

# Viper Military News



## NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

It was in 1862 that Senator Henry Wilson of the Senate Committee in Military Affairs, put in place the Army Medal of Honor. In 1915, each branch of the U.S. military began the process of honoring their distinguished members who “conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity” went above and beyond the call of duty.

The first Medal of Honor recipient, Army Private Jacob Parrott, received his MoH on March 25, 1863. It is said that he received it “because he had been physically abused in a Confederate prisoner of war camp.” In 1990, congress passed a resolution making March 25<sup>th</sup> the official nationwide holiday honoring the medal and all the recipients.

The Medal of Honor is a prestigious medal that has criteria that need to meet in order to qualify:

1. While engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.
2. While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.
3. While serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

(For more information you can visit: <https://www.cmohs.org/>)

There are many benefits that come with being a MoH recipient. Some of the benefits include:

1. Increase in military retirement pay
2. Military burial honors
3. Eligibility to be interred at Arlington National Cemetery

(For more information on benefits you can visit: [military benefits](#))

## HOW DO WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY?

It has become tradition that the President of the United States gathers those who were awarded the medal and present them with the medal. What can private citizens do?

1. Fly the United States flag at their residence or business
2. “Adopt” the gravesite of a MoH recipient

3. Attend a “retreat” ceremony honoring the fallen with “Taps” and the lowering of the flag
4. Attend ceremonies honoring living MoH recipients.
5. Donate to or support MoH societies (<https://www.cmoHS.org/recipients/connect>)

As members of the U.S. Armed Forces, our camaraderie and efforts to support each other is unwavering. From those on the frontlines to those in the rear, our jobs do not go unnoticed and unappreciated. Every person’s job is critical to every mission.

## **FT. BLISS MWR HAPPENINGS**

Click on the link below to access all the details for this month’s events:

<https://bliss.armymwr.com/>

### **MAR 01, 10:00 am - 11:30 AM (Anger Management Workshop)**

This VIRTUAL workshop gives individuals specific tools on how to control or manage their reactions to situations and events that may cause anger. These skills will help minimize the impact of anger on health, careers, school and relationships. You must attend the entire 18 hours to receive a certificate.

### **MAR 01, 10:00 am - 11:00 am (The Employment Orientation Class)**

The Employment Orientation Class takes place every Tuesday at 10am, at Army Community Service, Bldg. 2494, Ricker Rd.

These classes are designed for family members of active-duty military, and retirees. The Employment Orientation Class must be completed before taking any other employment classes. Come see how the staff at the Employment Readiness Program assist military family members to reach their goals! To register, call (915) 569-5838.

### **MAR 07 - 11, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (RYC Camp Da Vinci)**

Calling all DoD ID cardholders in grades 6-12!

Are you ready to explore your artistic side? Join the RYC for Camp Da Vinci during March 7-11, 8am-1pm. This unique camp will be based on your own creativity. Replica Youth Center is located on main post at 5037 Sheridan Rd.

Info: 915-568-3523

There are more activities, please visit the site to get more information.

<b>March Calendar of Events</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>1-31</b>	<b>Women's History Month</b>
<b>01</b>	<b>Mardi Gras</b>
<b>03</b>	<b>Navy Reserve Birthday</b>
<b>04</b>	<b>Hug a GI Day</b>
<b>05</b>	<b>Seabee Birthday</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>American Legion Birthday</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Days</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Rosie The Riveter Day</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Medal of Honor Day</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>National Vietnam War Veterans Day</b>

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