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1. [Sen. Murray, survivors urge action on military sexual assaults](#). Former Marine Cpl. Angela Arellano felt like the criminal after she reported being raped by one of her enlisted supervisors. Her attacker walked away with no repercussions to his career. She, on the other hand, stood accused of making a false statement against a fellow Marine.
2. [Military sexual assaults reported at Wash. state VA facility higher than national rate](#). [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Times Leader**: Forty percent of the women treated at the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System report sexual assaults or repeated sexual harassment while in the military, roughly double the rate cited nationally by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. [Sexual assault: Women lawmakers push for change in US military](#). [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Christian Science Monitor**: In Congress, women lawmakers are leading the charge, pushing legislation that would take the authority to investigate and punish instances of sexual assault out of the chain of command, away from commanding officers whose potential conflict of interest may favor the military's "good order and discipline" as it applies to unit cohesion and war-fighting ability over vigorously prosecuting sexual offenders in the ranks, including fellow officers.
4. [Veterans crowd VA benefits assistance event](#). [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Daily News**: Volunteers from Camp Lejeune, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Rural Health and the Employment Security Commission provided assistance at 10 a.m. Saturday with disability claim applications and presented general information on other subjects, such as home foreclosure prevention, life insurance and job hunting.
5. [Korean War vet recalls time of love and war](#). Five days before Wilbur and Ermal Bryant exchanged vows in 1950, North Korean communists had streamed across the 38th parallel in a surprise invasion of South Korea.
6. [On his platoon's last patrol, soldier creates a 'path of life'](#). Spc. Kyle Klobuchar spends his days listening intently to the beeps, hums and warbles of a hand-held explosives detector known as a Minehound.

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7. [**Oregon, Washington reservists still await pay, documents, almost three months after return.**](#) Air Force Reservist Mike Mellein is a single Southeast Portlander who had the foresight to save some of his war-zone pay while he was in Afghanistan this year. That means he's not desperate yet.

8. [**Va. veteran researching impact of Post-9/11 GI Bill.**](#) Frank Bergmeister wants to make sure other veterans and their dependents know how to use the updated GI Bill to further their education. He is researching a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill for his doctoral dissertation at George Mason University.

9. [**Attorney urges Congress to end sleep apnea claims 'abuse'.**](#)
TheNewsTribune.com
In 2001, the year U.S. forces invaded Afghanistan, 983 veterans began to draw disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for sleep apnea, a disorder linked to obesity and characterized by pauses in breathing during sleep that can

10. [**Number of vets using benefits increasing.**](#) [Dickinson Press](#) Even when they return to school, VA support continues to be within reach, said Rhonda Schauer, North Dakota University System state approving agency director for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. "It could take several terms for student veterans ...

11. [**Hundreds of Senior Vets in Town for Golden Age Games.**](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **WKBW-TV (Video):** Opening ceremonies for the 27th National Veterans Golden Age Games were held in downtown Buffalo Thursday night.

12. [**Golden Age Games kick off in Buffalo.**](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **WIVB-TV (Video):** For the next five days, Western New York will be home away from home for some 700 athletes in town for the National Veterans Golden Age Games.

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13. [Veterans Golden Age Games continue in Buffalo.](#) [Wall Street Journal](#)
Among the 15 events are swimming, cycling, air rifle and sled hockey, as well as horseshoes and bowling. The annual games are the nation's largest sporting event for senior military veterans. They're sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

14. [New Initiative Will Help Student Veterans.](#) [Hyperlink to Story Digital Journal \(PRWeb\)](#): Any student veteran having difficulty with a GI Bill or other VA benefit can email the 1 Student Veteran hotline to report the problem. A response will be sent within 24 hours during the workweek, and VFW

15. [VA center changes please Legion.](#) [Hyperlink to Story The Journal Gazette](#): American Legion officials say the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center they visited last week was vastly different from the one they toured five months earlier.

16. [Donnelly praises local VA hospital.](#) [Hyperlink to Story The Journal Gazette](#): Sen. Joe Donnelly said Friday the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center is open and committed to the best possible care for veterans and will remain that way for the long haul... Donnelly, D-Ind., toured the hospital as part of a statewide series of appearances on improving the mental health of military members and veterans.

17. [Iraq, Afghanistan veterans using VA benefits at higher rate.](#) [Hyperlink to Story Stars and Stripes](#): Now more than half of the country's nearly 22 million living veterans are receiving at least one benefit or service guaranteed to them because of their service to the nation -- an increase of more than 1 million veterans over four years, said Meagan Lutz, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in Washington, D.C.

18. [Veterans Have an Ally in Recovery From Trauma.](#) [Hyperlink to Story HealthCanal.com](#): Spend some time with Kathleen Chard, PhD, at the Cincinnati Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center facility in Ft. Thomas, Ky., and it's obvious how much she cares about her patients.

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19. [For Veterans, Mental Health Care Often Fragmented. Hyperlink to Above Story](#) **Yahoo! News:** For veterans with mental health conditions, prompt and continuous access to mental health care can be lifesaving. However, research shows that after deployment, veterans often go years without obtaining mental health care, and when they do, their care is often fragmented.

20. [Reaching out to better a veteran's mental health. Hyperlink to Story](#) **WBNG-TV (Video):** Many veterans returning home from combat struggle with the transition back to civilian life. A group of social workers gathered in Binghamton to hear from veterans on ways professionals can help.

21. ['Tsunami' of appeals drowning VA board won't get better soon. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review:** The backlog of cases before the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals will get worse before it gets better because the Washington office is drowning in paperwork, its top official warns.

22. [Resource fair for female veterans. Hyperlink to Story](#) **WOOD-TV (Video):** Every day, more female veterans are returning to civilian life. But few are taking advantage of services offered to them by the Veterans Administration.

23. [Veterans home project: Architect 'blew it on the estimates'. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Argus Leader:** Lt. Gov. Matt Michels has worked on the project to build a new state veterans home in Hot Springs for years since taking office in 2011.

24. [Official: Phoenix leads way on helping homeless veterans. Hyperlink to Story](#) **KTAR-AM:** Phoenix stands out from other cities and is leading the way nationally on President Barack Obama's goal of ending veterans homelessness by 2015, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan said.

25. [Time for veterans court is now. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Orlando Sentinel:** Estimates suggest that somewhere around 10 percent of the prison population are former service members... And many communities have already acknowledged as much — setting up veterans courts that specialize in dealing with the problems of former service members... It is time for Orange and Osceola counties to do the same.

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26. VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as June 3, 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)
- 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)

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- 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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- 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)

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- 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)

27. Today in History:

- [1781](#) – [Jack Jouett](#) begins his midnight ride to warn [Thomas Jefferson](#) and the Virginia legislature of an impending raid by [Banastre Tarleton](#).
- [1839](#) – In [Humen, China](#), [Lin Tse-hsü](#) destroys 1.2 million kg of opium confiscated from British merchants, providing Britain with a *casus belli* to open hostilities, resulting in the [First Opium War](#).
- [1861](#) – [American Civil War: Battle of Philippi](#) (also called the Philippi Races) – [Union](#) forces rout [Confederate](#) troops in [Barbour County, Virginia](#), now [West Virginia](#), in first land battle of the War.
- [1862](#) – A 3000-strong riot occurred at [Wardsend Cemetery](#) in the [Sheffield, England](#), against rumours of bodysnatching from the grounds.
- [1864](#) – American Civil War: [Battle of Cold Harbor](#) – Union forces attack Confederate troops in [Hanover County, Virginia](#).
- [1866](#) – The [Fenians](#) are driven out of [Fort Erie, Ontario](#), into the [United States](#).
- [1885](#) – In the last military engagement fought on Canadian soil, the [Cree](#) leader, [Big Bear](#), escapes the [North-West Mounted Police](#).
- [1888](#) – The poem "[Casey at the Bat](#)", by [Ernest Lawrence Thayer](#), is published in the [San Francisco Examiner](#).
- 1889 – The first long-distance [electric power transmission](#) line in the United States is completed, running 14 miles (23 km) between a generator at [Willamette Falls](#) and downtown [Portland, Oregon](#).
- [1916](#) – The [National Defense Act](#) is signed into law, increasing the size of the [United States National Guard](#) by 450,000 men.
- [1932](#) – [Lou Gehrig](#) and his teammate [Tony Lazzeri](#) hit four home runs in one game, and hit for the [natural cycle](#), respectively. These two feats are both less common than a [perfect game](#), which has occurred twenty-one times in one-hundred and twenty years.
- [1935](#) – One thousand unemployed Canadian workers board freight cars in [Vancouver, British Columbia](#), beginning a protest trek to [Ottawa, Ontario](#).
- [1937](#) – The [Duke of Windsor](#) marries [Wallis Simpson](#).
- [1940](#) – [World War II](#): The [Luftwaffe](#) bombs [Paris](#).
- 1940 – World War II: The [Battle of Dunkirk](#) ends with a [German](#) victory and with [Allied](#) forces in full retreat.
- [1941](#) – World War II: The [Wehrmacht](#) razes the [Greek](#) village of [Kandanos](#) to the ground, killing 180 of its inhabitants.
- [1942](#) – World War II: [Japan](#) begins the [Aleutian Islands Campaign](#) by [bombing Unalaska Island](#).
- [1943](#) – In [Los Angeles, California](#), white [U.S. Navy](#) sailors and [Marines](#) clash with [Latino](#) youths in the [Zoot Suit Riots](#).

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- [1963](#) – The [Buddhist crisis](#): Soldiers of the [Army of the Republic of Vietnam](#) [attack](#) protesting [Buddhists](#) in [Huế, South Vietnam](#), with liquid chemicals from tear-gas grenades, causing 67 people to be hospitalised for blistering of the skin and respiratory ailments.
- [1965](#) – The launch of [Gemini 4](#), the first multi-day space mission by a [NASA](#) crew. [Ed White](#), a crew member, performs the first American [spacewalk](#).
- [1968](#) – [Valerie Solanas](#), the author of [SCUM Manifesto](#), attempts to assassinate [Andy Warhol](#) by shooting him three times.
- [1969](#) – [Melbourne–Evans collision](#): off the coast of [South Vietnam](#), the [Australian](#) aircraft carrier [HMAS Melbourne](#) cuts the [U.S. Navy](#) destroyer [USS Frank E. Evans](#) in half.
- [1979](#) – A blowout at the [Ixtoc I](#) oil well in the southern [Gulf of Mexico](#) causes at least 3,000,000 barrels (480,000 m³) of oil to be spilled into the waters, the second-worst accidental [oil spill](#) ever recorded.
- [1980](#) – The [1980 Grand Island tornado outbreak](#). Seven tornadoes hit [Grand Island, Nebraska](#), which take five lives, 357 single-family homes, 33 mobile homes, 85 apartments, 49 businesses and cause \$300 million in damages all told, according to statistics compiled on the deadly storm by the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross.
- [1982](#) – The [Israeli ambassador](#) to the [United Kingdom](#), [Shlomo Argov](#), is shot on a [London](#) street. He survives but is permanently paralyzed.
- [1984](#) – [Operation Blue Star](#), a military offensive, is launched by the [Indian](#) government at [Harmandir Sahib](#), also known as the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine for the [Sikhs](#), in [Amritsar](#). The operation continues until [June 6](#), with casualties, most of them civilians, in excess of 5,000.
- [1989](#) – The government of [China](#) sends troops to force protesters out of [Tiananmen Square](#) after seven weeks of occupation.
- [1991](#) – [Mount Unzen](#) erupts in [Kyūshū, Japan](#), killing 43 people, all of them either researchers or journalists.
- [2006](#) – The union of [Serbia and Montenegro](#) comes to an end with [Montenegro's](#) formal declaration of independence.