

MAY 12 – MAY 18, 2025

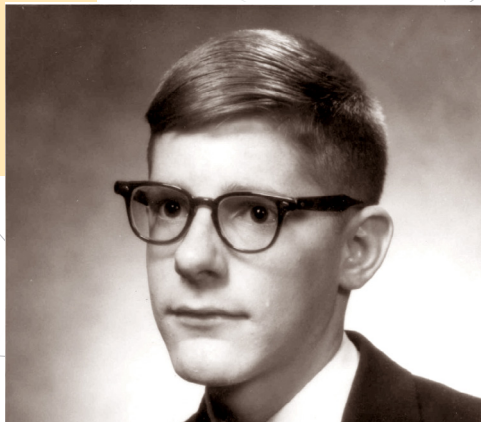
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FEATURE



May 12, 1942

The 5th General Hospital, sailed from New York with the first two dietitians to serve in the European Theater during WWII. Photo above depicts 5th General Hospital located in Musgrave Park, Belfast.



May 13, 1970

PFC David F. Winder, a medical aid man with the Americal Division, posthumously earns the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. Despite being seriously wounded by enemy fire, he continued to administer aid to multiple fallen Soldiers until he ultimately succumbed to his injuries.



May 14, 1969

PFC Daniel J. Shea, a medical aid man with the Americal Division, posthumously earns the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. Under heavy crossfire, Shea made four trips to aid and evacuate wounded Soldiers. During his fifth attempt, he was mortally wounded while rendering life-saving care.

WEEK IN REVIEW

May 15, 1970

Anna Mae Hays is nominated for the rank of Brigadier General (BG). About a month later, on June 11, she was promoted to BG of the U.S. Army Medical Department. Prior to nomination, Hays served as the 13th Chief of the Army Nurse Corps and travelled to Vietnam three times to direct new training programs and oversaw a dramatic increase in the number of nurses deployed overseas.

May 16, 1977

U.S. Army dental commands are restructured, with the role of the executive officer being redefined as a Medical Service Corps (MSC) position. This change aimed to enhance the management and administration of dental units by leveraging the expertise of MSC officers, who are not necessarily dentists.

May 17, 1962

Eleven Army nurses are assigned to the staff of the 31st Field Hospital in Korat, Thailand.

May 18, 2006

LTC Daniel E. Holland, Veterinary Corps, is killed by an improvised explosive device while serving on a civil affairs mission in Iraq. The Holland Leadership Award and Military Working Dog Hospital at Lackland Air Force Base are memorialized in his honor.

250TH U.S. ARMY EVENTS

- 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
- June 4 The Army 250th Special American Revolution Lecture by Rick Atkinson
- June 5 Call to Arms: The Soldier and the Revolutionary War
- June 6 FCoE Army 250th Birthday Celebration (Day 1/9)
- June 7 FCoE Army 250th Birthday Celebration (Day 2/9)
- AVCoE Army Birthday Week Festivities (Day 1/8)
- NMUSA Rev War Exhibit Opens
- Redstone Arsenal 250th Army Birthday Celebration
- June 8 FCoE Army 250th Birthday Celebration (Day 3/9)
- AVCoE Army Birthday Week Festivities (Day 2/8)
- Aberdeen Proving Ground Army 250th Birthday Concert in the Park

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



FEATURE - DIETITIANS DURING WORLD WAR II (WWII)

During World War II, U.S. Army dietitians served in all major theaters of war, including the European, Pacific, Mediterranean, and China Burma India regions. In June 1944, Congress passed Public Law 78-530, granting Army dietitians commissioned status with equal rights and benefits. By the war's end in August 1945, 1,580 dietitians were on active duty. In 1947, Public Law 80-36 formally established the Women's Medical Specialist Corps, securing permanent military status for dietitians.

Their responsibilities included screening patients to identify risk for malnutrition and collaborating with other providers to determine the most appropriate diet orders, nutritional needs, modified consistencies, and routes of feeding to support optimal healing, shortened length of stay, and return injured patients to duty. Along with direct patient care, dietitians also provided supervision over hospital foodservice operations, which included menu planning, recipe development, and oversight to foodservices provided to both patients and hospital staff in their area of operation. Today, approximately 240 Registered Dietitians serve as 65C officers in the Army Medical Specialist Corps. They provide leadership and management to hospital foodservice operations, medical nutrition therapy and nutrition education to patients, evidence-based practice, research, public health nutrition, community outreach, and performance nutrition, contributing to Soldier readiness and resilience through initiatives such as the Holistic Health and Fitness program.

ARMED FORCES DAY - MAY 17



Armed Forces Day falls on the third Saturday in May and pays tribute to military personnel serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



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