Military History Anniversaries 1 thru 15 July

Events in History over the next 15 day period that had U.S. military involvement or impacted in some way on U.S military operations or American interests

- Jul 01 1862 – Civil War: The Battle of Malvern Hill - The final battle in the Seven Days Campaign, part of George B. McClellan's Peninsula Campaign. Casualties and losses: US 2,100 - CSA 5,650
- Jul 01 1863 – Civil War: Battle of Gettysburg - Gen. Lee's northward advance is halted.
- Jul 01 1898 – Spanish American War: Battle of San Juan Hill is fought in Santiago de Cuba. Casualties and losses: US/RoC 3,180 - SP 809

Gatling guns hauled by mules arrive to turn the tide at San Juan Hill

- Jul 01 1907 – World's first air force established (U.S. Army).
- Jul 01 1948 – The United States Air Force accepts its first female recruits into a program called Women in the Air Force (WAF).
- Jul 01 1968 – Cold War: The Nuclear non-proliferation treaty is signed in Washington, D.C., London and Moscow by sixty-two countries.
- Jul 01 1970 – Vietnam: Beginning of the 23 day Siege of Fire Base Ripcord.
- Jul 02 1776 – The Continental Congress adopts a resolution severing ties with the Kingdom of Great Britain although the wording of the formal Declaration of Independence is not approved until July 4.
- Jul 02 1926 – Congress enacted a bill that established the U.S. Army Air Corps and placed it in control of all Army aviation activities, including those of the National Guard. This bill also directed that upon mobilization, all Guard air assets were to be incorporated into the Corps, thus separating them from their peacetime role within their respective divisions.
- Jul 03 1754 – French and Indian War: George Washington surrenders Fort Necessity to French forces. Casualties and losses: GB 400 - FR 22
- Jul 03 1775 – American Revolution: George Washington takes command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

George Washington taking command of the Army.

- Jul 03 1778 – American Revolution: British and Iroquois forces kill 360 patriots in the Wyoming Valley massacre.
- Jul 03 1814 – War of 1812: Americans capture Fort Erie Canada. Casualties and losses: US 9 - UK 137.
- Jul 03 1863 – Civil War: The 3rd and final day of the Battle of Gettysburg culminates with Pickett's Charge, Robert E. Lee's last attempt at breaking the Union line. Casualties and losses: US ~1,500 - CSA 6,555.
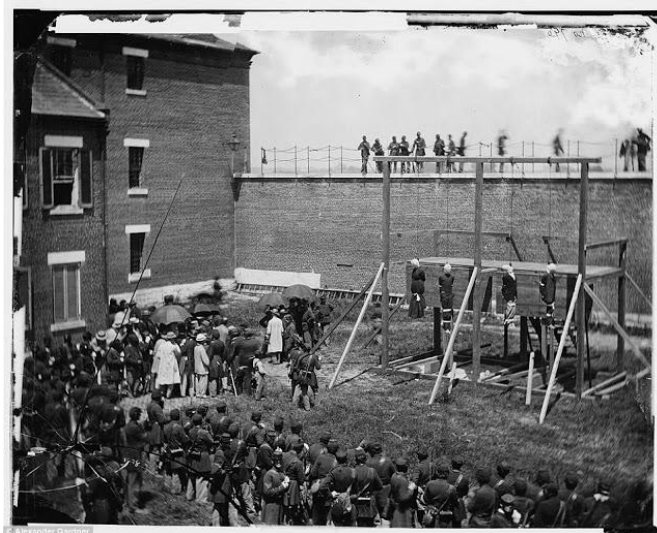

- Jul 03 1898 – Spanish American War: U.S. Navy defeats Spanish fleet in Santiago harbor Cuba.
- Jul 03 1915 – U.S. Marines land in Haiti following the assassination of the Haitian president Vilbrun Guillaume. The Marines remained as occupation forces until 1934.
- Jul 03 1950 – Korean War: US & North Korean forces clash for the first time in the Korean War.
- Jul 03 1988 –USS Vincennes in Strait of Hormuz shoots down Iran Airbus A300 killing all 290 people.

USS Vincennes and a similar A300B2-200

- Jul 04 1776 – American Revolution: Declaration of Independence approved by Congress. U.S. gains independence from Britain.
- Jul 04 1778 – American Revolution: Forces under George Clark capture the British post at Kaskaskia village during the Illinois campaign.
- Jul 04 1802 – United States Military Academy opens at West Point, New York
- Jul 04 1863 – Civil War: Siege of Vicksburg – Vicksburg, Mississippi surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant after 47 days of siege. 150 miles up the Mississippi River, a Confederate Army is repulsed at the Battle of Helena, Arkansas.
- Jul 04 1944 – WW2: 1st Japanese kamikaze attack U.S. fleet near Iwo Jima.
- Jul 05 1945 – WW2: Liberation of the Philippines declared.
- Jul 06 1777 – American Revolution: Siege of Fort Ticonderoga – After a bombardment by British artillery under General John Burgoyne, American forces retreat from Fort Ticonderoga, New York.
- Jul 06 1779 – American Revolution: Battle of Grenada – French victory over British naval forces.
- Jul 06 1848 – Mexican American War: Ended with the Treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo.
- Jul 07 1777 – American Revolution: Battle of Hubbardton - American forces retreating from Fort Ticonderoga are defeated. Casualties and losses: US 367 – GB ~210
- Jul 07 1846 – Mexican American War: American troops occupy Monterey and Yerba Buena, thus beginning the U.S. acquisition of California.
- Jul 07 1863 – Civil War: First military draft in US - It applied to men 18 to 35 who were allowed to purchase $300 exemptions. This provision allowed the sons of wealthy families to buy their way out of military service and fueled resentment among the poor and middle classes.
- Jul 07 1865 – Civil War: Four conspirators. Lewis Powell, David Herold, George Atzerodt, and Mary Surratt, in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln are hanged.

- Jul 07 1941 – WW2: U.S. forces land in Iceland to forestall Nazi invasion.
- Jul 07 1944 – WW2: Largest Banzai charge of the Pacific War at the Battle of Saipan.
- Jul 08 1947 – The Roswell Incident. Debris recovered from the crash of an experimental high-altitude surveillance balloon belonging to what was then a classified (top secret) USAF program named Mogul. UFO proponents maintain that an alien craft was found, its occupants were captured, and that the military engaged in a massive cover-up.

Roswell Daily Record announcing the "capture" of a "flying saucer."

- Jul 08 1948 – The United States Air Force accepts its first female recruits into a program called Women in the Air Force (WAF).
- Jul 08 1950 – Korean War: Gen Douglas MacArthur named commander–in–chief UN forces in Korea.
- Jul 08 1959 – Vietnam: First Americans killed in Vietnam.
- Jul 09 1776 – American Revolution: George Washington ordered the Declaration of Independence to be read out loud to members of the Continental Army in New York City for the first time.
- Jul 09 1863 – Civil War: Siege of Port Hudson - The 48 day Siege ends. Casualties and losses: US ~5,000 - CSA ~750 + 6,500 Surrendered.
- Jul 09 1943 – WW2: Operation Husky – Allied forces perform an amphibious invasion of Sicily.
- Jul 09 1944 – WW2: The island of Saipan in the Marianas fell to U.S. troops following their defeat of Japanese defenders. Casualties and losses: US 13,791 - Japan 29,920
- Jul 09 1944 – WW2: Napalm was used for the first time during the American invasion of Tinian in the Marianas.
- Jul 09 1951 – WW2: President Truman asked Congress to formally end state of war with Germany.
- Jul 10 1778 – American Revolution: Louis XVI of France declares war on the Kingdom of Great Britain.
- Jul 10 1940 – WW2: The German Luftwaffe began attacks on British convoys in the English Channel to start the Battle of Britain.
- Jul 10 1942 – WW2: An American pilot spots a downed, intact Mitsubishi A6M Zero on Akutan Island (the "Akutan Zero") that the US Navy uses to learn the aircraft's flight characteristics.

- Jul 10 1943 – WW2: Assault elements of the 180th and 157th Infantry regiments, both part of the 45th Infantry Division from AZ, CO, and OK, stormed ashore as part of the invasion of Sicily. This operation marked the first time any Allied force attacked an Axis power on its home ground.
- Jul 10 1951 – Korean War: Armistice negotiations begin at Kaesong.
- Jul 11 1789 – U.S. Marine Corps created by an act of Congress.
- Jul 11 1798 – The United States Marine Corps is reestablished; the Corps, which was initially established 10 Nov 1775 by a Resolution of the Continental Congress, had been disbanded after the American Revolutionary War.

- Jul 11 1864 – Civil War: Battle of Fort Stevens – Confederate forces attempt but fail to invade Washington, D.C. Casualties and losses: US 373 - CSA 400-500.
- Jul 12 1812 – War of 1812: U.S. forces led by Gen Hull invade Canada at Windsor, Ontario.
- Jul 12 1862 – The Medal of Honor is authorized by the United States Congress.
- Jul 12 1973 – A fire destroys the entire 6th floor of the National Personnel Records Center of the United States.

Conflagration underway, 1973

- Jul 12 2007 – U.S. Army Apache helicopters perform airstrikes in Baghdad, Iraq; footage from the cockpit is later leaked to the Internet.
- Jul 13 1863 – New York Draft Riots: In New York City opponents of conscription begin three days of rioting which will be later regarded as the worst in United States history. Casualties: 129 dead 2,000 wounded.
- Jul 13 2008 – Afghanistan: Taliban guerrillas attack NATO troops near the village of Wanat in the Waygal district in Afghanistan's far eastern province of Nuristan.
- Jul 14 1863 – Civil War: Confederate forces under Gen. Robert E. Lee are defeated after three days of fighting at the Battle of Gettysburg. Casualties and losses: US 23,055 - CSA 23,231
- Jul 14 1916 – WWI: Battle of Delville Wood - An action begins within the Battle of the Somme, which was to last until 3 September 1916. It ended in a tactical allied victory.
- Jul 14 1945 – Battleship USS South Dakota is first U.S. ship to bombard Japan.

- Jul 14 1950 – Korean War: North Korean troops initiate the Battle of Taejon. Outcome was a North Korean tactical victory and a American and South Korean strategic victory (establishment of Pusan Perimeter). Casualties and losses: US 3,550 - NKA UNK
- Jul 15 1918 – WWI: Second Battle of the Marne – The last major German Spring Offensive on the Western Front began against French, American, British, and Italian troops. It ended on 4 AUG in a decisive allied victory. Casualties and losses: Allies 132,717 – Germany 168,367.
- Jul 15 1958 – U.S. Marines deployed in Lebanon.
- Jul 15 1966 – Vietnam: The United States and South Vietnam begin Operation Hastings to push the North Vietnamese out of the Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone.

[Source: Various July 2017 ++]