



ARMY MEDICINE'S LEGACY OF CARE

COMBAT READY CARE ... THIS WE'LL DEFEND!

YESTERDAY, TODAY, ALWAYS - SAVING LIVES SINCE 1775!



MARCH 31 – APRIL 13, 2025

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March 31, 1980

The Air Force Veterinary Corps was disestablished, and the U.S. Army became the sole executive agent for all Department of Defense (DoD) veterinary services, taking on responsibility for animal health care across all military installations.

FEATURE



April 5, 1945

Corporal Thomas J. Kelly, an aid man with the 7th Armored Division, was awarded the Medal of Honor for repeatedly risking his life under hostile fire to save wounded Soldiers while in Alemert, Germany.



April 10, 1864

Dr. Mary E. Walker, a Medal of Honor recipient, is captured by Confederate troops. Walker was a surgeon, abolitionist, and spy during the U.S. Army Civil War.

WEEK IN REVIEW

April 2, 1814

Army surgeons are ordered to record weather data, as it was thought to cause illness. This was the beginning of systematic meteorological observations in the U.S.

April 4, 1872

Hospital Steward William Saunders is recognized as the first U.S. Army Dentist. Dental injury and emergencies account for 20% of all DNBI. Our dental teams keep Soldiers healthy and in the fight.

April 6, 1917

U.S. declares war on Germany and enters World War I. The AMEDD greatly expands relying on large numbers of reserve officers. Today, almost half of Army Medicine is comprised of Reserve Component citizen warriors, with two of our four Theater Medical Commands (TMCs) residing in the Army Reserve. TMCs provide essential medical command and control, ensuring support to line commanders.

April 7, 1777

Pay of nurses in Army hospitals raised to \$8 per month plus a ration; matron (chief nurse) received \$15 plus a ration. Advanced practice and specialty trained nurses now receive board certification pay, and the Army offers retention bonuses for critical wartime specialties: Critical Care (66S), Psychiatric Mental Health (66R), and Nurse Anesthesia (66F).

April 13, 1911

Dr. John Sayre Marshall becomes the Army's first commissioned dental officer. The Dental Corps currently has 961 commissioned officers and offers nationally ranked and accredited graduate dental education programs.

250TH U.S. ARMY EVENTS

- Apr 17-18 Lexington 250 "Patriots' Day Weekend" Celebration
- Apr 18 99th Readiness Division Concert – Norwich
- Apr 19 Concord 250 Celebration
Lexington & Concord Family Day at George Washington's Mount Vernon
Lexington 250 "Patriots' Day Weekend" Celebration
U.S. Army @ Lexington 250 Commemoration
U.S. Army @ Concord 250 Commemoration
99th Readiness Division Concert – Boston
- Apr 21 Lexington 250 "Patriots' Day Weekend" Celebration
- Apr 22 Lexington 250 "Patriots' Day Weekend" Celebration
- Apr 26 French Symphony Orchestra Concert
Thaddeus Kosciuszko Monument Rededication

Learn more about U.S. Army 250th events at:
www.army.mil/1775/index.html#todaysarmy



FEATURE - CORPORAL THOMAS J. KELLY

Corporal Thomas J. Kelly, Medical Detachment, Company C, 48th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, distinguished himself at Alemert, Germany, on April 5, 1945. Corporal Kelly realizing the extent of casualties suffered by the platoon after an enemy attack, voluntarily retraced his steps and began evacuating his comrades under direct machine-gun fire. He was forced to crawl, dragging the injured behind him for 300 yards. He made ten separate trips through the brutal fire. Seven more casualties who were able to crawl by themselves he guided and encouraged in escaping from the hail of fire. After he had completed his self-imposed task and was near collapse from fatigue, he refused to leave his platoon until the attack had been resumed and the objective taken.



LEGACY OF CARE: ARMY MEDICINE HAS TENDED TO SOLDIERS FROM THE BEGINNING

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The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest medal for military valor in combat. The medal was first authorized in 1861, for Sailors and Marines, and the following year for Soldiers. Since then, more than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded to members of the armed services.

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