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1. [War ration books remind us of difficult times during WWII.](#) Beginning in May 1942, war ration books and tokens were issued to each American family, dictating how much gasoline, tires, sugar, meat, silk, shoes, nylon and other items any one person could buy. Across the country 8000 rationing boards were created to administer these restrictions.
2. [Woman who bilked troops, own grandmother gets second chance.](#) A Tacoma woman who participated in a widespread fraud that ensnared dozens of soldiers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and victimized her own grandmother was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison.
3. [Tricare extends changes to UnitedHealthcare military plan.](#) The Defense Department has extended for another month measures to address problems with UnitedHealthcare Military.
4. [House passes bill on lying about military medals.](#) People who falsely claim they have received a military medal in order to obtain money or government benefits could face up to a year in jail under legislation that easily passed the House on Monday.
5. [The 2013 Night of Heroes Gala Honors Military's Biggest Advocates.](#) [In The Capital \(blog\)](#) The black tie gala this year will begin with a meet and greet for philanthropists involved in the organization and members of the media to talk one on one to some of the big names in attendance, including Eric K. Shinseki, secretary of Veterans Affairs ...
6. [Hudson veteran speaks about her own sex assault in the military.](#) [Nashua Telegraph](#) She left active duty after 10 years to join the Army Reserves and worked for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, or "VA" as it's called, in Connecticut. There she fell deeper into depression. 'You are not alone'. Atwood-Bell says her time in the ...

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7. [Utah to cut ribbons on two new veterans nursing homes.](#) [Salt Lake Tribune](#)
An unexpectedly high water table on the later property, however, raised the cost of building in Payson by \$500,000, McFall said. The veterans homes are a good deal for veterans, Schow said. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pays roughly half the ...

8. [ol. Robert King appointed head of Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) [Des Moines Register](#): Gov. Terry Branstad announced Monday he has appointed retired Col. Robert King as head of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. He will replace retired Brig Gen. Jodi Tymeson, who was recently named chief operating officer of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. [C](#)

9. [Chronic pain increasingly accompanies Minnesota veterans home from war.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) [Minnesota Public Radio](#): Thousands of Minnesota soldiers are returning from war to live with chronic pain from internal injuries and musculoskeletal disorders that leave many impaired... An MPR News analysis of data from the Department of Veterans Affairs shows a steep increase such injuries over the last decade.

10. [Report: More than 85,000 veterans treated for injuries involving sexual abuse.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) [RawStory.com](#): The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates more than 85,000 veterans were treated last year for injuries or sickness related to sexual abuse, the Associated Press reported on Monday.

11. [VA still giving addictive drugs for PTSD.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) [Army Times](#): Veterans treated at Veterans Affairs Department medical facilities for post-traumatic stress disorder often receive highly addictive sedatives even though the department's own guidelines issued in 2010 recommend against their use for the condition.

12. [Federal Faces: David E. Vollman, VA ophthalmologist.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) [The Washington Post](#): There are more than 50,000 cataract surgeries performed at Department of Veterans Affairs health facilities every year and more than 3 million throughout the country... Vollman, 34, in only his second year working at St. Louis VA Medical Center, helped organize and implement a pilot project to track cataract surgery results.

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13. [Vets deserve a soft landing in employment.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The News Tribune:** Last year, the Times found, the U.S. Labor Department and Office of Special Counsel accepted 1,430 new cases of alleged criminal job discrimination against National Guard and Reserve veterans. That number compared to 848 in 2001: an increase of more than 60 percent.

14. [Veterans Organizations: Serving Those Who Serve.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Heritage Foundation (The Foundry):** Transitioning from the battlefield to civilian life can be difficult. The panel of veterans and philanthropists at Heritage's Protect America Month event, "Serving Those Who Serve," gave some insight on how communities can help.

15. [Groups let vets email for education benefits help.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Army Times:** Two prominent veterans service organizations have announced a joint effort intended to help vets more quickly resolve problems with their education benefits.

16. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as May 22, 2013:**
 - **May 22, 2013.** The House Veterans Affairs Committee will conduct a hearing titled, "Expediting Claims or Exploiting Statistics? An Examination of VA's Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Pending Over Two Years." 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon

 - **May 23, 2013.** The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce will conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Federal Health Care in Rural America: Developing the Workforce and Building Partnerships." 10:00 A.M.; 340 Dirksen SOB

 - **June 5, 2013. (Postponed from May 15, 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)

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- 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)
- 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)

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- 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)
- 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)

17. Today in History:

- [1807](#) – A [grand jury](#) indicts former [Vice President of the United States Aaron Burr](#) on a charge of [treason](#).
- [1809](#) – On the second and last day of the [Battle of Aspern-Essling](#) (near Vienna), [Napoleon](#) is repelled by an enemy army for the first time.
- [1816](#) – A mob in [Littleport, Cambridgeshire](#), England, [riots](#) over high unemployment and rising grain costs; the rioting spreads to [Ely](#) the next day.
- [1819](#) – The [SS Savannah](#) leaves port at [Savannah, Georgia, United States](#), on a voyage to become the first [steamship](#) to cross the [Atlantic Ocean](#). The ship arrived at [Liverpool, England](#) on [June 20](#).
- [1826](#) – [HMS Beagle](#) departs on its first voyage.
- [1840](#) – The [transportation](#) of [British convicts](#) to the [New South Wales colony](#) is abolished.
- [1848](#) – [Slavery is abolished](#) in [Martinique](#).

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- [1856](#) – [Congressman Preston Brooks](#) of [South Carolina](#) beats [Senator Charles Sumner](#) with a cane in the hall of the [United States Senate](#) for a speech Sumner had made attacking [Southerners](#) who sympathized with the pro-[slavery](#) violence in [Kansas](#) ("[Bleeding Kansas](#)").
- [1863](#) – [American Civil War: Siege of Port Hudson](#) – [Union](#) forces begin to lay [siege](#) to the [Confederate](#)-controlled [Port Hudson, Louisiana](#).
- [1864](#) – American Civil War: After ten weeks, the [Union Army's Red River Campaign](#) ends with the Union unable to achieve any of its objectives.
- [1871](#) – The [U.S. Army](#) issued an order for abandonment of [Fort Kearny](#) in [Nebraska](#).
- [1872](#) – [Reconstruction: U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant](#) signs the [Amnesty Act of 1872](#) into law restoring full [civil rights](#) to all but about 500 [Confederate](#) sympathizers.
- [1897](#) – The [Blackwall Tunnel](#) under the [River Thames](#) is officially opened
- [1903](#) – Launch of the [White Star Liner, SS Ionic](#).
- 1906 – The [Wright brothers](#) are granted [U.S.](#) patent number 821,393 for their "[Flying-Machine](#)".
- [1915](#) – [Lassen Peak](#) erupts with a powerful force, and is the only mountain other than [Mount St. Helens](#) to erupt in the contiguous US during the 20th century.
- [1926](#) – [Chiang Kai-shek](#) replaces communists in [Kuomintang](#) China
- [1939](#) – [World War II: Germany](#) and [Italy](#) sign the [Pact of Steel](#).
- [1942](#) – [Mexico](#) enters [World War II](#) on the side of the [Allies](#).
- 1942 – The [Steel Workers Organizing Committee](#) disbands, and a new [trade union](#), the [United Steelworkers](#), is formed.
- 1942 – World War II: [Ted Williams](#) of the [Boston Red Sox](#) enlists in the [United States Marine Corps](#) as a flight instructor.
- [1943](#) – [Joseph Stalin](#) disbands [Comintern](#).
- [1945](#) – [Operation Paperclip](#) – [United States Army](#) Major Robert B. Staver recommends that the U.S. evacuate [German](#) scientists and engineers to help in the development of [rocket](#) technology.
- [1947](#) – [Cold War](#): in an effort to fight the spread of [Communism](#), [U.S. President Harry S. Truman](#) signs an act into law that will later be called the [Truman Doctrine](#). The act grants \$400 million in military and economic aid to [Turkey](#) and [Greece](#), each battling an internal Communist movement.
- [1958](#) – [Sri Lankan riots of 1958](#): This riot is a watershed event in the race relationship of the various ethnic communities of Sri Lanka. The total number of deaths is estimated to be 300, mostly Sri Lankan [Tamils](#).
- [1962](#) – [Continental Airlines Flight 11](#) crashes after bombs explode on board.
- [1963](#) – Assassination attempt of Greek left-wing politician [Gregoris Lambrakis](#), who will die five days afterwards.
- [1964](#) – [U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson](#) announces the goals of his [Great Society](#) social reforms to bring an "end to poverty and racial injustice" in [America](#).
- [1967](#) – The [L'Innovation](#) department store in the centre of [Brussels, Belgium](#), burns down. It is the most devastating fire in Belgian history, resulting in 323 dead and missing and 150 injured.
- 1967 – [Vietnam War: Vinh Xuan massacre](#).
- [1968](#) – The nuclear-powered [submarine](#) the [USS Scorpion](#) sinks with 99 men aboard 400 miles southwest of the [Azores](#).

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- [1969](#) – [Apollo 10](#)'s lunar module flies within 8.4 [nautical miles](#) (16 km) of the [moon](#)'s surface.
- [1972](#) – [Ceylon](#) adopts a new [constitution](#), thus becoming a [Republic](#), changes its name to [Sri Lanka](#), and joins the [Commonwealth of Nations](#).
- [1980](#) – [Namco](#) releases the highly influential [arcade game](#) [Pac-Man](#).
- [1987](#) – [Hashimpura massacre](#) in [Meerut](#) city of India.
- [1990](#) – [North](#) and [South Yemen](#) are unified to create the [Republic of Yemen](#).
- [1990](#) – [Microsoft](#) releases the [Windows 3.0 operating system](#).
- [1992](#) – After 30 years, 66-year-old [Johnny Carson](#) hosts [The Tonight Show](#) for the last time.
- [1992](#) – [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Croatia](#) and [Slovenia](#) join the [United Nations](#).
- [1997](#) – [Kelly Flinn](#), [US Air Force](#)'s first female bomber pilot certified for combat, accepts a [general discharge](#) in order to avoid a [court martial](#).
- [1998](#) – [Lewinsky scandal](#): a federal judge rules that [United States Secret Service](#) agents can be compelled to testify before a [grand jury](#) concerning the scandal, involving [President Bill Clinton](#).
- [2002](#) – In [Washington, D.C.](#), the remains of the missing [Chandra Levy](#) are found in [Rock Creek Park](#).
- [2002](#) – [American civil rights movement](#): a jury in [Birmingham, Alabama](#), convicts former [Ku Klux Klan](#) member [Bobby Frank Cherry](#) of the [1963](#) murders of four girls in the [bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church](#).
- [2003](#) – In [Fort Worth, Texas](#), [Annika Sörenstam](#) becomes the first woman to play the [PGA Tour](#) in 58 years.
- [2004](#) – The [U.S.](#) town of [Hallam, Nebraska](#), is wiped out by a powerful [F4 tornado](#) (part of the [May 2004 tornado outbreak sequence](#)) that broke a width record at an astounding 2.5 miles (4.0 km) wide, which kills one resident.
- [2008](#) – The [Late-May 2008 tornado outbreak sequence](#) unleashes 235 [tornadoes](#), including an [EF4](#) and an [EF5](#) tornado, between May 22 and May 31, 2008. The tornadoes struck 19 [states](#) and one [Canadian province](#).
- [2011](#) – An [EF5](#) Tornado strikes [Joplin, Missouri](#) killing 161 people, the single deadliest tornado in the [United States](#) since modern record keeping began in 1950.
- [2012](#) – [Tokyo Skytree](#) is opened to public. Its the [tallest tower in world](#) (634 m), and the second tallest man-made structure on Earth, after [Burj Khalifa](#) (829.8 m).