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1. [Senate staffers took secret CIA papers years before agency realized.](#) Democratic staffers of the Senate Intelligence Committee obtained classified documents at the center of a bitter struggle with the CIA some three years before the agency determined that the materials had been spirited out of a secret facility and demanded their return, according to U.S. officials.
2. [Putin doesn't see America as weak, former US ambassador to Moscow says.](#) Plotting a U.S. response to Vladimir Putin's land grab in Ukraine requires an understanding that the Russian leader operates without a clear-cut foreign policy and out of "dual impulses" of asserting Moscow's power while courting Western approval, according to an American diplomat who observed him up close for five years.
3. [US military presence in Africa growing in small ways.](#) Amid a surge of Islamic militancy in North Africa, a team of fewer than 50 U.S. special operations troops with a single helicopter arrived at a remote base in western Tunisia last month.
4. [Newport News Shipbuilding: Carrier funding prompts head scratching.](#) This week's rollout of the Defense Department budget prompted as many questions as answers about the U.S. aircraft carrier fleet and the status of future big-ticket jobs at Newport News Shipbuilding.
5. [Drones now doing business in the skies above you.](#) Drones, once known as weapons of war, are undergoing a dramatic makeover as a hot new business tool in the sky. But, as with unmanned military craft, domestic drones are prompting concerns over safety and privacy.
6. [Frustration in Afghan women's rights struggle.](#) In 2009, the United States gave Wazhma Frogh the International Woman of Courage award for her women's rights activism in Afghanistan. In Frogh's office is a picture of then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton granting her the award as First Lady Michelle Obama smiles, clapping by her side. Four years later, trying to get away from an Afghan militia commander, she was denied a U.S. visa.
7. [Sinclair's sex assault accuser was ambitious soldier too.](#) The Army captain who has accused Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair of sexually assaulting her during their three-year relationship was an ambitious soldier with plans to make the military her career, much like the boss she loved and admired.

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8. [Veterans covered under VA care meet requirements.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Clovis News Journal:** Veterans who already have Veteran Affairs health care are covered under the new American Care Act requirements.
9. [Group: Medicaid expansion would cover some vets.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Virginian-Pilot:** About 21,100 veterans in Virginia and 4,100 of their spouses could qualify for health coverage under Medicaid if lawmakers decide to expand eligibility under the Affordable Care Act, according to estimates... Some are signed up for VA health care but could use Medicaid as supplemental coverage to more easily see doctors and other providers outside the VA system.
10. [Walz speaks to his supporters.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Journal:** First District Congressman Tim Walz stopped in New Ulm on Sunday to speak to supporters at the American Legion club rooms... Asked about the backlog in Veteran Affairs Claims, Walz cited a lack of communication between the Veterans Health and Veterans Benefits Administration branch, as the major reason for the slow down.
11. [When Veterans Enter the Job Market.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Wall Street Journal:** Fortunately, there are many resources available to help veterans adapt to the corporate world, offered by private companies, nonprofits and government. The Transition Assistance Program, for example, is offered jointly by the Defense Department, the Labor Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The program provides career counseling and classes to soldiers and their families.
12. [Palmetto partnership will streamline process for veterans seeking employment.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **SCNow.com:** One day after Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's proposed spending reductions to shrink the U.S. military to pre-World War II levels, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley unveiled her own plan to help the expected large influx of new veterans seeking employment.
13. [Groups show vets how to market their abilities.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Killeen Daily Herald:** The Texas Veterans Commission and the Army Career and Alumni Program are just two institutions that focus on teaching soldiers and veterans how to market those transferable skills.
14. [N.C. lawmakers questioning proposed changes to the military's Tricare health system.](#) Members of Congress who represent Fort Bragg are pressing defense officials for answers about changes to a military healthcare program.

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15. [Pioneering heart surgeon dedicated to care of veterans.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Richmond Times-Dispatch:** Szentpetery, 75, has handed over leadership of the heart transplant program at McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center to surgical director Dr. Gundars Katlaps... But you will still find Szentpetery at the veterans hospital in South Richmond at least three days a week. He takes care of heart and lung patients and does two to three surgeries a week, usually of the lungs or esophagus.
16. [Military Suicides Not Caused By Pharma Drugs Say Pharma-funded Military Consultants.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **OpEdNews.com:** It took academic, government and military researchers five years to say they don't really know what is causing military suicides but whatever it is--it isn't the psychoactive drugs they are prescribing and pushing.
17. [Suicide awareness hike a personal journey for Army reservist, mother.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Fayetteville Observer:** Come Saturday, Henderson and her mother, Inge, plan to embark on a 2,180-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail to raise awareness of the rising suicide rate among veterans and to undergo some emotional rehabilitation.
18. [When memories fade; living with a traumatic brain injury.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Daily News:** With roughly 400,000 or 23 percent of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans having suffered a traumatic brain injury, according to the Institute of Medicine, the extent of TBI must not be ignored.
19. [VA is offering TeleHealth Services.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Knoxville Journal-Express:** Medical services offered by the VA Central Iowa Health Care System (VACIHCS) have expanded to include the use of telemedicine. Benefits include home access to medical services and less time on the road for veterans to meet with care providers.
20. [Women veterans honored at the University of Redlands.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Redlands Daily Facts:** Melissa Sparks of San Bernardino had never been to a luncheon that focused on women military veterans before... So when she received an invitation to attend Saturday's Women Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at the University of Redlands, the retired Coast Guardsman made plans to be there.
21. ['We have to learn how to come home,' veteran says at conference.](#) A well-timed bear hug from a Vietnam veteran persuaded Jonathan Wicks to put down the gun he'd raised to his head and start seeking therapy for the post-traumatic stress he developed after serving in Iraq.

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22. [More vets suffer from ALS, but the VA moves effectively to help.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **News & Observer:** In fact, no one knows why U.S. military veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS than the general population... it is so devastating to its victims and their families that the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs have made a mission out of trying to reduce their suffering.
23. [Post-Vietnam exposure.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Daily Advertiser:** Months after the U.S. Government tucked tail and ran from the Vietnam War instead of finishing the mission, service members who worked on the C-123 transport planes and other aircraft used to spray the toxic chemical defoliant known as Agent Orange may have been sickened, according to a new study authored by health-policy professor Jeanne Mager Stellman at Columbia University.
24. [Great help from Temple VA hospital.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Temple Daily Telegram:** The purpose of this letter is to heap praise upon the coronary unit where I have been treated like a king and I have now outlived my father and his father and mother. All three died at ages lower than 73 that I have now attained.
25. [Veteran settling into new home after Bryan facility couldn't afford to keep him.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Bryan-College Station Eagle:** The 68-year-old's move came a week after he was told that the contract between Sherwood and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under which his care fell was not being renewed and he would need to leave.
26. [Navajo military veterans struggle with housing.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Los Angeles Times:** Nearly 9,000 military veterans live on the reservation that straddles the New Mexico-Arizona border, more than half of them in what the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs says is substandard housing.
27. [Homeward bound.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Houston Chronicle:** In 2009, when President Barack Obama and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced the goal of ending Veteran homelessness, Mayor Parker accepted the challenge... The city believes that by 2015, no homeless veteran in Houston should have to wait longer than 30 days to find temporary or permanent housing.
28. [Apartment complex for homeless veterans underway at Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center.](#) **Tuscaloosa News** Michelle Lepianka Carter | The Tuscaloosa News ... from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and a \$210,000 grant from the City of Tuscaloosa.

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29. [Indiana native Paralympian Joel Hunt continues to defy the odds.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Indianapolis Star:** Now Hunt, who battled bureaucracy in his country long after he fought for it, is representing the United States in the Sochi Winter Paralympics. He is believed to be the first to do so with traumatic brain injury.

30. [VVC student veterans get a helping hand.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Victorville Daily Press:** Military veterans at Victor Valley College will now have the opportunity to gain \$250 annually in a scholarship set up by the school's Veterans Club.

31. [Advocates seek memorial for female veterans.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Albuquerque Journal:** The sculpture, designed and desired by Corrales sculptor and Air Force veteran Jennifer Northup, was meant to honor female handlers of military working dogs. More than that, it would be the first monument in the park to feature the image of a female veteran.

32. [Re-enactors remember soldiers killed during Battle of Hampton Roads.](#) A hymn rang out over the grounds of the Mariners' Museum Saturday afternoon. Civil War-era guns were fired in salute and a blue-clad bugler played taps. The grieving wife of a Union soldier killed 152 years ago laid a rose on the water in remembrance.

33. [Kansas family to accept honor for WWII hero.](#) When Savannah Schwab was a young child in Fort Scott, she knew of her grandfather only as a mail carrier from Nebraska, not a World War II hero.

34. [Rediscovered trenches bring WWI to life in England.](#) Two lines of trenches face off across No Man's Land. A soldier marches, rifle in hand, along a ditch. These are instantly familiar images of World War I — but this is Britain, a century on and an English Channel away from the battlefields of the Western Front.

35. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as March 10, 2014:**
 - **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."

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- **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.

36. Today in History:

- [1762](#) – French [Huguenot Jean Calas](#), who had been wrongly convicted of killing his son, dies after being tortured by authorities; the event inspired [Voltaire](#) to begin a campaign for religious tolerance and legal reform.
- [1804](#) – [Louisiana Purchase](#): In [St. Louis, Missouri](#), a formal ceremony is conducted to transfer ownership of the [Louisiana Territory](#) from France to the United States.
- [1814](#) – [Napoleon I of France](#) is defeated at the [Battle of Laon](#) in France.
- [1816](#) – [Crossing of the Andes](#): A group of royalist scouts is captured during the [Action of Juncalito](#).
- [1830](#) – The [KNIL](#) also known as the Royal Netherlands East Indies Army is created.
- [1831](#) – The [French Foreign Legion](#) is established by King [Louis Philippe](#) to support his [war in Algeria](#).
- [1848](#) – The [Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo](#) is ratified by the [United States Senate](#), ending the [Mexican–American War](#).
- [1861](#) – El Hadj [Umar Tall](#) seizes the city of [Ségou](#), destroying the [Bambara Empire](#) of [Mali](#).
- [1876](#) – [Alexander Graham Bell](#) makes the first successful [telephone](#) call by saying "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you."
- [1891](#) – [Almon Strowger](#), an undertaker in [Topeka, Kansas](#), patents the [Strowger switch](#), a device which led to the automation of telephone circuit switching.
- [1906](#) – The [Courrières mine disaster](#), Europe's worst ever, kills 1099 miners in Northern France.
- [1909](#) – By signing the [Anglo-Siamese Treaty of 1909](#), [Thailand](#) relinquishes its [sovereignty](#) over the [Malay states](#) of [Kedah](#), [Kelantan](#), [Perlis](#) and [Terengganu](#), which become [British protectorates](#).
- [1922](#) – [Mahatma Gandhi](#) is arrested in India, tried for [sedition](#), and sentenced to six years in prison, only to be released after nearly two years for an [appendicitis](#) operation.
- [1933](#) – An [earthquake](#) in [Long Beach, California](#) kills 115 people and causes an estimated \$40 million in damage.
- [1944](#) – [Greek Civil War](#): The [Political Committee of National Liberation](#) is established in Greece by the [National Liberation Front](#).

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- [1945](#) – The [U.S. Army Air Force firebombs Tokyo](#), and the resulting [conflagration](#) kills more than 100,000 people, mostly civilians.
- [1952](#) – [Fulgencio Batista](#) leads a successful [coup](#) in [Cuba](#) and appoints himself as the "provisional president".
- [1959](#) – [Tibetan uprising](#): Fearing an abduction attempt by China, 300,000 [Tibetans](#) surround the [Dalai Lama's](#) palace to prevent his removal.
- [1966](#) – Military Prime Minister of [South Vietnam](#) [Nguyen Cao Ky](#) sacked rival General [Nguyen Chanh Thi](#), precipitating [large-scale civil and military dissension](#) in parts of the nation.
- [1968](#) – [Vietnam War: Battle of Lima Site 85](#), concluding the 11th with largest single ground combat loss of United States Air Force members (12) during that war.
- [1969](#) – In [Memphis, Tennessee](#), [James Earl Ray](#) pleads guilty to assassinating [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) He later unsuccessfully attempts to retract his plea.
- [1970](#) – Vietnam War: Captain [Ernest Medina](#) is charged by the U.S. Military with [My Lai](#) war crimes.
- [1975](#) – Vietnam War: [North Vietnamese](#) troops attack [Ban Me Thuot](#), [South Vietnam](#), on their way to capturing [Saigon](#).
- [1977](#) – [Rings of Uranus](#): Astronomers discover [rings](#) around [Uranus](#).
- [1980](#) – [Madeira School](#) headmistress [Jean Harris](#) shoots and kills Scarsdale diet doctor [Herman Tarnower](#)
- 1980 – Formation of the Irish [Army Ranger Wing](#).
- 1989 – The Second Red nose day was held on Friday 10 March 1989 with the Slogan: "Red Nose Day 2", and Raised £27million.
- [1990](#) – In [Haiti](#), [Prosper Avril](#) is ousted 18 months after seizing power in a [coup](#).
- [2000](#) – The [NASDAQ Composite stock market index](#) peaks at 5132.52, signaling the beginning of the end of the [dot-com boom](#).
- [2005](#) – [Tung Chee Hwa](#) resigns from his post as the first [chief executive of Hong Kong](#) after widespread public dissatisfaction of his tenure.
- [2006](#) – The [Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter](#) arrives at [Mars](#).