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2. [To cut the budget, Navy stops cutting the grass](#). Here's an unexpected consequence of federal belt tightening: The U.S. Navy has become that sloppy neighbor with the unsightly front yard. To trim the budget, the Hampton Roads region's naval bases have cut back on trimming the grass.
3. [Veterans upset by Spokane arena's temporary renaming](#). A promotional stunt met community resistance Thursday when unhappy military and civic boosters took to the Web and the streets to protest the temporary renaming of the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena to the Bon Jovi Veterans Arena.
4. [Five women soldiers graduate to serve in combat support role](#). Serving as a mechanic for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle is no longer closed to women after five graduated today for the combat support role in a ceremony at Fort Benning.
5. [Put combat commanders in charge of prosecutions, report says](#). A report by DOD advisers and generals argues that joint combat commanders are better able to enforce standards of discipline than officials at a service branch headquarters, and that contractors in war zones should be subject to the UCMJ.
6. [McGuire veterans hospital recruiting for national DNA database](#). [Richmond Times Dispatch](#) The Million Veterans Program was rolled out nationally in 2011 by the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs, and as of last week had about 165,000 DNA samples, said Dr. Michael F. Godschalk. "Richmond is one of the add-on sites," said Godschalk, who is ...
7. [Naval Academy football players investigated in sex assault case](#). The Navy is investigating three members of its football program amid accusations that they sexually assaulted a female student, school officials said Thursday.

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8. [4 of 10 women treated at local VA sexual trauma victims.](#) [Seattle Post Intelligencer](#)  
Four out of every 10 women veterans seeking medical care at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers in the Puget Sound area report that they were victims of sexual trauma in the military, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., learned at a Seattle ...
  
9. [Ex-general wants post-2014 troop levels announced.](#) Retired Gen. John Allen, the former top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, called on the White House Friday to announce how many troops it intends to leave in that country after 2014
  
10. [Former Fire Dept. Bookkeeper Charged With Theft, False Statements To Feds.](#) [NorthEscambia.com](#) The four-count indictment charges that Broxton stole money from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and made fraudulent statements to both agencies regarding his employment as the treasurer and financial ...
  
11. [For homeless South Florida vets: a permanent place to call home.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Miami Herald:** About 145 veterans living in the streets and in shelters in South Florida will soon have a permanent home, part of an ambitious national campaign to end veteran homelessness in two years.
  
12. [Hagel May Cut Benefits for Veterans.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **U.S. News & World Report:** The benefits that lured so many troops into military service may not remain intact after sequestration and other budget cuts, the Pentagon chief said Thursday.
  
13. [Vets disability benefits: Law schools curb backlog.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Richmond Times-Dispatch (AP):** Dustin Allison was riding in an armored vehicle at the head of a convoy in Iraq one morning in 2007 when an improvised explosive device went off, killing the driver and leaving Allison badly wounded.
  
14. [Indictment to be unsealed Monday after investigation of state Veterans Affairs department.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Tulsa World:** An indictment from the state's multicounty grand jury following an investigation of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is set to be unsealed Monday at the Rogers County District Court.

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15. [VA patients head to National Veterans Golden Age Games. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Houston Chronicle:** A team of 32 older Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center patients known as the Silver Eagles are headed to Buffalo, N.Y. this week to compete in the 27th National Veterans Golden Age Games.
16. [Veterans descend on Buffalo to compete in Golden Age Games. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Buffalo News:** If you passed Old Erie County Hall in downtown Buffalo on Thursday morning, you would have seen 61-year-old John Martinez of Fresno, Calif., flexing his muscles and declaring himself more than ready to compete as a swimmer in the 27th National Veterans Golden Age Games. The games begin today in Buffalo with, well, an opening round of checkers that has a gold medal at stake.
17. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as June 1, 2013:**
- **June 4, 2013.** HVAC Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations will hold a hearing entitled, “How Secure is Veterans Private Information?” 2:00 P.M.; 334 Cannon
  - **June 5, 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)
- 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)

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- 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)
- 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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## DRAFT BILLS

- 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)

## 18. Today in History:

- [1779](#) – [Benedict Arnold](#), a [general](#) in the [Continental Army](#) during the [American Revolutionary War](#), is [court-martialed](#) for [malfeasance](#).
- [1792](#) – [Kentucky](#) is admitted as the 15th [state](#) of the [United States](#).
- [1794](#) – The battle of the [Glorious First of June](#) is fought, the first naval engagement between Britain and France during the [French Revolutionary Wars](#).
- [1796](#) – [Tennessee](#) is admitted as the 16th [state](#) of the [United States](#).
- [1812](#) – [War of 1812](#): The [U.S. President James Madison](#) asks the [Congress](#) to declare war on the [United Kingdom](#).
- [1813](#) – [James Lawrence](#), the mortally-wounded commander of the [USS Chesapeake](#), gives his final order: "Don't give up the ship!"
- [1815](#) – [Napoleon](#) swears fidelity to the [Constitution of France](#).
- [1831](#) – [James Clark Ross](#) discovers the [North Magnetic Pole](#).
- [1861](#) – [American Civil War](#), [Battle of Fairfax Court House \(June 1861\)](#): the first land battle of the American Civil War after the [Battle of Fort Sumter](#), producing the first [Confederate](#) combat casualty.
- [1862](#) – [American Civil War](#), [Peninsula Campaign](#): the [Battle of Seven Pines](#) (or the Battle of Fair Oaks) ends inconclusively, with both sides claiming victory.
- [1868](#) – The [Treaty of Bosque Redondo](#) is signed, allowing the [Navajos](#) to return to their lands in [Arizona](#) and [New Mexico](#).
- [1879](#) – [Napoleon Eugene](#), the last dynastic [Bonaparte](#), is killed in the [Anglo-Zulu War](#).
- [1913](#) – The [Greek–Serbian Treaty of Alliance](#) is signed, paving the way for the [Second Balkan War](#).
- [1916](#) – [Louis Brandeis](#) becomes the first [Jew](#) appointed to the [United States Supreme Court](#).

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- [1918](#) – [World War I](#), [Western Front: Battle for Belleau Wood](#) – Allied Forces under [John J. Pershing](#) and [James Harbord](#) engage Imperial German Forces under [Wilhelm, German Crown Prince](#).
- [1921](#) – [Tulsa Race Riot: civil unrest](#) in [Tulsa, Oklahoma](#).
- [1941](#) – [World War II](#): the [Battle of Crete](#) ends as [Crete](#) capitulates to [Germany](#).
- [1941](#) – The [Farhud](#), a pogrom of Iraqi Jews, takes place in [Baghdad](#).
- [1943](#) – [British Overseas Airways Corporation Flight 777](#) is shot down over the [Bay of Biscay](#) by German [Junkers Ju 88s](#), killing the actor [Leslie Howard](#) and leading to speculation that its shooting down was an attempt to kill the [British Prime Minister Winston Churchill](#).
- [1946](#) – [Ion Antonescu](#), "Conducator" (leader) of Romania during World War II, is executed.
- [1958](#) – [Charles de Gaulle](#) comes out of retirement to lead [France](#) by decree for six months.
- [1962](#) – The [Pilkington Committee on Broadcasting](#) concludes, among other things, that the British public did not want commercial radio broadcasting.
- [1963](#) – [Kenya](#) gains internal self-rule ([Madaraka Day](#)).
- [1974](#) – The [Heimlich maneuver](#) for rescuing choking victims is published in the journal *Emergency Medicine*.
- [1979](#) – The first black-led government of [Rhodesia](#) (now [Zimbabwe](#)) in 90 years takes power.
- [1980](#) – [Cable News Network](#) (CNN) begins [broadcasting](#).
- [1990](#) – [George H. W. Bush](#) and [Mikhail Gorbachev](#) sign a [treaty](#) to end [chemical weapon](#) production.
- [1993](#) – [Dobrinja mortar attack](#): 13 are killed and 133 wounded when Serb mortar shells are fired at a soccer game in [Dobrinja](#), west of [Sarajevo](#).
- [2001](#) – [Nepalese royal massacre](#): Crown Prince [Dipendra of Nepal](#) shoots and kills several members of his family including his father and mother, [King Birendra of Nepal](#) and [Queen Aiswarya](#).
- [2001](#) – [Dolphinarium massacre](#): A  [Hamas](#) suicide bomber kills 21 at a disco in [Tel Aviv](#).
- [2003](#) – The [People's Republic of China](#) begins filling the [reservoir](#) behind the [Three Gorges Dam](#).
- [2009](#) – [General Motors files](#) for [Chapter 11 bankruptcy](#). It is the fourth largest United States bankruptcy in history.
- [2011](#) – A [rare tornado outbreak](#) occurs in [New England](#); a strong EF3 tornado strikes [Springfield, Massachusetts](#), during the event, killing four people.
- [2012](#) – The [Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental](#) jumbo jet aircraft is introduced with [Lufthansa](#).
- [2013](#) – The [One World Trade Center](#) opens in [Lower Manhattan, New York City](#).