



U.S. Army Rangers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, fire a 120mm mortar during a tactical training exercise on Camp Roberts, Calif., Jan. 30, 2014. Rangers constantly train to maintain the highest level of tactical proficiency.

Photo by Pfc. Nathaniel Newkirk

# January 2015

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| 28  | 29   | 30 | 31                                      | 1<br>New Year's Day | 2<br>Distinguished Service Medal was authorized by Presidential Order (1918) | 3<br>U.S. Army All-American Bowl           |
| 4   | 5  | 6  | 7                                       | 8                   | 9  | 10   |
| 11  | 12   | 13 | 14                                      | 15                  | 16   | 17<br>Operation Desert Storm begins (1991) |
| 18  | 19<br>Celebration of Martin Luther King's Birthday | 20 | 21                                      | 22                  | 23   | 24   |
| 25<br>Battle of the Bulge ends (1945)<br>U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" is formed (1922) | 26   | 27 | 28<br>Vietnam Conflict Ceasefire (1973) | 29                  | 30<br>Tet Offensive begins in South Vietnam (1968)                           | 31   |





U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program Soldiers Sgt. Matt Mortensen (top) and Sgt. Preston Griffall (bottom) are clocked at 80 miles per hour on a run of 51.660 seconds, during Olympic luge doubles training Feb. 10, 2014, at Sanki Sliding Centre in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

Photo by Tim Hipps

# February 2015

## KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:

- Black History Month ([www.army.mil/africanamericans](http://www.army.mil/africanamericans))
- Patient Recognition Week (Feb. 1-7)

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| 1  | 2<br>U.S. Army Nurses Corps becomes a permanent part of Medical Department (1901) | 3       | 4<br>The Bronze Star is established by Executive Order 9419 (1944) | 5        | 6<br>Department of Defense authorizes the Korean Defense Service Medal (2004)   | 7   |
| 8  | 9   | 10      | 11   | 12       | 13  | 14  |
| 15                                       | 16<br>President's Day<br>Operation Desert Storm begins (1991)                     | 17      | 18   | 19       | 20  | 21  |
| 22<br>The Purple Heart is revived (1932) | 23  | 24      | 25   | 26       | 27<br>Army names the "Stryker" in honor of two Medal of Honor recipients (2002) | 28<br>Army receives the first M1 Abrams main battle tank (1980) |
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Pilots from 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment and 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, flew in more than 300 Republic of Korea and U.S. Marines, on 25 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters for an air assault, March 13, 2014, on the multipurpose range complex.

Photo by Christopher Bodin

# March 2015

KEY COMMEMORATIONS:

- National Women's History Month ([www.army.mil/women](http://www.army.mil/women))
- National Brain Injury Awareness Month ([www.army.mil/tbi](http://www.army.mil/tbi))

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| 8<br>Daylight Saving Time begins | 9   | 10 | 11<br>Congress establishes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1779) | 12                                 | 13<br>U.S. Army launches the K-9 Corps (1942) | 14 |
| 15                               | 16<br>Army establishes U.S. Military Academy at West Point (1802) | 17 | 18   | 19<br>Iraq War (OIF) begins (2003) | 20  | 21 |
| 22                               | 23  | 24 | 25<br>National Medal of Honor Day                                  | 26                                 | 27  | 28 |
| 29                               | 30  | 31 | 1  | 2                                  | 3   | 4  |





A competitor takes part in day one of the Army's Best Ranger competition, at Fort Benning, Ga., April 11, 2014. Ranger-qualified Soldiers from throughout the Army converged on Fort Benning, April 11-13, to compete in the U.S. Army Best Ranger Competition. The Best Ranger Competition is hosted annually by the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade. Now in its 31st year, it is regarded throughout the military community as one of the toughest, most physically demanding competitions in the world. It has grown from a local contest into an Army-wide competition to find the Army's best Ranger team.

Photo by Patrick A. Albright

# April 2015

## KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month ([www.army.mil/sharp](http://www.army.mil/sharp))
- Month of the Military Child ([www.army.mil/families](http://www.army.mil/families))

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| 5<br>Easter Sunday                            | 6<br>U.S. enters World War I (1917) | 7  | 8               | 9<br>Special Forces established as a basic branch of the Army (1987) | 10 | 11 |
| 12<br>Army establishes Aviation Branch (1983) | 13<br>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday   | 14 | 15              | 16<br>President Harry Truman signs the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947  | 17 | 18 |
| 19  | 20                                  | 21 | 22<br>Earth Day | 23<br>U.S. Army Reserve Birthday                                     | 24 | 25 |
| 26  | 27                                  | 28 | 29              | 30   | 1  | 2  |





Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen from Special Boat Team 12, stationed at Naval Base Coronado, Calif., with the help of aviators from 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., conducted a Maritime External Air Transportation System training evolution in Moses Lake, Wash., May 21, 2014. Maritime External Air Transportation System is a way to move a watercraft from a point on land or water to somewhere else using an Army MH-47G Chinook helicopter.

Photo by Sgt. Christopher Prows

# May 2015

KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:

- National Asian Pacific Heritage Month ([www.army.mil/asianpacificsoldiers](http://www.army.mil/asianpacificsoldiers))
- National Mental Health Month ([www.army.mil/readyandresilient/medical](http://www.army.mil/readyandresilient/medical))
- Women's Health Care Month ([www.armymedicine.army.mil](http://www.armymedicine.army.mil))
- National Military Appreciation Month

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| 26  | 27                 | 28      | 29        | 30  | 1   | 2                             |
| 3<br>First Army award issued by George Washington (Badge of Military Merit, 1783) | 4                  | 5       | 6         | 7   | 8<br>Victory in Europe Day (1945)<br>Military Spouse Appreciation Day | 9                             |
| 10<br>Mother's Day  | 11                 | 12      | 13        | 14<br>Ordnance Corps Birthday (1812)                      | 15<br>Congress establishes Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) (1942) | 16<br>Armed Forces Day        |
| 17  | 18                 | 19      | 20        | 21  | 22  | 23<br>West Point Commencement |
| 24<br>31  | 25<br>Memorial Day | 26      | 27        | 28<br>First female cadets graduate from West Point (1980) | 29  | 30                            |





A French child, dressed as an American World War II Soldier stands tall, June 6, 2014, while saluting the sands of Omaha Beach, France. The boy, never breaking composure, stood for more than two hours during a 1st Infantry Division ceremony that helped commemorate the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Abram Pinnington

# June 2015

KEY COMMEMORATION:

- National Safety Month

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| 31  | 1   | 2   | 3                                  | 4                              | 5   | 6<br>D-Day (1944)                                 |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                                 | 11                             | 12<br>Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act (1948) | 13  |
| 14<br>U.S. Army Birthday<br>Flag Day<br>Infantry Branch Birthday (1775) | 15  | 16<br>Birthday of Adjutant General's, Finance, and Quartermaster Corps, and Corps of Engineers (1775) | 17                                 | 18                             | 19  | 20<br>The Air Corps becomes Army Air Force (1941) |
| 21<br>Fathers' Day<br>U.S. Army Signal Corps Birthday (1860)            | 22<br>President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed G.I. Bill (1946) | 23  | 24<br>Berlin Airlift begins (1948) | 25<br>Korean War begins (1950) | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>U.S. Army Chemical Corps Birthday (1918)                          | 29  | 30  | 1                                  | 2                              | 3   | 4   |





Chief Warrant Officer 4 Noel Larson and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nick Gliem line up their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter for its next water drop to help fight wildfires near the Chiwaukum Creek and Carlton Complex fires, outside Leavenworth, Wash., July 31, 2014. Larson and Gliem are pilots assigned to the Washington National Guard's 66th Theater Aviation Command.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Dave Goodhue

# July 2015

KEY COMMEMORATION:

- Battle of Gettysburg: July 1-3, 1863 ([www.army.mil/Gettysburg](http://www.army.mil/Gettysburg))

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| 28  | 29  | 30   | 1<br>Military Intelligence Branch Birthday (1962)<br>All-Volunteer Force Anniversary (1973)                         | 2<br>Congress authorizes Soldier's Medal (1926) | 3  | 4<br>Independence Day |
| 5   | 6<br>President Truman signs an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom (1945) | 7<br>The first female cadets enrolled at West Point (1976) | 8<br>Reverend Alice M. Henderson becomes the first woman to officially serve in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps (1974) | 9<br>Warrant Officers Corps Birthday (1918)     | 10   | 11                    |
| 12<br>Congress approves an Army Medal of Honor (1862)   | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18                    |
| 19  | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25                    |
| 26<br>Executive Order 9981: Armed Forces ends segregation (1948)<br><br>Integration of the Armed Forces | 27<br>Army Medical Department Birthday (1775)<br><br>Korean War ends (1953)             | 28   | 29<br>Army Chaplain Corps and Judge Advocate General Corps Birthdays (1775)   | 30  | 31<br>Transportation Corps Birthday (1942) | 1                     |





Soldiers assigned to 3rd Squadron, 17th Regiment, are picked up by a Black Hawk helicopter after participating in a Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape exercise during Decisive Action Rotation 14-09 at the National Training Center, at Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 13, 2014. Decisive action rotations are reflective of the complexities of potential adversaries our nation could face and include: guerrilla, insurgent, criminal and near-peer conventional forces woven into one dynamic environment.

Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Corey Hook

# August 2015

KEY COMMEMORATION:

- Antiterrorism Awareness Month

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| 2<br>Army establishes Ambulance Corps (1862) | 3<br>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes Panama Canal construction (1914)                                   | 4<br>U.S. Coast Guard Birthday (1790) | 5                          | 6  | 7<br>Operation Desert Shield begins (1990)<br>George Washinton establishes Badge of Military Merit: Purple Heart (1782) | 8   |
| 9  | 10<br>President Harry S. Truman signs the National Security Bill to establish the Department of Defense (1949) | 11                                    | 12                         | 13 | 14  | 15<br>The 82nd Infantry Division becomes the U.S. Army's first airborne division (1942) |
| 16<br>National Airborne Day                  | 17<br>Civil Affairs Branch/ Military Government Branch Birthday (1955)   | 18                                    | 19                         | 20 | 21  | 22  |
| 23   | 24   | 25                                    | 26<br>Women's Equality Day | 27 | 28  | 29  |
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Army veteran Rico Roman of the San Antonio Rampage handles a puck during a sled hockey game with the USA Warriors in Rockville, Md., Sept. 18, 2014. Roman is a member of the gold medal U.S. National Sled Hockey Team in the 2014 Paralympics in Sochi.

Photo by EJ Hersom

# September 2015

KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:

- National Preparedness Month
- National Hispanic Heritage Month ([www.army.mil/hispanicamericans](http://www.army.mil/hispanicamericans))

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| 30   | 31                           | 1   | 2<br>Japan surrenders aboard the U.S.S. Missouri (1945)                                 | 3<br>The American flag is flown in battle for the first time (1777) | 4  | 5   |
| 6<br>National Suicide Prevention Week begins (Sept. 6-12)  | 7<br>Labor Day               | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11<br>Patriot's Day  | 12<br>President George W. Bush awards the 3rd Infantry Division a Presidential Unit Citation (2003) |
| 13   | 14                           | 15<br>National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15) | 16<br>Military draft President Franklin D. Roosevelt approves the military draft (1940) | 17<br>Military Police Corps' Birthday (1941)                        | 18<br>National POW/MIA Recognition Day<br><br>U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947) | 19  |
| 20<br>"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is formally repealed (2011)<br><br>Gen. Omar Bradley promoted to a five-star general | 21                           | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Guardians of Freedom: Operation Arkansas (1957)               | 25   | 26<br>Military Police Corps Birthday (1941)   |
| 27   | 28<br>Gold Star Mother's Day | 29  | 30  | 1   | 2  | 3   |





Warrior Diplomat Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 85th Civil Affairs Brigade, work as teams to negotiate obstacles at the Leaders Reaction Course on Fort Hood, Texas, Oct. 9, 2014.

Photo by U.S. Army

# October 2015

KEY COMMEMORATIONS:

- National Energy, Domestic Violence, Disability Employment, Depression Education Awareness Month (<http://www.army.mil/readyandresilient>)
- Best Warrior Competition ([www.army.mil/best-warrior](http://www.army.mil/best-warrior))

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| 4   | 5   | 6                               | 7<br>Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan (2001) | 8   | 9                                     | 10  |
| 11<br>Army Ten-Miler  | 12<br>Columbus Day<br>AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition (Oct. 12-14) | 13<br>U.S. Navy Birthday (1775) | 14   | 15<br>National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15)   | 16                                    | 17<br>Women in Military Service for America Memorial established (1997) |
| 18  | 19  | 20                              | 21   | 22<br>Beirut Barracks Bombings (1983)<br>First Unknown Soldier selected to be honored among 77,000 (1921) | 23<br>Beirut Barracks Bombings (1983) | 24  |
| 25<br>U.S. Forces invade Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury) (1983) | 26  | 27                              | 28   | 29  | 30                                    | 31  |





An observers/advisor candidate asks for permission to "drop" into Victory Pond, Nov. 14, 2014, during the first day of selection training for female Soldiers who hope to serve as observers/advisors during a potential Ranger Course Assessment in the spring. The rope drop is part of the Combat Water Survival Assessment, which also includes a log walk and a zip line traverse from a 50-foot platform.

Photo by Patrick A. Albright

# November 2015

## KEY COMMEMORATIONS:

- National Native American Indian Heritage Month ([www.army.mil/americanindians](http://www.army.mil/americanindians))
- Military Family Appreciation Month ([www.army.mil/families](http://www.army.mil/families))
- Warrior Care Month ([www.army.mil/readyandresilient](http://www.army.mil/readyandresilient))

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| 1<br>Daylight Saving Time Ends   | 2  | 3   | 4  | 5<br>Anniversary of the Fort Hood shooting (2009)  | 6  | 7   |
| 8<br>President Ronald Reagan signs the 1985 Defense Authorization Act          | 9  | 10<br>U.S. Marine Corps Birthday (1775)                         | 11<br>Veterans Day                       | 12   | 13<br>The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated at the National Mall (1982) | 14<br>The Battle of La Drang begins (1965)                  |
| 15<br>The 82nd Airborne Division makes its permanent home at Fort Bragg (1948) | 16   | 17<br>Air Defense Artillery and Field Artillery Birthday (1775) | 18<br>The Battle of La Drang ends (1965) | 19   | 20   | 21  |
| 22   | 23   | 24  | 25                                       | 26<br>Thanksgiving Day<br>President John F. Kennedy laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery (1965) | 27   | 28<br>General Order 155 established Army War College (1901) |
| 29   | 30<br>First Army-Navy football game at West Point (1890) | 1   | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5   |





West Point Cadets and Naval Academy Midshipmen square off in the 2014 Army-Navy Game, Dec. 13, 2014, in Baltimore. The Midshipmen won the 115th meeting between the two teams 17-10.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Bunkley

# December 2015

## KEY COMMEMORATIONS/EVENTS:

- Year in Photos ([www.army.mil/yearinphotos](http://www.army.mil/yearinphotos))
- Battle of the Bulge ([www.army.mil/botb](http://www.army.mil/botb))

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| 6<br>The Washington Monument is completed (1884)   | 7<br>Pearl Harbor Anniversary (1941)                                | 8<br>U.S. declares war on Japan (1941)   | 9  | 10  | 11<br>Gen. George C. Marshall receives Nobel Peace Prize (1953)     | 12<br>Cavalry Armor Branch Birthday (1776)<br>U.S. Army song is announced (1957)<br>Army-Navy Game |
| 13<br>National Guard Birthday (1636)<br>Wreaths Across America<br>Saddam Hussein captured (2003) | 14  | 15<br>Bill of Rights Day   | 16<br>Battle of the Bulge begins (1944)<br>Gen. George C. Marshall promoted to a five-star general | 17  | 18<br>Gen. Douglas MacArthur promoted to a five-star general (1944) | 19   |
| 20<br>Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower promoted to a five-star general (1944)                           | 21<br>Then-Gen. Henry Arnold promoted to a five-star general (1944) | 22   | 23   | 24<br>Treaty of Ghent ends War of 1812 (1814) | 25<br>Christmas   | 26   |
| 27   | 28<br>Thirteen years of Operation Enduring Freedom ends (2014)      | 29<br>Time magazine names the American Soldier its "Person of the Year" (2003) | 30   | 31  | 1   | 2  |