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Drs. Vincent L. and Vance J. Moss are identical twins with a commitment to public service that is one of a kind.

In 2005, the two surgeons, who are Army reservists, embarked upon what many called a “suicide mission.” At their own expense and peril, they leased a jet and filled it with medical supplies. Without any armor or military support, they traveled to Afghanistan to provide civilians with much-needed medical care.

“We took a gamble because we really wanted to help people,” said Vance Moss. “We didn’t want to show up with guns and bulletproof vests. We wanted to prove that we were there to help, not to occupy.”

The doctors traveled to remote villages under the dark of night. They operated on children who had been injured in warfare or explosions. They provided medications and surgical procedures. In some places, they were the first doctors villagers had ever seen.

“We had witnessed the harsh conditions of civilian life while serving in Afghanistan and Iraq,” said Vincent Moss. “Our background in the military inspired us to bring our service to a different level.”

The doctors have been back to Afghanistan three times. Currently in private practice, they are continuing their mission. They recently helped bring an Afghani boy and his father to New York City for surgery.

“Everyone can help others,” said Vance Moss. “If you are passionate about a cause, you can make a difference. The effort is worth it.”



# 1972

1972: Mildred C. Kelly becomes the first African American woman to reach the rank of sergeant major in the U.S. Army.



1977: Sanford Bishop, former Army Reserve officer, is elected to the Georgia House of Representatives.

# AUGUST 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1879: Mary Eliza Mahoney graduates from New England Hospital for Women and Children, becoming the first black professional nurse in America.	2 1924: James Baldwin, author of <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i> , <i>The Fire Next Time</i> and <i>Another Country</i> , born.	3 1800: Gabriel Prosser leads slave revolt in Richmond, Virginia.	4 1810: Abolitionist Robert Purvis born.	5 1962: Nelson Mandela, South African freedom fighter, imprisoned. He was not released until 1990.	6 1965: President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Voting Rights Act, outlawing literacy test for voting eligibility in the South.	7 1907: Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, first African American Nobel prize winner, born.
8 2005: John H. Johnson, founder and publisher of <i>Ebony</i> and <i>Jet</i> magazines, dies.	9 1936: Jesse Owens wins fourth gold medal at Summer Olympics in Berlin.	10 1989: Gen. Colin Powell is nominated chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the first African American to hold this post.	11 1872: Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, acknowledged as first black psychiatrist, born.	12 1977: Steven Biko, leader of Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, arrested.	13 1981: Reagan administration undertakes its review of 30 federal regulations, including rules on civil rights to prevent job discrimination.	14 1989: First National Black Theater Festival held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
15 2007: Max Roach, first jazz musician honored with a MacArthur Fellowship, dies.	16 1922: Author Louis E. Lomax born.	17 1849: Lawyer-activist Archibald Henry Grimké, who challenged segregationist policies of President Woodrow Wilson, born.	18 1859: Harriet Wilson's <i>Our Nig</i> is first novel published by a black writer.	19 1954: Dr. Ralph J. Bunche named undersecretary of United Nations.	20 1993: Dr. David Satcher named director of the Centers for Disease Control.	21 1904: Bandleader and composer William "Count" Basie born.
22 1880: Cartoonist George Herriman born.	23 1926: Carter Woodson, historian, author, inaugurates Negro History Week.	24 1950: Judge Edith Sampson named first black delegate to United Nations.	25 1925: A. Phillip Randolph founds Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.	26 1946: Composer, singer and producer Valerie Simpson Ashford born.	27 1963: W.E.B. DuBois, scholar, civil rights activist and founding father of the NAACP, dies.	28 1963: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivers "I Have A Dream" speech during March on Washington, D.C.
29 1920: Saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker born.	30 1983: Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr. becomes the first African American astronaut in space.	31 1836: Henry Blair patents cotton planter.				