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1. [Ukraine crisis brings Europe security back to the forefront for US.](#) While there is no sign that NATO is girding for a military confrontation, Russia's intervention in Ukraine could pull Europe off America's strategic back burner as Western leaders confront what some are calling Europe's biggest crisis in a generation.
2. [Analysts: Black Sea port in Ukraine still key to Russia's naval interests.](#) Russia's incursion into the Crimean peninsula in Ukraine has drawn attention to its naval base in Sevastopol and its Black Sea Fleet, a modest force of aging ships that military analysts say Russia is trying to modernize..
3. [North Korea launches 2 more missiles, South says.](#) North Korea fired two short-range missiles on Monday morning, the latest in a series of low-level provocations that appear to be a response to the ongoing joint U.S.-South Korean exercises.
4. [Interview: Karzai says 12-year Afghanistan war has left him angry at US government.](#) Hamid Karzai was in the midst of negotiating a security agreement with the United States when he met a 4-year-old girl who had lost half her face in an American airstrike.
5. [Vietnam veterans sue military over PTSD.](#) The U.S. military has failed to upgrade the discharges of Vietnam veterans who developed post-traumatic stress disorder, resulting in stigma and loss of benefits, according to a federal lawsuit filed Monday.
6. [Vietnam Veterans Sue Military Over PTSD.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **ABC News:** Five Vietnam veterans and three veterans organizations are suing the Army, the Navy and the Air Force in Connecticut. The veterans say they suffered PTSD before it was recognized and were discharged under other-than-honorable conditions that made them ineligible for benefits.
7. [Blasts may cause brain injury even without symptoms.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **MedicalXpress.com:** Veterans exposed to explosions who do not report symptoms of traumatic brain injury (TBI) may still have damage to the brain's white matter comparable to veterans with TBI, according to researchers at Duke Medicine and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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8. [It's Shameful How We Treat Our Veterans](#) . [Hyperlink to Article](#) **National Review:** Conservatives at least temporarily won a fight last week about how to manage health care for veterans. Unfortunately, that victory does nothing to actually improve veterans' care. To accomplish that goal, Senator Tom Coburn (R., Okla.) has some ideas that merit consideration.

9. ['Patient safety issue' caused by Denver VA Medical Center parking; Rep. Mike Coffman pushes for fix](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **KMGH-TV (Video):** U.S. Representative Mike Coffman wants answers from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans' affairs following a 7NEWS investigation that revealed insufficient parking at the at the Denver VA Medical Center. The parking shortage is making it more difficult for veterans to get the care they need.

10. [Veterans Journal: VA rolls out more secure health identification card](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Providence Journal:** The Department of Veterans Affairs announced last month that a newly designed, more secure Veteran Health Identification Card, with additional security features and a different look and feel, will replace the old Veteran Identification Card, first issued in 2004.

11. [GAO: DOD, VA need to move on interoperable health records](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Federal Computer Week:** The GAO is seeking improvements in program management and clear lines of responsibility for implementing an interoperable health care record for the departments, which deliver care to a population of 16 million veterans and active-duty service members.

12. [Disabled vet will join FBI academy class](#). The disabled U.S. Army veteran who successfully sued the FBI over his removal from the agency's training program for special agents will reenter the academy June 1, according to a court filing and the veteran's attorney.

13. [D.C. Houses More Than 200 Homeless Veterans in 100 Days](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Huffington Post:** In just 100 days, Washington, D.C., managed to get more than 200 homeless veterans off the streets, according to Think Progress.

14. [Liza Horvath, Senior Advocate: VA offers plenty of perks](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Monterey County Herald:** While there is really no way to truly thank those who serve our country, at least the extensive assistance and "perks" available to veterans through the VA provide some modicum of recognition.

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15. ['Forgotten' no more: Korean War stories shared in film.](#) Conor Timmis learned almost nothing about the Korean War in school. What he knew growing up came bits at a time from his grandfather, John Finnigan. Those conversations led Timmis, a 33-year-old actor, to make the hourlong documentary "Finnigan's War."

16. VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as March 4, 2014:

- **March 5, 2014.** House Veterans' Affairs Committee and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee 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: BVA, JWV, MOPH, AMVETS, TREA, MOAA, VVA, NGUAS and NASDVA.
- **March 12, 2014.** House Veterans' Affairs Committee and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee will hold a joint hearing to receive the legislative presentations of Veterans Organizations: PVA, IAVA, GSW, WWP, FRA, AFSA, NCAO, AXPOW.
- **March 12, 2014.** SVAC, Full Committee, "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015."
- **March 13, 2014.** HVAC, Full Committee, "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015."
- **March 25, 2014.** SAC-MILCON-VA FY15 Budget Hearing.
- **March 25, 2014.** SVAC, Full Committee, "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015."
- **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.
- **March 27, 2014.** HAC-MILCON-VA FY15 Budget Hearing.

17. Today in History:

- [1628](#) – The [Massachusetts Bay Colony](#) is granted a [Royal charter](#).
- [1665](#) – [English](#) King [Charles II](#) declares war on the [Netherlands](#) marking the start of the [Second Anglo-Dutch War](#).
- [1681](#) – Charles II grants a land charter to [William Penn](#) for the area that will later become [Pennsylvania](#).
- [1776](#) – [American Revolutionary War](#): The [Continental Army](#) fortifies [Dorchester Heights](#) with [cannon](#), leading the [British](#) troops to abandon the [Siege of Boston](#).

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- [1789](#) – In [New York City](#), the [first Congress of the United States](#) meets, putting the [United States Constitution](#) into effect. The [United States Bill of Rights](#) is written and proposed to Congress.
- [1790](#) – [France](#) is divided into 83 [départements](#), cutting across the [former provinces](#) in an attempt to dislodge regional loyalties based on ownership of land by the nobility.
- [1791](#) – A [Constitutional Act](#) is introduced by the [British House of Commons](#) in [London](#) which envisages the separation of [Canada](#) into [Lower Canada \(Quebec\)](#) and [Upper Canada \(Ontario\)](#).
- [1791](#) – [Vermont](#) is admitted to the United States as the fourteenth [state](#).
- [1794](#) – The [11th Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution is passed by the [U.S. Congress](#).
- [1804](#) – [Castle Hill Rebellion](#): Irish convicts rebel against British colonial authority in the Colony of [New South Wales](#).
- [1814](#) – Americans defeat the [British](#) at the [Battle of Longwoods](#) between [London, Ontario](#) and Thamesville, near present-day [Wardsville, Ontario](#).
- [1837](#) – The city of [Chicago](#) is incorporated.
- [1848](#) – [Carlo Alberto di Savoia](#) signs the [Statuto Albertino](#) that will later represent the first [constitution](#) of the [Regno d'Italia](#)
- [1861](#) – The [first national flag](#) of the [Confederate States of America](#) (the "Stars and Bars") is adopted.
- [1865](#) – The [third and final national flag](#) of the [Confederate States of America](#) is adopted by the Confederate Congress.
- [1882](#) – [Britain](#)'s first electric trams run in east London.
- [1890](#) – The longest bridge in [Great Britain](#), the [Forth Rail Bridge](#) in [Scotland](#), measuring 1,710 feet (520 m) long, is opened by the [Prince of Wales](#), later King [Edward VII](#).
- [1908](#) – The [Collinwood School Fire](#), [Collinwood](#) near [Cleveland, Ohio](#), kills 174 people.
- [1909](#) – U.S. President [William Taft](#) used what became known as a [Saxbe fix](#), a mechanism to avoid the restriction of the [U.S. Constitution](#)'s [Ineligibility Clause](#), to appoint [Philander C. Knox](#) as [U.S. Secretary of State](#)
- [1913](#) – [First Balkan War](#): The [Greek](#) army [engages the Turks](#) at [Bizani](#), resulting in victory two days later.
- [1913](#) – The [United States Department of Labor](#) is formed
- [1917](#) – [Jeannette Rankin](#) of [Montana](#) becomes the first female member of the [United States House of Representatives](#).
- [1918](#) – The first case of [Spanish flu](#) occurs, the start of a devastating worldwide pandemic.
- [1918](#) – The [USS Cyclops](#) departs from [Barbados](#) and is never seen again, presumably lost with all hands in the [Bermuda Triangle](#).
- [1933](#) – [Frances Perkins](#) becomes [United States Secretary of Labor](#), the first female member of the [United States Cabinet](#).
- [1933](#) – The [Parliament of Austria](#) is suspended because of a quibble over procedure – [Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss](#) initiates an [authoritarian rule by decree](#).
- [1941](#) – [World War II](#): The [United Kingdom](#) launches [Operation Claymore](#) on the [Lofoten Islands](#); the first large scale [British Commando](#) raid.

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- [1943](#) – World War II: The [Battle of the Bismarck Sea](#) in the [South West Pacific](#) comes to an end.
- [1944](#) – World War II: After the success of [Big Week](#), the [USAAF](#) begins a [daylight bombing campaign](#) of [Berlin](#).
- [1945](#) – [Lapland War](#): [Finland](#) declares war on [Nazi Germany](#).
- [1957](#) – The [S&P 500 stock market index](#) is introduced, replacing the S&P 90.
- [1960](#) – The French freighter [La Coubre](#) explodes in [Havana](#), [Cuba](#) killing 100.
- [1962](#) – A [Caledonian Airways Douglas DC-7 crashes shortly after takeoff](#) from [Cameroon](#), killing 111 - the worst crash of a DC-7.
- [1966](#) – A [Canadian Pacific Air Lines DC-8-43 explodes on landing](#) at [Tokyo International Airport](#), killing 64 people.
- [1970](#) – French submarine [Eurydice](#) explodes underwater, resulting in the loss of the entire 57-man crew.
- [1974](#) – [People magazine](#) is published for the first time in the United States as *People Weekly*.
- [1976](#) – The [Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention](#) is formally dissolved in [Northern Ireland](#) resulting in [direct rule](#) of [Northern Ireland](#) from [London](#) by the [British parliament](#).
- [1977](#) – The [1977 Vrancea Earthquake](#) in eastern and southern Europe kills more than 1,500, mostly in the seriously damaged [city](#) of [Bucharest](#), [Romania](#).
- [1980](#) – Nationalist leader [Robert Mugabe](#) wins a sweeping election victory to become [Zimbabwe's](#) first black [prime minister](#).
- [1983](#) – [Bertha Wilson](#) is appointed the first woman to sit on the [Supreme Court of Canada](#).
- [1985](#) – The [Food and Drug Administration](#) approves a [blood test](#) for [AIDS infection](#), used since then for screening all [blood donations](#) in the [United States](#).
- [1986](#) – The [Soviet Vega 1](#) begins returning images of [Halley's Comet](#) and the first images of its nucleus.
- [1991](#) – [Sheikh Saad Al-Abdallah Al-Salim Al-Sabah](#), the [Prime Minister of Kuwait](#), returns to his country for the first time since [Iraq's](#) invasion.
- [1996](#) – A [derailed train](#) in [Weyauwega, Wisconsin](#), US, causes the [emergency evacuation](#) of 2,300 people for 16 days.
- [1998](#) – [Gay rights: Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services](#): The [Supreme Court of the United States](#) rules that federal laws banning on-the-job [sexual harassment](#) also apply when both parties are the same sex.
- [2001](#) – [4 March 2001 BBC bombing](#): a massive car bomb explodes in front of the [BBC Television Centre](#) in [London](#), seriously injuring 1 person. The attack was attributed to the [Real IRA](#).
- [2001](#) – [Hintze Ribeiro disaster](#): A bridge collapses in northern [Portugal](#), killing up to 70 people.
- [2002](#) – [Afghanistan](#): Seven American [Special Operations Forces](#) soldiers and 200 Al-Qaeda Fighters are killed as American forces attempt to [infiltrate](#) the [Shahi Kot Valley](#) on a low-flying helicopter reconnaissance mission.
- [2007](#) – [Estonian parliamentary election, 2007](#): Approximately 30,000 voters take advantage of [electronic voting in Estonia](#), the world's first nationwide voting where part of the votecasting is allowed in the form of remote [electronic voting](#) via the [Internet](#).

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- [2009](#) – The [International Criminal Court](#) (ICC) issues an arrest warrant for [Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir](#) for [war crimes](#) and [crimes against humanity](#) in [Darfur](#). Al-Bashir is the first sitting [head of state](#) to be indicted by the ICC since its establishment in 2002.