



Today in History

July 4, 1802

▲ **The United States Military Academy opened at West Point, New York. Originally built as a fort, it sits on strategic high ground overlooking the Hudson River**

1904: Construction of the Panama Canal, linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, began

1997: The Mars Pathfinder landed on the red planet, the first spacecraft to land on Mars in over two decades

2012: The discovery of a subatomic particle, subsequently confirmed to be the Higgs boson, was announced

2017: North Korea tested its first long-range ICBM, sparking a war of words with the United States