
  
15. [Duckworth Slams Man Over 'Prep-School' Disability.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Military.com (Video):** Rep. Tammy Duckworth, who lost both legs when the Army helicopter she was piloting in Iraq was shot down by insurgents in 2005, called shame on a Virginia business man granted a Department of Veterans Affairs disability for a prep-school football injury that he claimed was earned defending the country.
  
16. [Raise your awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder: Commentary from a VA doctor.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Post-Standard:** There's a saying that a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. This is especially true of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
  
17. [New App Aims to Battle Suicides in the Military.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **WRC-TV (Video):** As many as 22 veterans take their lives every day in the United States. But the News4 I-Team discovered that one of those deaths inspired a possible solution for those who return from war only to struggle with depression at home.
  
18. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as June 29, 2013:**
  - **July 9, 2013.** The House Veterans Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Health intends to hold a legislative hearing on health related bills. 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon

Tentative Bill List:

  - Draft Bill XXX-- “Veterans Choice-Long Term Care” Certified Adult Foster Home (Miller(FL)
  - H.R. 1612-- To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey a parcel of land in Tuskegee, Alabama, to Tuskegee University, and for other purposes (Rogers (AL)
  - H.R. 2065-- Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act (McKinley (WV)
  - H.R. 1143-- Tinnitus Research and Treatment Act of 2013 (Michaud (ME)
  - H.R. 1702-- Veterans Transportation Service Act (Barber (AZ)

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- **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

## 19. Today in History:

- [1758](#) – [Seven Years' War](#): The [Battle of Domstadt](#) takes place.
- [1794](#) – Native American forces under [Blue Jacket](#) attack [Fort Recovery](#).
- [1805](#) – The [U.S. Congress](#) organizes the [Michigan Territory](#).
- [1859](#) – [French acrobat Charles Blondin](#) crosses [Niagara Falls](#) on a [tightrope](#).
- [1864](#) – [U.S. President Abraham Lincoln](#) grants [Yosemite Valley](#) to [California](#) for "public use, resort and recreation".
- [1882](#) – [Charles J. Guiteau](#) is hanged in [Washington, D.C.](#) for the assassination of [U.S. President James Garfield](#).
- [1906](#) – The United States Congress passes the [Meat Inspection Act](#) and [Pure Food and Drug Act](#).
- [1917](#) – [World War I](#): [Greece](#) declares war on the [Central Powers](#).
- [1921](#) – U.S. President [Warren G. Harding](#) appoints former President [William Howard Taft](#) [Chief Justice of the United States](#).
- [1922](#) – In [Washington D.C.](#), U.S. Secretary of State [Charles Evans Hughes](#) and Dominican Ambassador Francisco J. Peynado sign the [Hughes-Peynado agreement](#), which ends the [United States occupation of the Dominican Republic](#).
- [1934](#) – The [Night of the Long Knives](#), [Adolf Hitler](#)'s violent purge of his political rivals in [Germany](#), takes place.
- [1937](#) – The world's first [emergency telephone number, 999](#), is introduced in London
- [1944](#) – [World War II](#): The [Battle of Cherbourg](#) ends with the fall of the strategically valuable port to [American](#) forces.
- [1953](#) – The first [Chevrolet Corvette](#) rolls off the assembly line in [Flint, Michigan](#).
- [1956](#) – A [TWA Super Constellation](#) and a [United Airlines DC-7](#) collide above the [Grand Canyon](#) in [Arizona](#) and crash, killing all 128 on board both planes. It is the worst-ever aviation disaster at that point in time.
- [1959](#) – A [United States Air Force F-100 Super Sabre](#) from [Kadena Air Base, Okinawa](#), [crashes](#) into a nearby elementary school, killing 11 students plus six residents from the local neighborhood.
- [1960](#) – [Congo](#) gains independence from [Belgium](#).
- [1963](#) – [Ciaculli massacre](#): a [car bomb](#), intended for [Mafia](#) boss [Salvatore Greco](#), kills seven [police](#) officers and [military](#) personnel near [Palermo](#).
- [1966](#) – The [National Organization for Women](#), the United States' largest [feminist](#) organization, is founded.
- [1969](#) – [Nigeria](#) bans [Red Cross](#) aid to [Biafra](#).
- [1971](#) – The crew of the [Soviet Soyuz 11](#) spacecraft are killed when their air supply escapes through a faulty valve.
- 1971 – [Ohio](#) ratifies the [26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution](#), reducing the [voting age](#) to 18, thereby putting the amendment into effect.
- [1985](#) – Thirty-nine American hostages from the hijacked [TWA Flight 847](#) are freed in [Beirut](#) after being held for 17 days.

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- [1986](#) – The [U.S. Supreme Court](#) rules in [Bowers v. Hardwick](#) that states can outlaw [homosexual](#) acts between consenting adults.
- [1987](#) – The [Royal Canadian Mint](#) introduces the \$1 coin, known as the [Loonie](#).
- [1990](#) – [East Germany](#) and [West Germany](#) merge their economies.
- [1991](#) – [Westboro Baptist Church](#) in [Topeka, Kansas](#), starts "The Great [Gage Park](#) Decency Drive" picketing the park, starting their notorious picketing campaign that would later include funerals of [AIDS](#) victims and fallen American military.
- [1997](#) – The [United Kingdom](#) [transfers sovereignty](#) over [Hong Kong](#) to the [People's Republic of China](#).