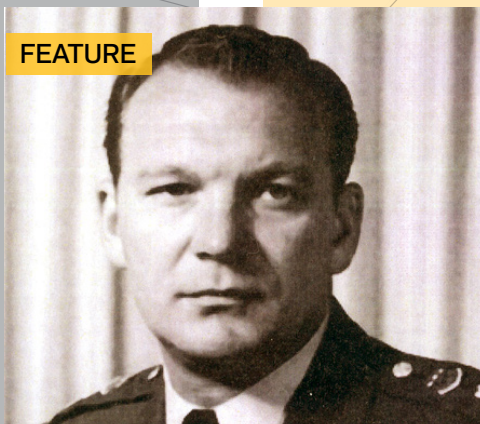


MAY 19 – MAY 25, 2025

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FEATURE



May 20, 1972

LTC Paul Bloomquist, a DUSTOFF pilot, is killed by the Red Army Faction in the bombing of the Farben Building in West Germany. Bloomquist exemplified the DUSTOFF spirit, spending nearly 35 months in Vietnam, he earned 4 awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross, 37 Air Medals, and 3 Purple Hearts.



May 21, 1945

From April 29 to May 21 PFC Desmond T. Doss, medical aidman, braved enemy shelling and small-arms fire rescuing numerous injured and wounded Soldiers. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.



May 22, 1902

The Society of Spanish-American War Nurses dedicated a monument in memory of the brave women volunteers who nursed the wounded and sick. The large granite monument features a Maltese cross, the Society's insignia. Many of the nurses who served and lost their lives in the war are buried near the monument in Section 21 — sometimes called the "Nurses Section"

WEEK IN REVIEW

May 19, 1917

Base Hospital No. 10, a unit from the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, embarked for Europe. They sailed for England, and subsequently were assigned to Le Tréport, France, taking over British General Hospital No. 16. This marked their arrival in France and their deployment to provide medical support during World War I.

May 23, 1949

The Surgeon General's Office approved Fitzsimons and Walter Reed General Hospitals as locations for the initial clinical training program in physical therapy. These two hospitals became the first settings for this new educational program.

May 24, 1970

SFC (later WO) Louis R. Rocco, an enlisted medical advisor with Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, earns the Medal of Honor by providing treatment and rescuing wounded troops from a helicopter crash, sustaining serious wounds himself.

May 25, 1918

Due to the shortage in nurses, the Secretary of War authorized the Army School of Nursing. The school aimed to provide a more formal and standardized training program for nurses, replacing reliance on nurses' aides.

250TH U.S. ARMY EVENTS

- 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
- June 9 FCoE Army 250th Birthday Celebration (Day 4/9)
- AVCoE Army Birthday Week Festivities (Day 3/8)
- ATC Fort Jackson Army 250th Birthday Celebration Week (Day 1/6)
- CCoE Army Birthday Week Celebration (Day 1/6)
- MCOE & Fort Benning 250th Army Birthday Week Celebration
- Aberdeen Proving Ground Army 250th Birthday 2.50 mile Fun Run/Walk

FEATURE - DUSTOFF



A DUSTOFF helicopter takes aboard a casualty during jungle operations in Vietnam.

The U.S. Army air ambulance units, often known as DUSTOFF, played a crucial role in military operations by providing rapid medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) and critical care in the air for wounded, injured, or ill Soldiers. The DUSTOFF legacy dates back to the Vietnam War, where the UH-1 Huey helicopters became iconic for their lifesaving missions. Today, these units operate helicopters, commonly the HH-60M, UH-60L Black Hawk, or the UH-72 Lakota, equipped with advanced medical equipment and staffed by highly trained flight medics, nurses, and pilots. Their primary mission is to quickly retrieve casualties from the battlefield and transport them to field hospitals or trauma centers, significantly increasing the survival rate of wounded personnel. These units are also involved in humanitarian missions, delivering emergency medical aid in disaster zones. The efficiency and bravery of the Army air ambulance units have made them an indispensable part of modern military operations, saving countless lives both in combat and peacetime missions. Their work underscores the military's commitment not only to tactical proficiency but also to the welfare and health of its personnel.

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