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1. [Md. man's research uncovers family's Civil War connections.](#) To find out more about local families, Elmer Cline began by cleaning old gravestones. That hobby led to him to genealogy, and he has become the lead researcher and historian for the descendants of the Philip Cline Sr. family, which has Civil War connections.
2. [Calif. hiring state workers to help VA with claims.](#) [AirForceTimes.com](#)
California is moving to help the federal government cut the backlog of veterans' disability claims with a new law creating a 36-member state strike force to help the Veterans Affairs Department process claims. The state budget allocated \$3 million to ...
3. [Hagel: DODEA is not out of the woods.](#) If budget cuts roll on in coming years, Department of Defense schools are going to face tough choices, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told military educators on Tuesday.
4. [Gov't asks court to reinstate Marine's conviction.](#) The government is asking the military's highest court to reconsider its ruling last month that overturned a murder conviction of a Marine who has served more than half of his 11-year sentence for one of the biggest war crime cases to emerge from the Iraq war.
5. [Big Data Project Analyzes Veterans' Suicide Risk.](#) [InformationWeek SMB \(blog\)](#) Suicide rates among U.S. veterans are approximately twice that of the general population, a troublesome phenomenon that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is struggling to fight. Mental health experts have yet to find a lasting solution, but ...
6. [Bill Would Force Vet Shelters to Meet Safety Codes.](#) [Military.com](#) Grace Napolitano, D-Calif., after seeing "with my own eyes" some of the unsafe conditions of shelters that receive a per diem fee from the Department of Veterans Affairs. "Unfortunately there is no law mandating homeless shelters that receive funding ...
7. [Foundation recognizes Rutgers' support of veterans.](#) [MyCentralJersey.com](#)
Its service to the student veteran population recently was recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which designated Rutgers as VetSuccess on Campus University, according to Abel. He said the recognition will give Rutgers a full-time ...

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8. [CPAP Therapy Can Help Treat Nightmares in Veterans with PTSD.](#) [Science World Report](#) The National Center for PTSD of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs states that PTSD symptoms such as nightmares or flashbacks usually begin soon after a traumatic event, but may not appear in full force for months or years later. Symptoms that last ...

9. [Obama Seeks High-Tech, Efficient Government.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Washington Wire (Wall Street Journal):** President Barack Obama on Monday urged his cabinet to create ways to make the government more efficient, saying American taxpayers deserve the best bang for their buck... Mr. Obama's comments come as some parts of his administration, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, are under intense pressure for inefficiencies.

10. [After health care delays, Obama presses cabinet to make government 'smarter'.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Washington Examiner:** President Obama is directing his cabinet to find more efficient, "smarter" ways to run government... Obama, however, failed to mention the ongoing problems the Department of Veterans Affairs has had in getting veterans' medical records online, part of the administration's failure to address a backlog of more than 600,000 health care claims from veterans.

11. [Minority veterans face additional post-service issues.](#) [Hyperlink to Above Story](#) **Toledo Blade:** In Mr. Caro's case, his therapist needed to address his patient's deep-rooted anger and frustration, his feelings of being taken advantage of as a Mexican American, and the discrimination he re-encountered after he returned to the United States.

12. [Veterans still fighting for survival in tough job market.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Money (CNN):** The unemployment rate for veterans... has fallen by more than half to 7.2%... But still, an estimated 160,000 men and women who served in Iraq and Afghanistan are currently out of work, and many veterans face daunting challenges in their job hunts.

13. [Grim reality: 21 percent of young American veterans are jobless.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Washington Times:** Stark and unsettling employment numbers for an overlooked demographic have been released by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University, a research group that tracks month-to-month employment among American vets, based on Bureau of Labor Statistics. The reality: a fifth of the nation's young warriors are jobless.

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14. [Valor Home shelter for vets opens](#). [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Akron Beacon Journal (Beacon Journal):** As part of the Obama administration's five-year plan to eliminate veteran homelessness by 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs has committed nearly \$1 billion to addressing their causes.

15. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as July 10, 2013:**

- **July 10, 2013.** The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Armed Services entitled, "DOD and VA Collaboration to assist Service Members Returning to Civilian Life." 10:00 A.M.; 2118 Rayburn
- **July 17, 2013.** HVAC will hold a legislative hearing on the following bills:
 - H.R. 813
 - H.R. 806
 - Draft Discussion Bill – To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial Veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes.10:15 A.M.; 334 Cannon
- **July 17, 2013.** HVAC, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs will markup pending legislation. 2:30 P.M.; 334 Cannon
- **July 18, 2013.** HVAC, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity will markup pending legislation. 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon
- **July 19, 2013.** HVAC, Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled "Safety for Survivors: Care and Treatment for Military Sexual Trauma." 10:00 A.M.; 340 Cannon

16. **Today in History:**

- [1645](#) – [English Civil War](#): The [Battle of Langport](#) takes place.
- [1778](#) – [American Revolution](#): [Louis XVI of France](#) declares war on the [Kingdom of Great Britain](#).
- [1806](#) – The [Vellore Mutiny](#) is the first instance of a [mutiny](#) by Indian [sepoys](#) against the [British East India Company](#).
- [1821](#) – The United States takes possession of its newly bought territory of [Florida](#) from Spain.
- [1850](#) – [Millard Fillmore](#) is inaugurated as the 13th [President of the United States](#) upon the death of President [Zachary Taylor](#), 16 months into his term.
- [1882](#) – [War of the Pacific](#): Chile suffers its last military defeat in the [Battle of La Concepción](#) when a garrison of 77 men is annihilated by a 1,300-strong Peruvian force, many of them armed with spears.

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- [1890](#) – [Wyoming](#) is admitted as the 44th [U.S. state](#).
- [1913](#) – [Death Valley, California](#), hits 134 °F (~56.7 °C), the highest temperature recorded in the United States.
- [1921](#) – [Belfast's Bloody Sunday](#): 16 people are killed and 161 houses destroyed during rioting and gun battles in [Belfast, Northern Ireland](#).
- [1925](#) – [Meher Baba](#) begins his silence of 44 years. His followers observe [Silence Day](#) on this date in commemoration.
- 1925 – [Scopes Trial](#): In [Dayton, Tennessee](#), the so-called "Monkey Trial" begins with [John T. Scopes](#), a young high school science teacher accused of teaching [evolution](#) in violation of the [Butler Act](#).
- [1938](#) – [Howard Hughes](#) sets a new record by completing a 91-hour [airplane](#) flight around the world.
- [1940](#) – [World War II](#): the [Vichy government](#) is established in France.
- 1940 – World War II: [Battle of Britain](#) – The [German Luftwaffe](#) begins attacking British convoys in the [English Channel](#) thus starting the battle (this start date is contested, though).
- [1941](#) – [Jedwabne Pogrom](#): the [massacre](#) of [Jewish](#) people living in and near the village of [Jedwabne](#) in Poland.
- 1942 – World War II: An American pilot spots a downed, intact [Mitsubishi A6M Zero](#) on [Akutan Island](#) (the "[Akutan Zero](#)") that the US Navy uses to learn the aircraft's flight characteristics.
- [1946](#) – Hungarian [hyperinflation](#) sets a record with inflation of 348.46 percent per day, or prices doubling every eleven hours.
- [1951](#) – [Korean War](#): Armistice negotiations begin at [Kaesong](#).
- [1962](#) – [Telstar](#), the world's first [communications satellite](#), is launched into orbit.
- [1966](#) – The [Chicago Freedom Movement](#), led by [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), holds a rally at [Soldier Field](#) in Chicago, Illinois. As many as 60,000 people come to hear Dr. King as well as Mahalia Jackson, Stevie Wonder, and Peter Paul and Mary.
- [1971](#) – [Hassan II of Morocco](#) survives an [attempted coup d'état](#), which lasts until June 11.
- [1973](#) – The [Bahamas](#) gain full independence within the [Commonwealth of Nations](#).
- 1973 – [National Assembly of Pakistan](#) passes a resolution on the recognition of [Bangladesh](#).
- 1973 – [John Paul Getty III](#), a grandson of the oil magnate [J. Paul Getty](#), is kidnapped in Rome, Italy.
- [1976](#) – The [Seveso disaster](#) occurs in Italy.
- 1976 – One American and three British mercenaries are executed in [Angola](#) following the [Luanda Trial](#).
- [1977](#) – Alexandr Zagirnyak and Gennadi Sheludko hijack a [Tupolev Tu-134](#) en route from [Petrozavodsk](#) to [Leningrad](#) and try to force the pilot to fly to Sweden. The plane lands in Helsinki instead. The hijackers surrender the next day and are returned to the Soviet Union.
- [1978](#) – [World News Tonight](#) premieres on [ABC](#).
- [1985](#) – The [Greenpeace](#) vessel [Rainbow Warrior](#) is [bombed and sunk](#) in [Auckland](#) harbour by French [DGSE](#) agents, killing [Fernando Pereira](#).
- [1991](#) – The [South African cricket team](#) is readmitted into the [International Cricket Council](#) following the end of [Apartheid](#).

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- [1992](#) – In [Miami, Florida](#), the former [Panamanian](#) leader [Manuel Noriega](#) is sentenced to 40 years in prison for [drug](#) and [racketeering](#) violations.
- [1997](#) – In London scientists report the findings of the [DNA](#) analysis of a [Neanderthal](#) skeleton which supports the "[out of Africa theory](#)" of [human evolution](#) placing an "[African Eve](#)" at 100,000 to 200,000 years ago.

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- 1997 – [Miguel Ángel Blanco](#), a member of [Partido Popular](#) (Spain), is kidnapped in the Basque city of [Ermua](#) by [ETA](#) members, sparking widespread protests.
- 1998 – [Roman Catholic sex abuse cases](#): The [Diocese of Dallas](#) agrees to pay \$23.4 million to nine former altar boys who claimed they were [sexually abused](#) by [Rudolph Kos](#), a former priest.
- 2000 – A leaking southern [Nigerian petroleum pipeline](#) explodes, killing about 250 villagers scavenging [gasoline](#).
- 2000 – [EADS](#), the world's second-largest aerospace group is formed by the merger of [Aérospatiale-Matra](#), [DASA](#), and [CASA](#).
- 2002 – At a [Sotheby's](#) auction, [Peter Paul Rubens'](#) painting [The Massacre of the Innocents](#) is sold for £49.5million (US\$76.2 million) to [Lord Thomson](#).
- 2005 – [Hurricane Dennis](#) slams into the [Florida Panhandle](#), causing billions of dollars in damage.
- 2008 – Former Macedonian Interior Minister [Ljube Boškoski](#) is acquitted of all charges by a [United Nations](#) Tribunal accusing him of war crimes.