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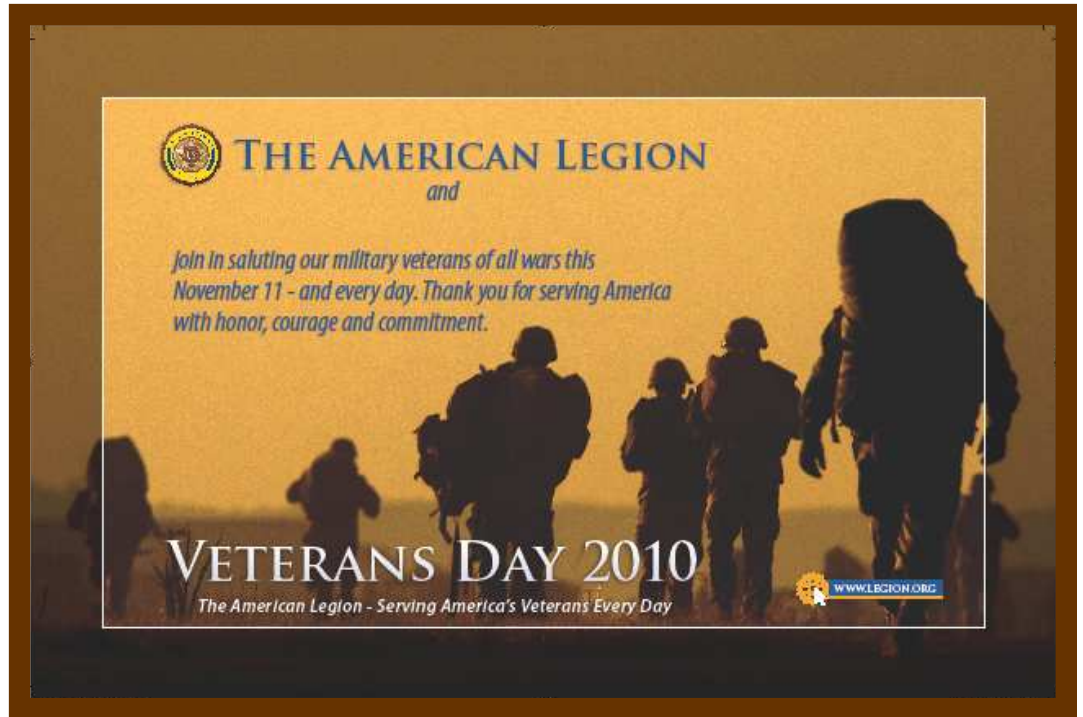
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GI to be first living Afghan war Medal of Honor Winner

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By **Jim Michaels, USA TODAY**

WASHINGTON — An Army sergeant who exposed himself to intense enemy fire in an effort to save comrades in Afghanistan will be awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, the White House announced Friday.

Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, 25, will become the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Six medals of honor have been awarded posthumously from those conflicts.

Giunta will receive the award for his actions in response to an ambush in Afghanistan's dangerous Korengal Valley on Oct. 25, 2007. Two U.S. soldiers were killed in the ambush and several others were wounded.

Giunta of Hiawatha, Iowa, was serving at the time as a team leader in Company B, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment when his squad was ambushed by insurgents, according to an account provided by the Army. His rank was specialist at the time.

Intense enemy fire from insurgents split Giunta's team from the rest of his squad. Giunta was knocked down when a bullet hit him in his armored chest plate. He immediately charged straight into enemy fire in order to pull a comrade back to cover.

As he attempted to link his team with the rest of the squad, he saw insurgents drag a badly wounded colleague off the battlefield.

Tossing hand grenades, Giunta charged the enemy, killing one insurgent and wounding another. He recovered the colleague and immediately began providing first aid. The soldier later died from his wounds.

It was Giunta's second tour of duty in Afghanistan. He had previously been awarded the Bronze Star.

"His courage and leadership while under extreme enemy fire were integral to his platoon's ability to defeat an enemy ambush and recover a fellow American paratrooper from enemy hands," the White House said in a statement.

President Obama spoke to Giunta on Thursday to inform the paratrooper of his decision.

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MONTEREY † VERA CRUZ † BULL RUN † SHILOH
ANTIETAM † CHANCELLORSVILLE † GETTYSBURG
INDIAN WARS † SANTIAGO † MANILA
BELLEAU WOOD † MEUSE - ARGONNE † MIDWAY
GUADALCANAL † ANZIO † BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC
NORMANDY † ARDENNES - ALSACE † IWO JIMA
BERLIN AIR LIFT † PUSAN † INCHON † SEOUL
GULF OF TONKIN † ROLLING THUNDER † DAK TO
KHE SANH † TET OFFENSIVE † COLD WAR
GRENADA † PANAMA † GULF WAR I † BOSNIA
SOMALIA † KOSOVO † TORA BORA † KANDAHAR
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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Veterans Day



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Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11, 2010



What do you know about Veterans Day?

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with **Memorial Day**, reports the Department of Veterans Affairs.

What's more, some Americans don't know why we commemorate our Veterans on Nov. 11. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

A brief history of Veterans Day

Veterans Day, formerly known as **Armistice Day**, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the **Uniforms Holiday Bill** ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the last Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

Last Surviving US Veteran from World War I turned 109 on February 1st, 2010

The last U.S. veteran of World War I, former Cpl. Frank Buckles, turned 109 today, and is celebrating his birthday by continuing his attempts to get a national WWI memorial in Washington, D.C.

Buckles has been outspoken over the last few years in urging Congress to give recognition on a federal level to a run down memorial in the D.C. area that is poorly kept up at the moment.

Buckles testified in December on Capitol Hill as congressional lawmakers attempt to decide whether to fund renovation and give that particular site "national" monument status. There is a rival site in Kansas City that was built in the 1920's that is also vying for the "national" monument designation.

When Buckles visited the Washington, D.C. memorial two years ago, he noticed the wear and tear that the monument had taken over the last seventy years. He also noticed that only World War I Veterans who had come from the D.C. area were commemorated.

Later that day he met with then President George W. Bush, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, and began his advocacy for improving the upkeep, and getting the "national" designation.

"I have to," Buckles told CNN, "because I'm the last living member of Americans, who fought in what was called The Great War."

Audie Murphy—Most decorated Vet of WWII

Audie Murphy... He is the most Decorated serviceman of WWII and earned:

The Medal of Honor,
The Distinguished Service Cross,
2 Silver Star Medals,
Legion of Merit,
2 Bronze Star Medals with "V",
2 Purple Hearts,
The U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal,
The Good Conduct Medal,
2 Distinguished Unit Emblems,
The American Campaign Medal,
The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with

One Silver Star,
Four Bronze Service Stars (representing nine campaigns) and one Bronze Arrowhead (representing assault landing at Sicily and Southern France),
The World War II Victory Medal,
The Army of Occupation Medal, with Germany Clasp,
The Armed Forces Reserve Medal,
The Combat Infantry Badge,
The Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar,
The Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar,
The French Fourragere in Colors

of the Croix de Guerre,
The French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier,
The French Croix de Guerre With Silver Star,
The French Croix de Guerre with Palm,
The Medal of Liberated France,
The Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm.



Murphy earned a battlefield commission to the rank of 2LT. He was appointed to West Point when the wounds he suffered disqualified him from military service. Upon medical discharge he found work in Hollywood.

Korea: The Forgotten War (1950-1953)

<http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/?file=index>

The Korean War has been called the "Forgotten War," historically overshadowed by [World War II](#) and [Vietnam](#), though it figures prominently in the development of events. The Korean War was one of the first episodes of the Cold War and involved many of the great personalities of the era: [Truman](#), [MacArthur](#), [Mao](#), and Stalin.

The Korean War began in the early hours of June 25, 1950, when North Korean troops crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. The war

featured some of the most intense fighting ever experienced by American soldiers -- and some of the worst conditions. Nearly 37,000 American servicemen lost their lives in three years, the majority of losses concentrated in the first year. This is a significantly higher figure per year than the 58,000 American casualties spread over ten years in Vietnam.

There were both severe trials and staggering accomplishments during the war: the humiliating retreat of inexperienced U.S. soldiers in the

opening days of the war; the brilliant Inchon landings masterminded by MacArthur; the grittiness exhibited in Chosin by the 1st Marine Division surrounded by a vast Chinese force; and the savage hill fighting during the last years of the conflict.

Although an armistice was signed in 1953 between the United Nations, the US, China and North Korea, South Korea refused to sign, leaving the two Koreas separate to this day.

War Memorials: We remember our Veterans...



**Schedule of Events In
November 2010**

- } Fri, Nov. 5th:
Military Veterans Job Seeker
Workshop

- } Tues, Nov. 9th:
How to Network for Veterans
Workshop


- } Wed, Nov. 10th:
Military Veterans Job Seeker
Workshop

- } Wed, Nov. 17th:
Military Veterans Job Seeker
Workshop

- } Thur, Nov. 18th:
Federal Job Search Workshop
for Veterans

- } Tues, Nov. 23rd:
How to Network for Veterans
Workshop

- } **Workforce Center Closed on
November 2nd, 11th, 25th and
26th...**



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7	8	9 How to Network for Veterans	10 Veteran Job Seeker Workshop	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	
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21	22	23 How to Network for Veterans	24	25 THANKS— GIVING DAY	26 Workforce Center	27	
28	29	30					

Upcoming Veteran Workshops

Are you having difficulties with your job search? Are you interested in a job with the Federal Government? Are you confused about the Connecting Colorado web registration system and how it works to find job openings you may be interested in?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the Veterans Employment Staff would like to invite you to attend one of our upcoming Veteran Workshops. The dates and times of each workshop are listed in the calendar above.

The Workshops are:

Military Veterans Job Seeker Workshop

This workshop is intended to provide an overview of the services offered at the Jefferson County Workforce Center, local supportive services and explain the Connecting Colorado job matching system and how best to use it to find and be notified of appropriate job openings for the Veteran.

Military Veterans Learning to Network

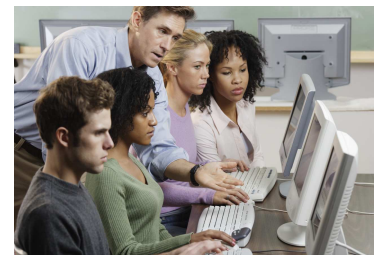
This workshop will help reveal the relevance of today's

hidden job market. It will help define and emphasize the importance of networking for his/her job search.

Military Veterans Federal Job Search Workshop

Is Federal employment for you? Where do you start? How do you apply? These are just a few of the questions we answer and provide information and resources you take with you. Bring your questions to this interactive session.

To view upcoming workshops or to register to attend one of the workshops, please sign up and register online at: <http://www.jeffcoworkforce.org/>





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We are on the Web!!!

www.jeffcoworkforce.org/veteran_overview.php

Websites of Interest for Veterans

EMPLOYMENT

Jefferson County Workforce Center
www.jeffcoworkforce.org

US Department of Labor
Veterans Employment and Training Service
www.dol.gov/vets

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

US Department of Veteran Affairs
www.va.gov

Colorado Department of
Military and Veteran Affairs
www.dmva.state.co.us

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion
www.legion.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars
www.vfw.org

Disabled American Veterans
www.dav.org

Vietnam Veterans of America
www.vva.org

Military Order of the Purple Heart
www.purpleheart.org

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
www.nchv.org

"Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum".

("If you want peace, prepare for war")

- Flavius Vegetius Renatus. Roman Military strategist. c. 390. A.D