Military History Anniversaries 01 thru 31 July

Events in History over the next 30 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

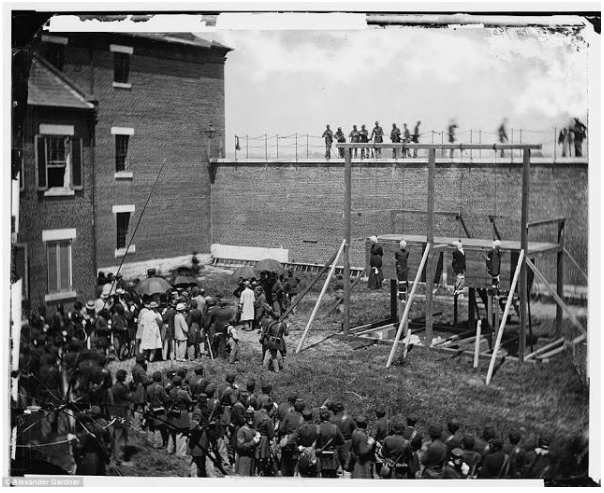
- Jul 03 1775 – American Revolution: George Washington takes command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Jul 03 1778 – American Revolution: British and Iroquois forces kill 360 patriots in the Wyoming Valley massacre.
- Jul 03 1814 – War of 1812: Americans capture Fort Erie Canada. Casualties and losses: US 9 - UK 137.
- Jul 03 1863 – Civil War: The final day of the Battle of Gettysburg culminates with Pickett's Charge. 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.



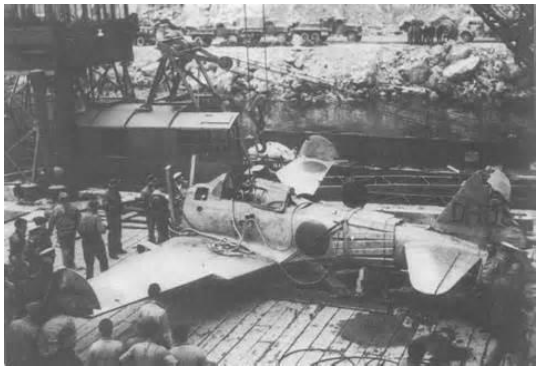

USS Vincennes and a similar A300B2-200

- 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 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 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.



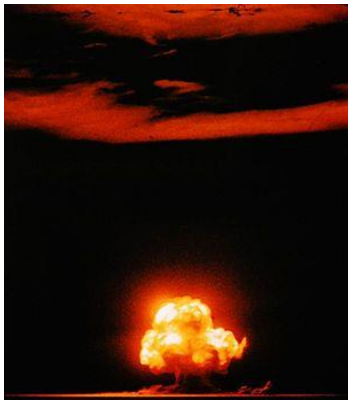
Conflagration underway, 1973

- 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.
- Jul 16 1779 – American Revolution: Light infantry of the Continental Army seize a fortified British Army position in a midnight bayonet attack at the Battle of Stony Point. Casualties and losses: US 98 – Great Britain 624.
- Jul 16 1861 – Civil War: At the order of President Abraham Lincoln, Union troops begin a 25 mile march into Virginia for what will become The First Battle of Bull Run, the first major land battle of the war.
- Jul 16 1927 – Nicaragua: Augusto César Sandino leads a raid on U.S. Marines and Nicaraguan Guardia Nacional that had been sent to apprehend him in the village of Ocotal, but is repulsed by one of the first dive–bombing attacks in history.
- Jul 16 1945 – Manhattan Project: The Atomic Age begins when the United States successfully detonates a plutonium–based test nuclear weapon at the Trinity site near Alamogordo, New Mexico.



- Jul 16 1945 – WW2: The Heavy Cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA–35) leaves San Francisco with parts for the atomic bomb "Little Boy" bound for Tinian Island. This would be the last time the Indianapolis would be seen by the Mainland as she would be torpedoed by the Japanese Submarine I–58 on July 30 and sink with 880 out of 1,196 crewmen.
- Jul 16 1945 – WW2: the leaders of the three Allied nations, Winston Churchill, Harry S. Truman and Joseph Stalin, meet in the German city of Potsdam to decide the future of a defeated Germany.
- Jul 16 1950 – Korean War: Chaplain–Medic massacre – American POWs were massacred by North Korean Army.
- Jul 16 1960 – Cold War: USS George Washington a modified Skipjack class submarine successfully test fires the first ballistic missile while submerged.
- Jul 17 1898 – Spanish–American War: U.S. troops take Santiago de Cuba.
- Jul 17 1944 – Port Chicago disaster: Near the San Francisco Bay, two ships laden with ammunition for the war explode in Port Chicago, California, killing 320.



Photo # NH 96823 Damage at Port Chicago, Ca. View looking north toward pier.

Cleaning up the damage at the remains of the pier.

- Jul 17 1944 – WW2: Napalm incendiary bombs are dropped for the first time by U.S. P-38 pilots on a fuel depot at Coutances, near Saint-Lô, France.
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- Jul 17 1966 – Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh orders a partial mobilization of to defend against American airstrikes.
- Jul 18 1863 – Civil War: Battle of Fort Wagner/Morris Island – the first formal African American military unit, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, fails in their assault on Confederate–held Battery Wagner. Casualties and losses: US 1,515 - CSA 174.
- Jul 18 1914 – The U.S. Congress forms the Aviation Section, U.S. Signal Corps, giving definite status to aircraft within the U.S. Army for the first time.
- Jul 18 1942 – WW2: German Me–262, the first jet–propelled aircraft to fly in combat, makes its first flight.
- Jul 18 1971 – Vietnam: New Zealand and Australia announce they will pull their troops out of Vietnam.

- Jul 19 1863 – Civil War: Morgan's Raid - At Buffington Island in Ohio, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's raid into the north is mostly thwarted when a large group of his men (750) are captured in the Battle of Buffington Island while trying to escape across the Ohio River.
- Jul 19 1942 – WW2: Battle of the Atlantic - German Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz orders the last U-boats to withdraw from their United States Atlantic coast as a result of American anti–submarine countermeasures.
- Jul 20 1864 – American Civil War: Battle of Peachtree Creek - Near Atlanta, Georgia, Confederate forces led by General John Bell Hood unsuccessfully attack Union troops under General William T. Sherman. Casualties and losses: US 1,900 - CSA 2,500.
- Jul 20 1917 – WWI: Draft lottery held; #258 is 1st drawn.
- Jul 20 1944 – WW2: Adolf Hitler is wounded in an assassination attempt by German Army officers.
- Jul 20 1950 – Cold War: In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Harry Gold pleads guilty to spying for the Soviet Union by passing secrets from atomic scientist Klaus Fuchs.



Harry Gold, center, being led into Federal Court, May 1950.

- Jul 20 1950 – Korean War: First engagement between United States and North Korean forces. The U.S. Army's Task Force Smith is pushed back by superior forces in the Battle of Osan. Casualties and losses: US 163 - NKA 157.
- Jul 20 1964 – Vietnam War: Viet Cong forces attack the capital of Dinh Tuong Province, Cai Be, killing 11 South Vietnamese military personnel and 40 civilians (30 of which are children).
- Jul 20 1997 - The fully restored USS Constitution (aka Old Ironsides) celebrates her 200th birthday by setting sail for the first time in 116 years.
- Jul 21 1861 – Civil War: In the first major battle of the War, Confederate forces defeat the Union Army along Bull Run near Manassas Junction, Virginia. The battle becomes known as Manassas by the Confederates, while the Union calls it Bull Run. Casualties and losses: US 2,896 = CSA 1.892.
- Jul 21 1944 – WW2: U.S. Army and Marine forces land on Guam in the Marianas.
- Jul 21 1954 – Vietnam: The French sign an armistice with the Viet Minh that ends the war but divides Vietnam into two countries.
- Jul 22 1775 – American Revolution: George Washington took command of the Continental Army.
- Jul 22 1814 – Five Indian tribes in Ohio make peace with the United States and declare war on Britain.
- Jul 22 1942 – WW2: The United States government begins compulsory civilian gasoline rationing due to the wartime demands.
- Jul 22 1943 – WW2: Allied forces capture the Italian city of Palermo.

- Jul 22 1966 – Vietnam: B–52 bombers hit the DMZ between North and South Vietnam for the first time.
- Jul 22 1976 – Japan completes its last reparation to the Philippines for war crimes committed during the imperial Japan's conquest of the country in the Second World War.
- Jul 22 1987 – Gulf War: U.S. began escorting re–flagged Kuwaiti tankers in Persian Gulf.
- Jul 22 2003 – OIF: Members of 101st Airborne of the United States, aided by Special Forces, attack a compound in Iraq, killing Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay, along with Mustapha Hussein, Qusay's 14–year old son, and a bodyguard.
- Jul 23 1942 – WW2: The German offensives Operation Edelweiss and Operation Braunschweig begin.
- Jul 23 1944 – WW2: US forces invade Japanese–held Tinian.
- Jul 23 1962 – The Geneva Conference on Laos forbids the United States to invade eastern Laos.
- Jul 24 1814 – War of 1812: General Phineas Riall advances toward the Niagara River to halt Jacob Brown's American invaders.
- Jul 24 1864 – Civil War: Battle of Kernstown – Confederate General Jubal Anderson Early defeats Union troops led by General George Crook in an effort to keep them out of the Shenandoah Valley. Casualties and losses: US 590 - CSA 718.
- Jul 24 1943 – WW2: Operation Gomorrah begins: British and Canadian planes bomb Hamburg by night, those of the Americans by day. By the end of the operation in NOV. 9,000 tons of explosives killed 40,000-50,000 civilians leaving 1 million homeless and destroyed 280,000 buildings.



Typical bomb damage in the Eibek district of Hamburg, 1944 or 1945

- Jul 24 1990 – Gulf War: U.S. warships in Persian Gulf placed on alert after Iraq masses nearly 30,000 troops near its border with Kuwait.
- Jul 25 1783 – American Revolution: The war's last action, the Siege of Cuddalore, is ended by preliminary peace agreement. Casualties and losses: GB 1,000 - FR 1,000.
- Jul 25 1814 – War of 1812: Battle of Lundy's Lane – reinforcements arrive near Niagara Falls for General Riall's British and Canadian forces and a bloody, all–night battle with Jacob Brown's Americans commences at 18.00; the Americans retreat to Fort Erie. Casualties and losses: UK/BC 878 - US 858.
- Jul 25 1861 – Civil War: The United States Congress passes the Crittenden–Johnson Resolution, stating that the war is being fought to preserve the Union and not to end slavery.

- Jul 25 1898 – After over two months of sea–based bombardment, the United States invasion of Puerto Rico begins with U.S. troops led by General Nelson Miles landing at the harbor of Guánica, Puerto Rico.
- Jul 25 1944 – WW2: Allied forces begin the breakthrough of German lines in Normandy.
- Jul 25 1946 – Cold War: Operation Crossroads: an atomic bomb is detonated underwater in the lagoon of Bikini atoll.
- Jul 25 1969 – Vietnam: U.S. President Richard Nixon declares the Nixon Doctrine, stating that the United States now expects its Asian allies to take care of their own military defense. This is the start of the "Vietnamzation" of the war.
- Jul 25 1990 – Gulf War: U.S. Ambassador tells Iraq, US won't take sides in Iraq–Kuwait dispute.
- Jul 26 1861 – Civil War: George B. McClellan assumes command of the Army of the Potomac following a disastrous Union defeat at the First Battle of Bull Run.
- Jul 26 1863 – Civil War: Morgan's Raid ends – At Salineville, Ohio, Confederate cavalry leader John Hunt Morgan and 360 of his volunteers are captured by Union forces.
- Jul 26 1941 – WW2: in response to the Japanese occupation of French Indo–China, US President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders the seizure of all Japanese assets in the United States.
- Jul 26 1944 – WW2: USS Robalo (SS–273) sunk by a mine off western Palawan, Philippines. 74 killed, 4 POWs later died.
- Jul 26 1945 – WW2: The US Navy cruiser USS Indianapolis arrives at Tinian with parts of the warhead for the Hiroshima atomic bomb.
- Jul 26 1947 – Cold War: U.S. President Harry S. Truman signs the National Security Act of 1947 into United States law creating the Central Intelligence Agency, United States Department of Defense, United States Air Force, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the United States National Security Council.
- Jul 27 1778 – American Revolution: First Battle of Ushant – British and French fleets fight to a standoff. Casualties and losses: GB 1,196 - FR 539.
- Jul 27 1861 – Civil War: Confederate troops occupy Fort Fillmore, New Mexico.
- Jul 27 1929 – The Geneva Convention of 1929, dealing with treatment of prisoners-of-war, is signed by 53 nations.
- Jul 27 1942 – WW2: Allied forces successfully halt the final Axis advance into Egypt.
- Jul 27 1944 – WW2: U.S. troops complete the liberation of Guam.
- Jul 27 1953 – Korea: Fighting in the Korean War ends when the United States, the People's Republic of China, and North Korea sign an armistice agreement. Syngman Rhee, President of South Korea, refuses to sign but pledges to observe the armistice.
- Jul 27 1964 – Vietnam: President Lyndon Johnson sends an additional 5,000 advisers to South Vietnam bringing the total number of United States forces in Vietnam to 21,000.
- Jul 27 1995 – The Korean War Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.



- Jul 28 1854 – USS Constellation (1854), the last all–sail warship built by the US Navy, is commissioned.
- Jul 28 1864 – Civil War: Battle of Ezra Church – Confederate troops make a third unsuccessful attempt to drive Union forces from Atlanta, Georgia.
- Jul 28 1914 – WWI: War begins when Austria–Hungary declared war on Serbia followed by Germany declaring war on France (3 AUG). On 4 AUG Germany invaded Belgium, Britain declared war on Germany, and President Woodrow Wilson declared policy of U.S. neutrality.
- Jul 28 1945 – A B–25 bomber crashes into the 79th floor of the Empire State Building in New York City, killing 14 and injuring 26.
- Jul 28 1965 – Vietnam: U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson announces his order to increase the number of United States troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.
- Jul 29 1915 – U.S. Marines land at Port–au–Prince to protect American interests in Haiti.
- Jul 29 1950 – Korean War: After four days, the No Gun Ri Massacre ends when the US Army 7th Cavalry Regiment is withdrawn. The U.S. Army cites the number of South Korean refugee casualties as "unknown."
- Jul 29 1965 – Vietnam War: the first 4,000 101st Airborne Division paratroopers arrive in Vietnam, landing at Cam Ranh Bay.
- Jul 29 1967 – Vietnam: Fire aboard carrier USS Forrestal in Gulf of Tonkin kills 134. $100 million damage.



USS Forrestal on fire, the worst US carrier fire since WWII; USS Rupertus (DD-851) maneuvers to within 20 ft to use fire hoses.

- Jul 30 1863 – Indian Wars: Chief Pocatello of the Shoshone tribe signs the Treaty of Box Elder, agreeing to stop the harassment of emigrant trails in southern Idaho and northern Utah.
- Jul 30 1864 – Civil War: Battle of the Crater – Union forces attempt to break Confederate lines at Petersburg, Virginia by exploding a large bomb under their trenches. Casualties and losses: US 3,798 - CSA 1,491.
- Jul 30 1919 – USS G–2 (SS–27) foundered and sunk in Long Island Sound. 3 died.
- Jul 30 1942 – FDR signs bill creating women's Navy auxiliary agency (WAVES).
- Jul 30 1944 – WW2: U.S. 30th division reaches suburbs of St–Lo Normandy.
- Jul 30 1945 – WW2: After delivering parts of the first atomic bomb the U.S. cruiser Indianapolis is torpedoed and sunk by Japanese submarine I-58. 880 die.

- Jul 31 1777 – American Revolution: The U.S. Second Continental Congress passes a resolution that the services of Marquis de Lafayette "be accepted, and that, in consideration of his zeal, illustrious family and connections, he have the rank and commission of major–general of the United States.
- Jul 31 1813 – American Revolution: British invade Plattsburgh NY.
- Jul 31 1942 – WW2: USS Grunion (SS–216) sunk by gunfire from torpedoed Japanese transport Kashima Maru; 10 miles north Segula, near Kiska Island, Aleutians. 70 killed.
- Jul 31 1948 – USS Nevada (BB-36) is sunk by an aerial torpedo after surviving hits from two atomic bombs (as part of post-war tests) and being used for target practice by three other ships.
- Jul 31 1991 – Senate votes to allow women to fly combat aircraft.

[Source: Various Jun 2014 ++]