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1. [Army officer suspended for allegedly ignoring affairs.](#) The head of an Army unit operating the primary U.S. missile-defense system has been suspended after an investigation into allegations that he overlooked sexual affairs and promoted a pinup calendar featuring scantily clad female soldiers.
2. [Soldiers in Hawaii join in outreach to help homeless veterans.](#) Active-duty military personnel from U.S. Army Pacific teamed up with military and homeless service providers to comb Waikiki, Diamond Head, Kakaako Park, Chinatown and Iwilei for homeless vets.
3. [UnitedHealth revamps leadership over troubled military benefits contract.](#) UnitedHealthcare Military & Veterans Inc. has changed leaders after encountering serious problems administering a new \$20.5 billion federal contract to provide health care to active military members, retirees and their families in 21 states, including Minnesota.
4. [Pentagon releases report on sequestration cuts' effects.](#) The Pentagon sent to Congress today a report that provides new details about the effects of \$37 billion in sequestration cuts through Sept. 30.
5. [Senate Democrats divided over removing sexual assault prosecutions from chain of command.](#) A showdown loomed within the Democratic party over how to prosecute sexual assault in the military after senators on Tuesday approved draft legislation that would remove commanders' control over sexual assault cases that occur in their chain of command.
6. [Panel details difficulties female veterans confront.](#) Joyce "Maci" Maciak served in the Air Force for four years as a helicopter flight mechanic, but she said one night on base derailed her life. "Two perpetrators had me at knifepoint all night long," said Maciak, 55 of Sharpsburg, rolling up her sleeve to reveal a 3-inch scar.

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7. [GAO again warns DOD to better plan move of Marines in Pacific.](#) The U.S. military has still not fully planned or accurately calculated the cost of repositioning Marine Corps forces in the Pacific, despite warnings from Congress, according to a report by federal auditors published this week.

8. [Looking past monuments, parades for vets' next steps.](#) Instead of thanking veterans, Blake Bourne wants Americans to ask them to do more.

9. [Outreach Center Broadens Mental Health Resources.](#) Service members or anyone who bears the invisible scars of post-traumatic stress now have high-tech access to online resources to fight stress, depression and other psychological health concerns, a Defense Department official said here yesterday. The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Outreach Center is a 24-hour phone, chat and email portal open to everyone and provides access to resources and information related to psychological health and

10. [Secretary Visits UNC. **Hyperlink to Story** WNCN \(Video\):](#) Sean Maroney focuses on the benefits Backlog during Sec. Shinseki's visit to UNC in this 3:23 minute video. It goes on to discuss the automation of benefits claims and features a Veteran couple waiting in the Backlog.

11. [Shinseki says UNC system's coordinated approach will benefit service members. **Hyperlink to Story** Fayetteville Observer \(AP\):](#) VA Secretary Eric Shinseki (shin-SEH'-kee) met Tuesday with University of North Carolina President Tom Ross and leaders of university campuses from Fayetteville, Greensboro, Durham, Winston-Salem and Boone. Shinseki praised the UNC system for its efforts across all 16 campuses to attract, retain and

12. [Shinseki, UNC system talks aid for student veterans. **Hyperlink to Story** The Herald-Sun:](#) Shinseki and UNC system President Tom Ross met with journalists Tuesday at the UNC Spangler Center to talk about the university system's efforts to aid student veterans and the benefits that veterans can bring to the state.

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13. [Veterans might get in-state tuition rates.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Statesman Journal:** Veterans would get in-state tuition, if they become university or community college students this fall or later, under a bill approved by the Oregon Senate.

14. [Penn State giving veterans early access to course scheduling.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Centre Daily Times:** For the first time next academic year, military veterans using their GI Bill at Penn State will be eligible to schedule classes earlier than most of the student population, the university announced Monday.

15. [Wartime PTSD: What Works and How to Care for a Loved One.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Huffington Post:** June is PTSD Awareness Month, so declares the Veterans Administration. Hundreds of thousands of war returnees from Iraq and Afghanistan have or will develop post-traumatic stress disorder.

16. [Study: Brand Name Drugs Drive Up Medicare Spending.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Washington Post (AP):** Comparing Medicare enrollees and those on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health plan, researchers found that Medicare beneficiaries were up to three times more likely than VA patients to choose higher-cost brand name drugs over generic brands, according to the Annals of Internal Medicine report.

17. [VA May Pick Up More Medical Travel Costs.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **Military.com:** The Department of Veterans Affairs may soon reimburse veterans for the travel expenses for receiving care at a VA medical center outside their region as an alternative to paying for local but more expensive private providers.

18. [VA hires more mental-health staff to serve San Antonio veterans.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **San Antonio Business Journal:** Veterans Affairs officials have hired 1,600 new mental-health professionals nationwide, including 24 individuals in the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio. The new hires are part of President Obama's initiative to address mental-health problems, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, in the veteran population.

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19. [The Second Betrayal. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Human Events:** That was the first betrayal – resulting in a life filled with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, insomnia, migraines, a sexually transmitted disease, miscarriages, suicide attempts, homelessness, an end to my marriage, and terror I have lived with ever since. Now in my 40s, I am permanently and totally disabled. PTSD affects my ability to maintain employment, trust in relationships, function socially, and even get up in the morning.

20. [Citizens changing the law. Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Daily Herald:** A fibromyalgia diagnosis didn't align with standard VA medical assessments. According to the Mayo Clinic's website, fibromyalgia involves widespread musculoskeletal pain. The disease magnifies agonizing sensations by distorting how a patient's brain processes nerve signals. For Lane, getting hit with a lower disability rating translates into fewer services and benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs.

21. [More than money and lawsuits drive overtesting: study. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Chicago Tribune (Reuters):** Despite reports that financial incentives and fear of lawsuits lead doctors to order too many heart tests, a new study of U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA) doctors suggests overtesting may be the result of more fundamental issues.

22. [Veterans Affairs Texas technology center accidentally deletes 464,000 home loan data files. Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Washington Post (AP):** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs accidentally deleted 464,000 electronic data files last month that contained information about home loans.

23. [Cleveland VA office not involved in document deletion. Hyperlink to Story](#) **Cleveland.com:** The Cleveland regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs was not involved in the May 24 accidental deletion of 464,000 home loan and grant documents... Todd Weber, assistant director of the regional office, said Tuesday that none of the VA's nine regional offices that use the national loan guaranty database were involved in the document loss.

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24. [Veterans Affairs Office Reaching Record Claims Numbers. Hyperlink to Story](#) **NBCNews.com (WBRE-TV)**: One year after Lackawanna County moved its veterans affairs department, the office is on pace for a record year.

25. [Kasich wants job credit given for veterans' skills. Hyperlink to Story](#) **San Francisco Chronicle (AP)**: Veterans' military skills and service must be taken into account for civilian job licensing and college credits, according to an order by Gov. John Kasich to state agencies Tuesday.

26. VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as June 13, 2013:

June 18, 2013. Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs will hold a hearing on the post-decision process for appealed Veterans. 2:30 P.M.; 334 Cannon

June 20, 2013. HVAC Economic Opportunity Subcommittee will hold a hearing to discuss the value of education for Veterans at public, private, and for-profit colleges and universities. 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon

June 26, 2013. HVAC Economic Opportunity Subcommittee will hold a legislative hearing on the following bills. Time and location: TBD

The tentative bill list is as follows:

- HR 331 – School Consortium Bill, to permit the centralized reporting of Veteran enrollment by certain groups, districts, and consortiums of educational institutions.
- HR 1357 – VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to improve the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program by providing assistance under such program for certain training programs that are considered less than fulltime.
- HR 1796 –Troop Talent Act, ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and Veterans better assists members and Veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.
- HR 2210 – Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship Improvements Act of 2013, amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility of children of certain deceased Veterans to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Education bill on ‘irrevocable decision’.

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- Draft “Veterans Economic Opportunity Administration Act of 2009,” this is a reprise of a Buyer Bill from 2009 that would split off from VBA a new “Economic Opportunity Administration.”

June 27, 2013. HVAC will hold a hearing to discuss VA’s capital investment options to provide Veterans with care. 10:00 A.M.; 334 Cannon

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

27. Today in History:

- [1740](#) – [Georgia](#) provincial governor [James Oglethorpe](#) begins an unsuccessful attempt to take [Spanish Florida](#) during the [Siege of St. Augustine](#).
- [1774](#) – [Rhode Island](#) becomes the first of Britain's North American colonies to ban the importation of slaves.
- [1777](#) – [American Revolutionary War](#): [Marquis de Lafayette](#) lands near [Charleston, South Carolina](#), in order to help the [Continental Congress](#) to train its army.
- [1805](#) – [Lewis and Clark Expedition](#): scouting ahead of the expedition, [Meriwether Lewis](#) and four companions sight the [Great Falls of the Missouri River](#).
- [1881](#) – The [USS Jeannette](#) is crushed in an [Arctic Ocean](#) ice pack.
- [1886](#) – [King Ludwig II of Bavaria](#) is found dead in [Lake Starnberg](#) south of [Munich](#) at 11:30 PM.
- [1893](#) – [Grover Cleveland](#) undergoes secret, successful surgery to remove a large, cancerous portion of his jaw; operation not revealed to US public until 1917, nine years after the president's death.
- [1917](#) – [World War I](#): the deadliest German air raid on [London](#) during [World War I](#) is carried out by [Gotha G](#) bombers and results in 162 deaths, including 46 children, and 432 injuries.
- [1927](#) – Aviator [Charles Lindbergh](#) receives a [ticker-tape parade](#) down 5th Avenue in [New York City](#).
- [1934](#) – [Adolf Hitler](#) and [Benito Mussolini](#) meet in [Venice, Italy](#); Mussolini later describes the [German](#) dictator as "a silly little monkey".
- [1944](#) – [World War II](#): German combat elements - reinforced by the [17th SS Panzergrenadier Division](#) - [launch a counterattack](#) on American forces near [Carentan](#).
- [1944](#) – World War II: [Germany](#) launches a [V1 Flying Bomb](#) attack on [England](#). Only four of the eleven bombs actually hit their targets.
- [1952](#) – [Catalina affair](#): a Swedish [Douglas DC-3](#) is shot down by a Soviet [MiG-15](#) fighter.
- [1966](#) – The [United States Supreme Court](#) rules in [Miranda v. Arizona](#) that the police must inform suspects of their rights before questioning them.
- [1967](#) – U.S. President [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) nominates Solicitor-General [Thurgood Marshall](#) to become the first black justice on the [U.S. Supreme Court](#).

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- [1969](#) – [Governor of Texas Preston Smith](#) signs a bill into law converting the former Southwest Center for Advanced Studies, originally founded as a research arm of [Texas Instruments](#), into the [University of Texas at Dallas](#).
- [1970](#) – "[The Long and Winding Road](#)" becomes [the Beatles'](#) last US Number 1 song.
- [1971](#) – [Vietnam War](#): [The New York Times](#) begins publication of the [Pentagon Papers](#).
- [1977](#) – Convicted [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) assassin [James Earl Ray](#) is recaptured after escaping from [prison](#) three days before.
- [1978](#) – [Israeli Defense Forces](#) withdraw from [Lebanon](#).
- [1981](#) – At the [Trooping the Colour](#) ceremony in London, a teenager, [Marcus Sarjeant](#), fires six blank shots at Queen [Elizabeth II](#).
- [1982](#) – [Fahd](#) becomes [King of Saudi Arabia](#) upon the death of his brother, [Khalid](#).
- [1994](#) – A jury in [Anchorage, Alaska](#), blames recklessness by [Exxon](#) and Captain [Joseph Hazelwood](#) for the [Exxon Valdez](#) disaster, allowing victims of the oil spill to seek \$15 billion in damages.
- [1996](#) – The [Montana Freeman](#) surrender after an 81-day standoff with [FBI](#) agents.
- [1997](#) – A jury sentences [Timothy McVeigh](#) to [death](#) for his part in the [1995 Oklahoma City bombing](#).
- [2000](#) – President [Kim Dae Jung](#) of [South Korea](#) meets [Kim Jong-il](#), leader of [North Korea](#), for the beginning of the first ever inter-[Korea](#) summit, in the northern capital of [Pyongyang](#).
- [2000](#) – [Italy](#) pardons [Mehmet Ali Agca](#), the Turkish gunman who tried to kill Pope [John Paul II](#) in 1981.
- [2002](#) – The [United States](#) withdraws from the [Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty](#).
- [2002](#) – Two 14-year-old [South Korean](#) girls are [struck and killed](#) by a [United States Army armored vehicle](#), leading to months of public protests against the US.
- [2005](#) – A jury in [Santa Maria, California](#) [acquits](#) pop singer [Michael Jackson](#) of molesting 13-year-old Gavin Arvizo at his [Neverland Ranch](#).
- [2007](#) – The [Al Askari Mosque](#) is [bombed for a second time](#).
- [2010](#) – A capsule of the Japanese spacecraft [Hayabusa](#), containing particles of the asteroid [25143 Itokawa](#), returns to Earth.