



ARMY MEDICINE'S LEGACY OF CARE

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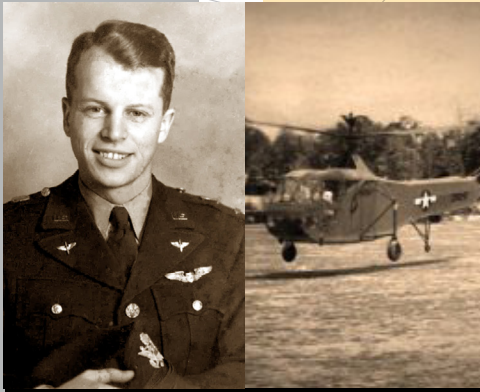
YESTERDAY, TODAY, ALWAYS - SAVING LIVES SINCE 1775!



APRIL 21 – APRIL 27, 2025

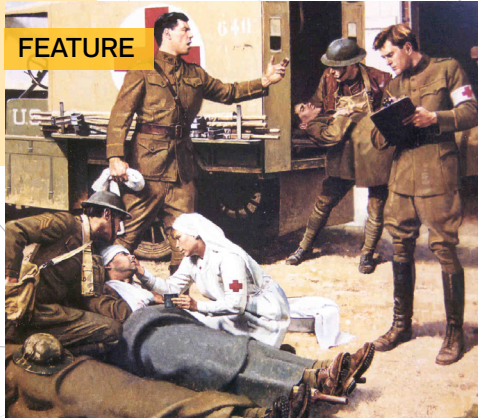
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DAYS
APR 18 - JUL 27



April 22, 1944

LT Carter Harman, 1st Air Commando Group, uses the Sikorsky YR-4B Hoverfly for the first ever casualty evacuation by helicopter in the China Burma India Theater. While surrounded, Harman rescued four wounded Soldiers one at a time. For his actions, Harman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.



FEATURE

April 23, 1908

The U.S. Medical Reserve Corps was established and served as the predecessor to the U.S. Army Reserve. By June, the first 160 reserve medical officers received their commissions. This number grew to about 360 by 1909, 1,900 by 1916, and 9,223 by 1917.



April 25, 1898

The Spanish-American War commenced, and though it was short-lived, proved pivotal in shaping the understanding of disease causation and prevention. A severe typhoid fever outbreak within military camps underscored the urgent need for advancements in public health and sanitation.

WEEK IN REVIEW

April 21, 1945

Tec 5 Walter Harbala, a medical aid man, with the 411th Infantry Regiment (103rd Infantry Division), posthumously earns the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations.

April 24, 1816

A Congressional bill is approved for the U.S. Army's medical staff expansion to include four hospital surgeons and eight hospital surgeon's mates per district. Additionally, each division could have up to twelve post surgeons.

April 26, 1900

PVT David L. Van Arnem, Hospital Corps, braved gunfire to recover a wounded man left in the open during fighting in the Philippines. He was recognized with a Certificate of Merit award.

April 27, 1968

During a reconnaissance mission near Lai Khe, SP5 Carlisle G. Bridges' unit was ambushed by the Viet Cong. Despite the intense fire, Bridge, a medical aid man, braved the danger to treat and evacuate wounded Soldiers, personally carrying several of them more than 100 meters under enemy fire to a location for aerial evacuation. His actions saved several lives and demonstrated exceptional courage and concern for his comrades earning him the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for braving hostile fire and treating and evacuating casualties.

250TH U.S. ARMY EVENTS

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| Apr 21 | Lexington 250 "Patriots' Day Weekend" Celebration |
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| Apr 26 | French Symphony Orchestra Concert
Thaddeus Kosciuszko Monument Rededication |
| May 2 | ICoE & Fort Huachuca - Festival of the Southwest (250th Army Ceremony) |
| May 3 - 4 | Revolutionary War Weekend at George Washington's Mount Vernon |
| May 11 | Capture of Fort Ticonderoga |
| May 16 - 18 | JBMDL "Power in the Pines" Open House & Air Show |
| May 29 | America at 250: Toward an Inclusive Commemoration |
| May 30 | "Revolutionary War 250: The Early Years" 2025 NMUSA Symposium |

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



FEATURE - U.S. ARMY RESERVE

Initially, in 1908 Congress created the U.S. Medical Reserve Corps, the official predecessor of the U.S. Army Reserve. Subsequently, using its constitutional authority to "raise and support armies," through the National Defense Act of 1916 and the sweeping changes to that law in the National Defense Act Amendments of 1920, the federal government created the Organized Reserve. Redesignated as the Organized Reserve Corps in 1948, the new force served into the 1950s to provide a peacetime pool of trained reserve officers and enlisted men for use in war. This manpower reserve existed as the officer cadre for as many as 27 reserve infantry divisions and 6 reserve cavalry divisions located across the nation. It also included the Officers' Reserve Corps, Enlisted Reserve Corps, and Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Today's Army Reserve is a force of nearly 190,000 Soldiers and 11,000 Civilians in all 50 States, five U.S. territories, and deployed to 23 countries around the world. Among them, approximately 8,000 make a difference every day in the Dental Corps, Medical Corps, Medical Service Corps, Medical Specialist Corps, Nurse Corps and the Veterinary Corps.

Learn more at: www.usar.army.mil/ArmyReserveBirthday



ARMY RESERVE - MEDICAL COMMAND (AR-MEDCOM) ADDITIONAL FACTS

- 119 different medical units throughout the United States.
- U.S. Army Reserve provides approximately 70% of hospitals to the Army.
- Hundreds of AR-MEDCOM Soldiers mobilized now.
- Over 20,000 AR-MEDCOM Soldiers mobilized since 9/11.

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