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1. [Studies: Cyberspying targeted SKorea, US military](#). The hackers who knocked out tens of thousands of South Korean computers simultaneously this year are out to do far more than erase hard drives, cybersecurity firms say: They also are trying to steal South Korean and U.S. military secrets with a malicious set of codes they've been sending through the Internet for years.
2. [Secret move keeps bin Laden records in the shadows](#). The nation's top special operations commander ordered military files about the Navy SEAL raid on Osama bin Laden's hideout to be purged from Defense Department computers and sent to the CIA, where they could be more easily shielded from ever being made public.
3. [88-year-old veteran rides bike for peace](#). On April 29, Sam Winstead donned his "Sam's Ride for Peace" T-shirt, strapped on his helmet and headed out on a 350-mile bicycle ride to Washington, D.C. It was the second year in a row the 88-year-old Leasburg, N.C., resident had set out on this journey, his effort to spread the message that war is not the answer for the world's problems, he said.
4. [Lawyers argue Guantanamo captive so sick he should go home](#). Ibrahim Idris is an obese, diabetic, schizophrenic Sudanese man who has mostly lived at Guantánamo's psychiatric ward since he got to the U.S. terror prison in Cuba on the day it opened. U.S. military intelligence has profiled him as an al-Qaida insider. But even his fellow prisoners don't want him around, according to court records, because he behaves bizarrely — wears his underwear on his head, whispers to himself, is delusional.
5. [Minority veterans face additional post-service issues](#). He still hears the screams, sees the agonizing facial expressions on his friends as they die, feels the blood splattering across his face. Absentmindedly, he starts to wipe away at the lenses of his glasses.
6. [Resources Available for PTSD Sufferers](#). [WSAW](#) As I was doing research on PTSD, I found some staggering statistics from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. About 60% of men and 50% of women will experience at least one traumatic event. Of those who do, about 8% of men and 20% of women will ...

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7. [Resources for veterans and employers.](#) [Crain's Detroit Business](#) In conjunction with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the association offers a program to help business owners understand and deal with veterans with brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorders who are having a hard time keeping a job ...

8. [For veterans in trouble, different kind of court offers chance.](#) [Sun-Sentinel](#) ... in West Palm Beach, the Veterans Court on Gun Club Road had seen 854 veterans, saving taxpayers \$923,888 in incarceration costs because this court moves more quickly than normal criminal court, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

9. [Can Facebook Posts Help Determine Suicide Risk ?](#) [AllFacebook](#) The Durkheim Project will study an anonymous population of U.S. veterans who opt in to share their social media and mobile phone data, and participants can choose to opt in or opt out at any time from one or all of the social networks being monitored ...

10. [Town of Tonawanda honors its World War II veterans.](#) [Buffalo News](#) Fewer than 1.4 million World War II veterans are living today, according to November 2012 estimates from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among them is William Dibble, 91, who served in the 26th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Army Division. He ...

11. [Utah veteran takes 'Honor Flight' to WWII Memorial.](#) [Deseret News](#) But they're dying at a rate of about 600 per day, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In late June, Labrum took part in an Honor Flight with a group of veterans from Reno, Nev., because the program does not have a regional hub in Utah.

12. [Korean War veterans to be honored at three events.](#) [Union Daily Times](#) Cindy Fore, director of the Union County Veterans Affairs Office, announced Friday that Honor Flight of South Carolina and the U.S. Department of Defense will host a ceremony honoring Korean War veterans at 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, at the Columbia ...

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13. [Take over seller's loan with assumable mortgage.](#) [Houston Chronicle](#)
However, only two types of typical loans have this feature: FHA loans, insured by the Federal Housing Administration; and VA loans, guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Conventional loans typically are not assumable. Assuming an ...

14. [Veterans' Corner: Veterans should be familiar with their burial benefits.](#) [Victoria Advocate](#) 10 facts about burial benefits. 1. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits do not cover all of the funeral or cremation arrangements of honorably discharged veterans. There is a common belief that the VA pays for all funeral and cremation ...

15. [Veterans homes lose helpers.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **U-T San Diego:** A bogged down Congress has failed to reauthorize a work study program at veterans retirement homes, pushing 65 college students out of their part-time jobs at the Chula Vista facility and leaving those who served their country wondering what happens next.

16. [Local veteran's story illustrates struggles of post-traumatic stress.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Toledo Blade:** At least 20 percent — one out of every five — of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans have post-traumatic stress and/or depression. That's nearly 300,000 veterans, according to recent studies conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the RAND Center for Military Health Policy Research.

17. [Despite federal cuts, it's a good time to be an SDVOSB.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Washington Post:** Given major federal budget cuts over the past three years, it's no surprise that contractor growth rates are down. One class of small business, however, is resisting the trend.

18. [Bill to link veterans to OH bonuses via tax info.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **San Francisco Chronicle (AP):** Army veteran Wilbur Benson says he probably would have missed out on his Ohio veterans' bonus if a relative hadn't told him about it, and there has been growing concern that perhaps thousands of eligible veterans may still not know that money is available.

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19. VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as July 9, 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)
- **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
 - **July 17, 2013.** HVAC will hold a legislative hearing on the following bills:
 - H.R. 813
 - H.R. 806
 - Draft Discussion Bill – To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial Veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes.

10:15 A.M.; 334 Cannon

- **July 19, 2013.** HVAC, Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled “Safety for Survivors: Care and Treatment for Military Sexual Trauma.” 10:00 A.M.; 340 Cannon

20. Today in History:

- [1701](#) – [War of the Spanish Succession](#): Austrians defeat France in the [Battle of Carpi](#).
- [1745](#) – [War of the Austrian Succession](#): French victory in the [Battle of Melle](#) allows them to capture [Ghent](#) in the days after.

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- [1755](#) – [French and Indian War: Braddock Expedition](#) – [British](#) troops and colonial militiamen are ambushed and [suffer a devastating defeat](#) by [French](#) and [Native American](#) forces.
- [1776](#) – [George Washington](#) ordered the [Declaration of Independence](#) to be read out loud to members of the [Continental Army](#) in [New York, New York](#), for the first time.
- [1789](#) – In [Versailles](#), the [National Assembly](#) reconstitutes itself as the [National Constituent Assembly](#) and begins preparations for a [French constitution](#).
- [1790](#) – [Russo-Swedish War: Second Battle of Svensksund](#) – in the [Baltic Sea](#), the [Swedish Navy](#) captures one third of the [Russian fleet](#).
- [1793](#) – The [Act Against Slavery](#) is passed in [Upper Canada](#) and the importation of slaves into [Lower Canada](#) is prohibited.
- [1807](#) – The [Treaties of Tilsit](#) are signed by [Napoleon I](#) of France and [Alexander I of Russia](#).
- [1810](#) – Napoleon annexes the [Kingdom of Holland](#) as part of the [First French Empire](#).
- [1816](#) – [Argentina declares independence](#) from [Spain](#).
- [1821](#) – 470 prominent [Cypriots](#) including Archbishop [Kyprianos](#) are executed in response to Cypriot aid to the [Greek War of Independence](#)
- [1850](#) – The [U.S.](#) President [Zachary Taylor](#) dies and [Millard Fillmore](#) becomes the 13th [President of the United States](#).
- [1863](#) – [American Civil War](#): the [Siege of Port Hudson](#) ends.
- [1868](#) – The [14th Amendment to the United States Constitution](#) is ratified guaranteeing [African Americans](#) full citizenship and all persons in the United States [due process](#) of law.
- [1875](#) – Outbreak of the [Herzegovina Uprising](#) against [Ottoman](#) rule, which would last until 1878 and have far-reaching implications throughout the Balkans
- [1877](#) – The [inaugural Wimbledon Championships](#) opens.
- [1900](#) – [Queen Victoria](#) of the United Kingdom gives [Royal Assent](#) to an Act creating [Australia](#) thus uniting separate colonies on the continent under one [federal government](#).
- 1900 – [Boxer Rebellion](#): The Governor of [Shanxi](#) province in [North China](#) orders the [execution](#) of 45 foreign Christian missionaries and local church members, including children.
- [1922](#) – [Johnny Weissmuller](#) swims the [100 meters freestyle](#) in 58.6 seconds breaking the world [swimming](#) record and the 'minute barrier'.
- [1932](#) – The state of [São Paulo](#) revolts against the [Brazilian](#) Federal Government, starting the [Constitutionalist Revolution](#)
- [1943](#) – [World War II: Operation Husky](#) – [Allied](#) forces perform an [amphibious invasion](#) of [Sicily](#).
- [1944](#) – World War II: [Battle of Normandy](#) – [British](#) and [Canadian](#) forces capture [Caen](#), [France](#).
- 1944 – World War II: [Battle of Saipan](#) – American forces take [Saipan](#) in the [Mariana Islands](#).
- 1944 – World War II: [Battle of Tali-Ihantala](#) – Finland wins the Battle of Tali-Ihantala, the largest battle ever fought in northern Europe. The [Red Army](#) withdraws its troops from Ihantala and digs into a defensive position, thus ending the [Vyborg–Petrozavodsk Offensive](#).

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- [1958](#) – [Lituya Bay](#) is hit by a [megatsunami](#). The wave is recorded at 524 meters high, the largest in recorded history.
- [1961](#) – Turkish voters approve the [Turkish Constitution of 1961](#) in a referendum.
- [1962](#) – The [Starfish Prime high-altitude nuclear test](#) is conducted by the United States.
- [1962](#) – [Andy Warhol's Campbell's Soup Cans](#) exhibition opens at the [Ferus Gallery](#) in [Los Angeles](#).
- [1972](#) – [The Troubles](#): In [Belfast](#), [British Army](#) snipers shoot five civilians dead in the [Springhill Massacre](#).
- [1979](#) – A car bomb destroys a [Renault](#) motor car owned by the famed "[Nazi hunters](#)" [Serge and Beate Klarsfeld](#) at their home in [France](#). A note purportedly from [ODESSA](#) claims responsibility.
- [1981](#) – [Donkey Kong](#), a video game created by [Nintendo](#), is released. The game marks the debut of Nintendo's future mascot, [Mario](#).
- [1995](#) – The [Navalv church bombing](#) is carried out by the [Sri Lanka Air Force](#) killing 125 [Tamil](#) civilian refugees.
- [1999](#) – [Days of student protests](#) begin after [Iranian](#) police and hardliners attack a student dormitory at the [University of Tehran](#).
- [2008](#) – Iran conducts the [Great Prophet III](#) missile test and [war games](#) exercise.
- [2011](#) – [South Sudan](#) gains independence and secedes from [Sudan](#).