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- 1. Navy wants to increase pay for sea duty. Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran told sailors aboard the USS Bataan on Tuesday that since inflation has eaten away into the value of their sea pay over the past decade, Navy leaders want to restore the value of sea pay by adjusting for inflation.
- 2. <u>Air Force uniform changes include morale T-shirts on Fridays</u>. When it comes to Air Force physical fitness training, reflective belts are out and black socks are in. Hot-pink cell phones are now OK too, while in uniform, as are morale T-shirts and patches but only on Fridays.
- 3. \$1B in Air Force cargo planes sent to boneyard get new missions. The Defense Department paid \$567 million for the production of the Air Force C-27J Spartans, but when research and development costs were factored in, the price tag rose to \$1 billion.
- **4.** For a different African piracy problem, Navy seeks solutions on shore. Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert said piracy solutions must be shore-based in other words, with local governments in the lead rather than international navies. His comments parallel what data and experts say about the Gulf of Guinea, a troubled body of water on the Atlantic side of Africa, where attacks resemble those in the Horn of Africa.
- **5.** PTSD group looks to find its therapeutic footing. It can sound, at first, like metaphysical nonsense. But in this upstart group, leaders are presenting a therapy that strays successfully, they say from the techniques traditionally applied to treat war-related post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Veterans Left Behind on the Battlefield: A New Form of Veteran Discrimination Emerging. Hyperlink to Article The Huffington Post: U.S. Navy Adm. (ret.) Mike Mullen coined the term "sea of goodwill" to describe the positive attitudes in the United States toward veterans and the military in general. However, amid the current sea of goodwill there is an undercurrent of discrimination against veterans, and it may surprise you where it is coming from.
- 7. Enlisting Companies To Invest In Veterans. Hyperlink to Article The Wall Street Journal: Last year in these pages we stressed the importance of giving [Veterans] an opportunity to pursue not just a job but a fulfilling career... Those who volunteer to serve in [American Corporate Partners'] Veteran Mentoring Program work with a returning member of the service for a full calendar year to help him or her enter and succeed in the civilian workplace.

- **8.** Glitch exposes veterans' data on government site. Hyperlink to Article UPI.com: A software glitch on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website may have compromised personal information of veterans, officials said.
- **9.** All Things Considered. Hyperlink to Article NPR (Audio): This 44 second audio clip discusses the security breach of the e-Benefits site and details follow-up actions such as investigation and credit monitoring for Veterans.
- 10. Veteran puts Army skills to work in new career as a fitness trainer. Hyperlink to Article The Washington Post: Through the American Council on Exercise's six-month-old Salute You program for veterans, she received a \$700 scholarship and was certified as a trainer in November. Using G.I. Bill benefits, she studied at the National Personal Training Institute and is serving as an unpaid apprentice at Atlas Fitness in Southeast Washington, part of becoming certified by the National Academy of Sports Medicine.
- 11. VA Medical Center Seeks Help to Shelter Veterans from the Cold.

  Hyperlink to Article WHAG-TV: The Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical

  Center is asking for the public's help in getting veterans off of the street during this latest snow storm.
- 12. Orlando VA Medical Center's opening delayed again. Hyperlink to Article Orlando Business Journal: The Orlando VA Medical Center's hospital and outpatient facility opening has again been delayed, Orlando Business Journal has learned.
- 13. Offshore 'Nam vets deserve benefits, too. Hyperlink to Article Pocono Record: Many people believe all Vietnam veterans injured in the war receive health care from Veterans Affairs hospitals. This is not true. Any veteran who served offshore Vietnam is denied health care and lost-wage compensation for any disease or disability caused by Agent Orange/Dioxin.
- 14. <u>Veteran Resource Center Could Soon be Coming to Stevens Point</u>. <u>Hyperlink to Article</u> WSAW-TV (Video): Portage County and Stevens Point are working together to develop a Veteran Resource Center.

- **15.** Fighting for each other; veterans band together. Hyperlink to Article Chippewa-Falls Herald: Johnson and other members of VFW Post 305 in Eau Claire are looking to arm veterans with information on how to apply for benefits and what to do if the Veterans Administration turns down their claims.
- 16. Homeless Veterans Laid To Rest At Cemetery Of The Alleghenies.

  Hyperlink to Article KDKA-FM (The Fan): A pair of veterans were laid to rest
  Tuesday at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies... "It's been a lot of people
  working together to make this happen," the Missing in America Program funeral
  director said.

#### 17. VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as January 22, 2014:

- January 28, 2014. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold a hearing entitled "What can the Federal Government Learn from the Private Sector's Successful Approach to Hiring Veterans?"
- ➤ **February 5, 2014.** HVAC-DAMA will hold a hearing entitled, "Beyond Transformation: Reviewing Current Status and Secondary Effects of VBA Technology."
- ➤ **February 25, 2014.** House Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Miller, R-Fla.) will hold a hearing to receive a legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.
- ➤ March 5, 2014. House Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Miller, R-Fla.) and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Sanders, I-Vt.) will hold a joint hearing to receive the legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- ➤ March 6, 2014. House Veterans' Affairs Committee and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee will hold a joint hearing to receive the legislative presentations of Veterans Organizations.
- ➤ March 26, 2014. House Veterans' Affairs Committee and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee will hold a joint hearing to receive the legislative presentations of The American Legion.

### **18.** Today in History:

- 1824 The Ashantis defeat British forces in the Gold Coast.
- <u>1849</u> <u>Second Anglo-Sikh War</u>: The <u>Siege of Multan</u> ends after nine months when the last <u>Sikh</u> defenders of <u>Multan</u>, <u>Punjab</u>, surrender.
- 1863 The <u>January Uprising</u> breaks out in <u>Poland</u>, <u>Lithuania</u> and <u>Belarus</u>. The aim of the national movement is to regain <u>Polish-Lithuanian-Ruthenian</u> <u>Commonwealth</u> from occupation by <u>Russia</u>.

- <u>1879</u> <u>Anglo-Zulu War</u>: <u>Battle of Isandlwana</u> <u>Zulu</u> troops defeat British troops.
- 1879 Anglo-Zulu War: <u>Battle of Rorke's Drift</u> 139 <u>British soldiers</u> successfully defend their <u>garrison</u> against an onslaught by three to four thousand <u>Zulu</u> warriors.
- 1889 Columbia Phonograph is formed in Washington, D.C.
- 1890 The United Mine Workers of America is founded in Columbus, Ohio.
- 1899 Leaders of six <u>Australian</u> colonies meet in <u>Melbourne</u> to discuss confederation.
- 1901 Edward VII is proclaimed King after the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.
- 1905 Bloody Sunday in St. Petersburg, beginning of the 1905 revolution.
- 1906 SS Valencia runs aground on rocks on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, killing more than 130.
- 1915 Over 600 people are killed in <u>Guadalajara</u>, <u>Mexico</u>, when a train <u>plunges</u> off the tracks into a deep canyon.
- 1917 World War I: President Woodrow Wilson of the still-neutral United States calls for "peace without victory" in Europe.
- <u>1941 World War II</u>: <u>British</u> and <u>Commonwealth</u> troops capture <u>Tobruk</u> from Italian forces during Operation Compass.
- 1944 World War II: The <u>Allies</u> commence <u>Operation Shingle</u>, an assault on <u>Anzio</u>, <u>Italy</u>.
- 1946 In <u>Iran</u>, <u>Qazi Muhammad</u> declares the independent people's <u>Republic of Mahabad</u> at <u>Chuwarchira Square</u> in the Kurdish city of <u>Mahabad</u>. He is the new president and <u>Hadschi Baba Scheich</u> is the <u>prime minister</u>.
- 1946 Creation of the *Central Intelligence Group*, forerunner of the <u>Central Intelligence Agency</u>.
- <u>1947 KTLA</u>, the first commercial <u>television station</u> west of the <u>Mississippi River</u>, begins operation in <u>Hollywood</u>, <u>California</u>.
- 1957 Israel withdraws from the Sinai Peninsula.
- 1957 The New York City "Mad Bomber", George P. Metesky, is arrested in Waterbury, Connecticut and is charged with planting more than 30 bombs.
- <u>1959</u> <u>Knox Mine Disaster</u>: Water breaches the River Slope Mine near <u>Pittston</u> <u>City</u>, <u>Pennsylvania</u> in <u>Port Griffith</u>; 12 miners are killed.
- 1962 The Organization of American States suspends Cuba's membership.
- 1963 The <u>Elysée treaty</u> of cooperation between <u>France</u> and <u>Germany</u> is signed by <u>Charles de Gaulle</u> and <u>Konrad Adenauer</u>.
- 1968 Apollo 5 lifts off carrying the first Lunar module into space.
- 1968 Operation Igloo White, a US electronic surveillance system to stop communist infiltration into South Vietnam begins installation.
- 1969 A gunman attempts to assassinate Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.
- 1970 The <u>Boeing 747</u>, the world's first "jumbo jet", enters commercial service for launch customer <u>Pan American Airways</u> with its maiden voyage from <u>John F. Kennedy International Airport</u> to <u>London Heathrow Airport</u>.
- <u>1971</u> The <u>Singapore Declaration</u>, one of the two most important documents to the <u>uncodified constitution</u> of the <u>Commonwealth of Nations</u>, is issued.
- 1973 The <u>Supreme Court of the United States</u> delivers its decision in <u>Roe v.</u>
   <u>Wade</u>, legalizing elective <u>abortion</u> in all fifty states.

- 1973 A chartered <u>Boeing 707</u> explodes in flames upon landing at <u>Kano Airport</u>, <u>Nigeria</u>, killing 176.
- 1984 The <u>Apple Macintosh</u>, the first consumer computer to popularize the <u>computer mouse</u> and the <u>graphical user interface</u>, is introduced during Super Bowl XVIII with its famous "1984" television commercial.
- 1987 Pennsylvania politician R. Budd Dwyer shoots and kills himself during a televised press conference, leading to debates on boundaries in journalism.
- 1987 <u>Philippine</u> security forces <u>open fire</u> on a crowd of 10,000–15,000 demonstrators at <u>Malacañan Palace</u>, <u>Manila</u>, killing 13.
- 1990 Robert Tappan Morris, Jr. is convicted of releasing the 1988 Internet Computer worm.
- <u>1991</u> <u>Gulf War</u>: Three <u>SCUDs</u> and one <u>Patriot missile</u> hit <u>Ramat Gan</u> in <u>Israel</u>, injuring 96 people. Three elderly people die of heart attacks.
- 1992 Rebel forces occupy <u>Zaire</u>'s national radio station in <u>Kinshasa</u> and broadcast a demand for the government's resignation.
- 1995 <u>Israeli-Palestinian conflict</u>: <u>Beit Lid massacre</u> In central <u>Israel</u>, near <u>Netanya</u>, two <u>suicide bombers</u> from the <u>Gaza Strip</u> blow themselves up at a military transit point killing 19 Israelis.
- 1999 Australian missionary <u>Graham Staines</u> and his two sons are burned alive by radical <u>Hindus</u> while sleeping in their car in Eastern <u>India</u>.
- <u>2002</u> <u>Kmart</u> becomes the largest retailer in <u>United States</u> history to file for <u>Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection</u>.
- <u>2006</u> <u>Evo Morales</u> is inaugurated as President of <u>Bolivia</u>, becoming the country's first indigenous president.
- 2007 At least 88 people are killed when two car bombs explode in the Bab Al-Sharqi market in central Baghdad, Iraq.