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2. [Veterans Protest Outside LR Memorial Hospital](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **ArkansasMatters.com (KARK-TV)**: Employees of the VA office also attended a rally Saturday. Some are continuing to process claims for free... They decided protesting outside the John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital where many of their brothers in war seek treatment was the best place to be heard.
3. [Veterans groups move to end shutdown](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Politico**: In a strong display of unity, leaders of the nation's major veterans' groups plan to speak out against the continuing government shutdown at an event on Tuesday at the World War II Memorial, POLITICO has learned.
4. [Veterans groups to push to end government shutdown](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **CNN Political Ticker**: A military coalition including 33 of the nation's leading veterans and uniformed services organizations on Tuesday will stage a major event in Washington to push for an end to the government shutdown.
5. [Veterans feel shutdown's sting](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) | **Jazeera America**: Many veterans rely on the wide range of benefits administered by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, which is grinding to a halt as a result of the shutdown, removing a critical safety net.
6. [Shutdown leaves VA missing at All the Way Home Conference](#). [kwwl.com](#) "It wasn't that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs didn't want to come, but with the government shutdown they could not come," Wagner said.
7. [Maine PTSD sufferers qualify for medical marijuana](#). [San Antonio Express](#) The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs changed its policy on medical marijuana in 2011 to ensure veterans using medical marijuana in states where it's legal ...
8. [The reality of the VA emergency room](#). [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Baltimore Sun**: Compelled to set the record straight, I'm writing in response to the article regarding the VA Office of the Inspector General review of the Emergency Department at the Baltimore VA Medical Center that cited lengthy wait times for patients... The writer is director of the VA Maryland Health Care System.
9. [Taking aim at the VA: Missoula couple fighting diagnosis has hearing in D.C.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Great Falls Tribune**: A University of Montana graduate student and his wife are taking on the Veterans Administration... Their mission is to force the VA to diagnose, treat and properly compensate vets for traumatic brain injuries.

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10. [Pittsburgh VA ranks in top 10 for privacy complaints.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review:** The incident triggered the VA's second-largest breach of protected data nationwide in three years, potentially compromising data for about one in 10 patients... Though the VA by law must disclose privacy breaches affecting more than 500 patients to the Department of Health and Human Services, officials there told the Trib that the VA failed to alert them.
11. [Butler County veterans court graduates 3, with growth expected in future.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review:** Butler County's veterans court has completed its first year, and officials are expecting the need for it to grow... "We've been told to expect more and more vets coming back from Afghanistan," said Brad Schaffer, VA Butler Healthcare's Veterans justice outreach coordinator.
12. [At least 1,000 attend Indio's Veterans Expo.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Desert Sun:** The impact of the federal government shutdown was apparent Saturday during the fourth annual Veterans Expo... The free event... organized by the Veterans Easy Access Program Alliance, in cooperation with The Salvation Army — featured more than 70 exhibitors' booths staffed by representatives from local, county and state veterans' organizations and included a mobile health center, food, entertainment and kids' activities.
13. [Portsmouth team counsels in wake of Navy Yard shootings.](#) **SPRINT,** a collateral duty for sailors with expertise in mental health, provides short-term counseling in the wake of tragedies.
14. [Grand opening scheduled for new Fresno Veterans Home.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Modesto Bee (The Fresno Bee):** The California Department of Veterans Affairs will host a grand opening Friday of the long-awaited Veterans Home of California in Fresno.
15. [Purple Heart memorial dedicated at Camp Lejeune.](#) A new monument behind Wounded Warrior Battalion on Camp Lejeune stands testament to the sacrifices of past, present and future Purple Heart recipients.
16. [Bracelets band many together for POW/MIA.](#) The indentations in Richard Lerch's wrist are deep. His arm has grown a bit over the past 30-plus years; the steel band that has ringed it all that time did not. Still, he never took off the bracelet. To do so, Lerch said, would have dishonored a man he never met, who fought a war he barely remembers.

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17. [Nike site ceremony in Conn. to recall 'last line of defense' in Cold War](#). Because of its limited range, the Nike Ajax missile had to be launched as the invading Soviet Tupolev Tu-95 bomber was nearly overhead. So the Army built 240 Nike installations from coast to coast, all near potential Soviet targets.
18. [II MEF headquarters to relocate as Corps shrinks to 174,000](#). “We’re going back to the Marine Corps we had before 9/11,” said Maj. Gen. Ray Fox, commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force. “The MEF will look very similar to what it did ...before we started the buildup for Iraq and Afghanistan.”
19. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as October 14, 2013:**
 - **(Hearing has been postponed)** SVAC will hold a hearing on claims transformation and efforts at reducing the backlog. The hearing will build upon the claims hearing SVAC held in March.
 - **(Hearing has been postponed) October 23, 2013.** HVAC, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity will conduct a hearing entitled, “VA’s Independent Living Program – A Program Review.”
 - **(Hearing has been postponed) October 24, 2013.** HVAC will conduct an oversight hearing entitled “Building VA’s Future – Confronting Persistent Challenges in VA Major Construction.”
 - **(Hearing has been postponed) October 25, 2013.** HVAC-DAMA will conduct a hearing entitled, “Focused issues on Dignified Burials: A National Cemetery Update.” 10:30 A. M.; 334 Cannon
20. **Today in History:**
 - [1758](#) – [Seven Years' War](#): Austria defeats [Prussia](#) at the [Battle of Hochkirk](#).
 - 1773 – Just before the beginning of the [American Revolutionary War](#), several of the [British East India Company](#)'s tea ships are set ablaze at the old [seaport](#) of [Annapolis, Maryland](#).
 - [1805](#) – [Battle of Elchingen](#), France defeats Austria.
 - [1806](#) – [Battle of Jena-Auerstädt](#) France defeats [Prussia](#).
 - [1840](#) – The [Maronite](#) leader [Bashir II](#) surrenders to the [British Army](#) and then is sent into exile on the islands of [Malta](#).
 - [1843](#) – The British arrest the Irish nationalist [Daniel O'Connell](#) for conspiracy to commit crimes.
 - [1863](#) – [American Civil War](#): [Battle of Bristoe Station](#) – [Confederate troops](#) under the command of General [Robert E. Lee](#) fail to drive the [American Union Army](#) completely out of [Virginia](#).
 - [1884](#) – The American [inventor](#), [George Eastman](#), receives a [U.S. Government patent](#) on his new paper-strip [photographic film](#).
 - [1888](#) – [Louis Le Prince](#) films first motion picture: [Roundhay Garden Scene](#).
 - [1908](#) – The [Chicago Cubs](#) defeat the [Detroit Tigers](#), 2-0, clinching the [World Series](#). It would be their last one to date.

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- [1910](#) – The English aviator [Claude Grahame-White](#) lands his [Farman Aircraft](#) biplane on Executive Avenue near the [White House](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#).
- [1912](#) – While campaigning in [Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#), the former [President of the United States](#), [Theodore Roosevelt](#), is shot and mildly wounded by [John Schrank](#), a mentally-disturbed saloon keeper. With the fresh [wound](#) in his chest, and the bullet still within it, Mr. Roosevelt still carries out his scheduled [public speech](#).
- [1915](#) – [World War I](#): The [Kingdom of Bulgaria](#) joins the [Central Powers](#).
- [1925](#) – An Anti-French uprising in French-occupied [Damascus, Syria](#). (All French inhabitants flee the city.)
- [1926](#) – The [children's book](#) [Winnie-the-Pooh](#), by [A. A. Milne](#), is first published.
- [1933](#) – [Nazi Germany](#) withdraws from [The League of Nations](#).
- [1938](#) – The first flight of the [Curtiss Aircraft Company's P-40 Warhawk fighter plane](#).
- [1939](#) – The [German submarine U-47](#) sinks the British battleship [HMS Royal Oak](#) within her harbour at [Scapa Flow](#), Scotland.
- [1940](#) – [Balham subway station disaster](#) in London, England, occurs during the Nazi [Luftwaffe air raids on Great Britain](#).
- [1943](#) – Prisoners at the [Nazi German Sobibor extermination camp](#) in Poland revolt against the Germans, killing eleven SS guards, and wounding many more. About 300 of the Sobibor Camp's 600 prisoners escape, and about 50 of these survive the end of the war.
- 1943 – The American [Eighth Air Force](#) loses 60 [B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bombers](#) in aerial combat during the [second mass-daylight air raid on the Schweinfurt ball-bearing factories](#) in western [Nazi Germany](#).
- [1944](#) – [Athens, Greece](#), is liberated by [British Army](#) troops entering the city as the [Wehrmacht](#) pulls out during [World War II](#). This clears the way for the Greek government-in-exile to return to its historic [capital city](#), with [George Papandreu, Sr.](#), as the [head-of-government](#).
- 1944 – Linked to a [plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler](#), Field Marshal [Erwin Rommel](#) is forced to commit suicide.
- [1947](#) – Captain [Chuck Yeager](#) of the [U.S. Air Force](#) flies a [Bell X-1 rocket-powered experimental aircraft](#), the [Glamorous Glennis](#), faster than the [speed of sound](#) - over the high [desert](#) of [Southern California](#) - and becomes the first [pilot](#) and the first [airplane](#) to do so in level flight.
- [1949](#) – Eleven leaders of the [American Communist Party](#) are convicted, after a nine-month trial in a [Federal District Court](#), of conspiring to advocate the violent overthrow of the [U.S. Federal Government](#).
- 1949 – [Chinese Civil War](#): [Chinese Communist forces](#) occupy the city of [Guangzhou](#) (Canton), in [Guangdong](#), China.
- [1952](#) – [Korean War](#): [United Nations](#) and South Korean forces launch [Operation Showdown](#) against Chinese strongholds at the [Iron Triangle](#). The resulting [Battle of Triangle Hill](#) is the biggest and bloodiest battle of 1952.
- [1957](#) – [Queen Elizabeth II](#) becomes the first [Canadian Monarch](#) to open up an annual session of the [Canadian Parliament](#), presenting her [Speech from the Throne](#) in [Ottawa, Canada](#).
- [1958](#) – The American [Atomic Energy Commission](#), with supporting military units, carries out an underground [nuclear weapon test](#) at the [Nevada Test Site](#), just north of [Las Vegas, Nevada](#).

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- 1958 – The [District of Columbia's](#) Bar Association votes to accept [African-Americans](#) as member [attorneys](#).
- 1962 – The [Cuban Missile Crisis](#) begins: A [U.S. Air Force U-2 reconnaissance plane](#) and its [pilot](#) fly over the island of [Cuba](#) and take [photographs](#) of [Soviet](#) missiles capable of carrying [nuclear warheads](#) being installed and erected in Cuba.
- 1964 – [Leonid Brezhnev](#) becomes the [General Secretary](#) of the [Communist Party of the Soviet Union](#), and thereby, along with his allies - such as [Alexei Kosygin](#) - the leader of the [Union of Soviet Socialist Republics](#) (USSR), ousting the former monolithic leader [Nikita Khrushchev](#), and sending him into retirement as a [nonperson](#) in the USSR.
- 1967 – The [Vietnam War](#): The folk singer [Joan Baez](#) is arrested concerning a physical blockade of the [U.S. Army's](#) induction center in [Oakland, California](#).
- 1968 – [Vietnam War](#): 27 soldiers are arrested at the [Presidio of San Francisco](#) in [California](#) for their peaceful protest of stockade conditions and the [Vietnam War](#).
- 1968 – [Vietnam War](#): The [United States Department of Defense](#) announces that the [U.S. Army](#) and [U.S. Marine Corps](#) will send about 24,000 soldiers and Marines back to [Vietnam](#) for involuntary second tours of duty in the combat zone there.
- 1968 – The first live telecast from a [manned spacecraft](#), the [Apollo 7](#), launched by the [National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#) of the U.S.A.
- 1968 – An [earthquake](#) rated at 6.8 on the [Richter Scale](#) destroys the Australian town of [Meckering, Western Australia](#), and it also ruptures all nearby main [highways](#) and [railroads](#).
- 1968 – [Jim Hines](#) of the United States of America becomes the first man ever to break the so-called "ten-second barrier" in the [100-meter sprint](#) in the [Summer Olympic Games](#) held in Mexico City with a time of 9.95 seconds.
- 1969 – The United Kingdom introduces the [British fifty-pence coin](#), which replaces, over the following years, the British ten-[shilling](#) note, in anticipation of the [decimalization](#) of the [British currency](#) in [1971](#), and the abolition of the shilling as a unit of currency anywhere in the world.
- 1973 – In the [Thammasat student uprising](#) over [100,000 people protest](#) in [Thailand](#) against the [Thanom](#) military government; 77 are killed and 857 are injured by soldiers.
- 1979 – The first [Gay Rights](#) March on [Washington, D.C.](#), the [National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights](#), demands "an end to all social, economic, judicial, and legal oppression of lesbian and gay people", and draws 200,000 people.
- 1981 – Citing official misconduct in the investigation and trial, [Amnesty International](#) charges the U.S. Federal Government with holding [Richard Marshall](#)^{[[disambiguation needed](#)]} of the [American Indian Movement](#) as a political prisoner.
- 1981 – Vice President [Hosni Mubarak](#) is elected as the [President of Egypt](#) one week after the [assassination](#) of the President of Egypt, [Anwar Sadat](#).
- 1982 – U.S. President [Ronald Reagan](#) proclaims a [War on Drugs](#).
- 1983 – [Maurice Bishop](#), [Prime Minister](#) of [Grenada](#), is overthrown and later executed in a military [coup d'état](#) led by [Bernard Coard](#).

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- [1994](#) – The Palestinian leader, [Yasser Arafat](#), The [Prime Minister of Israel](#), [Yitzhak Rabin](#), and the [Foreign Minister of Israel](#), [Shimon Peres](#), receive the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) for their role in the establishment of the [Oslo Accords](#) and the framing of the future Palestinian Self Government.
- [1998](#) – [Eric Robert Rudolph](#) is charged with six bombings including the 1996 [Centennial Olympic Park bombing](#) in [Atlanta, Georgia](#).
- [2003](#) – [Chicago Cubs](#) fan Steve Bartman becomes infamously known as the scapegoat for the Cubs losing game 6 of the [2003 National League Championship Series](#) to the [Florida Marlins](#). This has become known as the [Steve Bartman incident](#).
- [2006](#) – The [college football brawl between University of Miami and Florida International University](#) leads to suspensions of 31 players of both teams.
- [2012](#) – [Felix Baumgartner](#) jumps from the [stratosphere](#) to try to break the record of the highest freefall jump, at an altitude of 39,068 meters (128,018 ft)