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1. [Helen Kapaun kept a promise to President Obama](#). The caller said her brother-in-law, a U.S. Army chaplain from Pilsen, Kan., was a hero in the Korean War. The caller said he planned to give the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, to her personally at the White House, in a few weeks' time.
2. [Budget cuts force Air Force, Navy to ground aircraft](#). More than a dozen Air Force fighter squadrons were grounded Tuesday at U.S. bases around the world, including some in Europe and the Pacific, as the cash-strapped service confronts the effects of steep defense budget cuts brought on by sequestration.
3. [Young diplomat had left Kabul for book donation event](#). The young U.S. State Department official who was killed Saturday in a suicide truck bombing in southern Afghanistan had been escorting Afghan journalists from Kabul who were planning to cover American officials donating books to a school, colleagues said in interviews Monday.
4. [More radioactive water leaking at Japan nuke plant](#). The operator of Japan's crippled nuclear power plant said Tuesday that it had detected a fresh leak of radioactive water from one of the facility's storage tanks.
5. [For one wounded soldier, healing is helping others](#). Staff Sgt. Joshua Forbess found his own therapy in talking to wounded.
6. [VA Seeks to Quadruple Funding for Paperless Claims System](#). Nextgov The Veterans Affairs Department will request a discretionary budget of \$63.5 billion in 2014, a four percent increase over the 2013 funding levels President Obama approved last month and \$500 million below what the department originally sought for 2013 ...
7. [VA Medical Center uses Telehealth technology to reach more veterans](#). City-sentinel To increase access for veteran health care, the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) is now using Telehealth technology through the use of secure telecommunications and videoconferencing
8. [Why do Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans Affairs deal with drug costs differently?](#)
To that point, does it make any sense that Medicare, Medicaid, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense (whose Tricare health plan costs big bucks) buy pharmaceuticals and negotiate the prices in different ways?

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9. [Tell us about your experience at job fair for veterans & spouses.](#)

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... New York State Department of Labor, Veterans Outreach Center, Inc., the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the U. S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, The American ...

10. [End the wait. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Intelligencer-Journal:** Part of the backlog is attributed to the influx of veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq as well as to additional conditions — Parkinson's, ischemic heart disease and leukemias — that are now covered and affect many Vietnam era veterans... But that neither explains nor excuses why veterans must wait an interminable length of time for claims.

11. [Utah workshop to train end-of-life care providers to treat veterans.](#)

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The Salt Lake Tribune: "This is the big World War II tsunami, and it's overlapping with the Korean War tsunami," said Kathie Supiano, an assistant professor at the University of Utah College of Nursing... And it's one reason that professionals in end-of-life care — such as nurses, social workers, chaplains, doctors working in hospices and nursing homes — need to know more about how veterans' needs differ as they die.

12. [Women veterans' shelter approved in Sussex County.](#)

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News Journal: Home of the Brave, a long-running nonprofit men's shelter for homeless veterans in rural Milford, got approval from the Sussex County Board of Adjustment to open a transitional home for female veterans and their children.

13. [A Disabled Veteran Starts his BBQ Business.](#)

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The Huffington Post: The opportunity to pursue a small business -- and to eventually provide job opportunities to other disabled veterans -- is a dream come true for me, and is just one of the drivers behind my business. I'm also fortunate enough to have a product that I believe in and can personally endorse -- my dad's recipe for the best barbeque sauce sitting on any grocery shelf -- Young G's Barbeque Sauce!

14. [VA Home Loans Can Help the Cash-Strapped.](#)

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San Diego Union-Tribune: VA housing loans are a great option for qualified personnel who are lacking liquid assets or need help getting into a home, but the loans remain underused in San Diego.

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15. [Q13 FOX News at 9. Hyperlink to Story](#) **KZJO (Video)**: This 1:01 minute video highlights a program in partnership between the VA and the PGA to offer Veterans the chance to golf with professionals.

16. [Needs of returning veterans a big priority at Nova. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Sun Sentinel: George Hanbury**: Nearly 800 veterans are currently pursuing undergraduate, graduate and medical degrees at Nova Southeastern University. One way we make the pursuit of knowledge easier to attain is by matching, dollar for dollar, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Yellow Ribbon G.I. Bill Education Enhancement Program. NSU has contributed nearly one million dollars to this program since 2009 and we are proud to continue providing this type of support.

17. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as April 10, 2013:**
 - **April 10, 2013.** The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, will conduct a hearing entitled "Sustaining the Sacred Trust: An Update on our National Cemeteries." 2:30 P.M.; 334 Cannon

 - **April 10, 2013.** The House Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity is expected to hold a legislative hearing on Educational Benefits and other purposes. 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon
The list of bills is as follows:
 - *H.R. 357* GI Tuition and Fairness Act (Rep. Jeff Miller (FL))
 - *H.R. 844* VetSuccess Enhancement Act (Rep. Mark Takano (CA))
 - *H.R. 631* Servicemembers' Choice in transition Act of 2013 (Rep. Bill Flores (TX))
 - *H.R. 562* VRAP Extension Act of 2013 (Rep. Jeff Miller (FL))
 - *H.R. 1305* Eligibility under the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
 - *H.R. 1316* Responsibilities of the Directors and Assistant Directors of Veterans Employment and Training
 - *H.R. 1402* Five-year extension of Paralympics program authorities (grant and stipend)
 - Five-year extension of certain work-study authorities (expected to be introduced shortly)
 - Draft bill entitled Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013 (expected to be introduced shortly)

 - **April 11, 2013.** HVAC FY14 Budget Hearing. 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.; 334 Cannon House Office Building

 - **April 16, 2013 (T).** The House Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs is expected to hold a legislative hearing on Disability Benefits and other purposes.

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The tentative bill list is as follows:

- H.R. 569 Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013 (Rep. Jon Runyan (NJ))
 - H.R. 570 American Heroes COLA Act (Rep. Jon Runyan (NJ))
 - H.R. 602 Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act (Rep. Jeff Miller (FL))
 - H.R. 671 Ruth Moore Act of 2013 (Rep. Chellie Pingree (ME))
 - H.R. 679 Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act (Rep. Tim Walz (MN))
 - H.R. 733 Access to Veterans benefits Improvement Act (Rep. Jon Runyan (NJ))
 - H.R. 894 Improve Supervision of Fiduciaries of Veterans (Rep. Bill Johnson (OH))
 - H.R. 1405 Inclusion of an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit claim
- **April 18, 2013.** HAC-MILCON-VA FY14 Budget Hearing. 10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.; H-140, Capitol
 - **April 18, 2013.** SAC-MILCON-VA FY14 Budget Hearing. 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.; 125 Dirksen

18. Today in History:

- [1741](#) – [War of the Austrian Succession](#): [Prussia](#) defeats [Austria](#) in the [Battle of Mollwitz](#).
- [1809](#) – [Napoleonic Wars](#): The [War of the Fifth Coalition](#) begins when [Austria](#) invades [Bavaria](#).
- [1821](#) – [Patriarch Gregory V of Constantinople](#) is hanged by the [Ottoman government](#) from the main gate of the [Patriarchate](#) and his body is thrown into the [Bosphorus](#).
- [1826](#) – The 10,500 inhabitants of the [Greek](#) town [Missolonghi](#) start leaving the town after a year's siege by Turkish forces. Very few of them survive.
- [1864](#) – Archduke [Maximilian of Habsburg](#) is proclaimed emperor of [Mexico](#) during the [French intervention in Mexico](#).
- [1865](#) – [American Civil War](#): A day after his surrender to [Union](#) forces, [Confederate General Robert E. Lee](#) addresses his troops for the last time.
- [1866](#) – The [American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#) (ASPCA) is founded in [New York City](#) by [Henry Bergh](#).
- [1868](#) – At Arogee in [Abyssinia](#), [British](#) and Indian forces [defeat](#) an army of Emperor [Tewodros II](#). While 700 [Ethiopians](#) are killed and many more injured, only two die from the British/Indian troops.
- [1874](#) – The first [Arbor Day](#) is celebrated in [Nebraska](#).
- [1912](#) – The [Titanic](#) leaves port in [Southampton, England](#) for her first and only voyage.
- [1916](#) – The [Professional Golfers Association of America](#) (PGA) is created in New York City.
- [1919](#) – [Mexican Revolution](#) leader [Emiliano Zapata](#) is ambushed and shot dead by [government](#) forces in [Morelos](#).
- [1940](#) – [Katyn massacre](#) Mass execution of 40 thousands Polish officers and intelligentsia approved and signed by [USSR](#) leader [Joseph Stalin](#)

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- [1941](#) – [World War II](#): The [Axis Powers](#) in [Europe](#) establish the [Independent State of Croatia](#) from occupied [Yugoslavia](#) with [Ante Pavelić](#)'s [Ustaše](#) fascist [insurgents](#) in power.
- [1944](#) – [Rudolf Vrba](#) and [Alfred Wetzler](#) escape from the [Birkenau](#) death camp.
- [1953](#) – [Warner Brothers](#) premieres the first [3-D film](#) from a major American studio, entitled [House of Wax](#).
- [1963](#) – 129 American sailors die when the [submarine USS Thresher](#) sinks at sea.
- [1970](#) – [Paul McCartney](#) announces that he is leaving [The Beatles](#) for personal and professional reasons.
- [1971](#) – [Ping Pong Diplomacy](#): In an attempt to thaw relations with the United States, the [People's Republic of China](#) hosts the U.S. [table tennis](#) team for a weeklong visit.
- [1972](#) – 20 days after he is kidnapped in [Buenos Aires](#), [Oberdan Sallustro](#) is murdered by [communist](#) guerrillas.
- [1972](#) – [Vietnam War](#): For the first time since [November 1967](#), American [B-52 bombers](#) reportedly begin bombing [North Vietnam](#).
- [1972](#) – Seventy-four nations sign the [Biological Weapons Convention](#), the first multilateral disarmament treaty banning the production of [biological weapons](#).
- [1991](#) – A [rare tropical storm](#) develops in the [South Atlantic Ocean](#) near [Angola](#); the first to be documented by [satellites](#).
- [1992](#) – The [Maraghar Massacre](#), killing of ethnic [Armenian](#) civil population of the village Maraghar by Azerbaijani troops during the [Nagorno-Karabakh War](#).
- [2009](#) – [President of Fiji Ratu Josefa Iloilo](#) announces he will suspend the [constitution](#) and assume all governance in the country, creating a [constitutional crisis](#).
- [2010](#) – Polish Air Force Tu-154M [crashes](#) near Smolensk, Russia, killing all 96 people on board including [President Lech Kaczyński](#).