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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Here is the Space Force's new rank structure](#)
(29 Jan) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
The Space Force's new ranks are here.
2. [In uncertain economic times, some of the services are upping their recruiting goals](#)
(2 Feb) *Military Times*, By Meghann Myers
A down economy is notoriously fertile ground for military recruiting, setting up an opportunity for the services to shore up their end strengths while the civilian job market is in crisis.
3. [Space Force is looking for a few good soldiers, sailors](#)
(3 Feb) *Military Times*, By Meghann Myers
Going into its second year, the Space Force has a uniform, a rank structure more than 2,000 newly minted guardians getting the military's newest service off the ground.
4. [The National Guard's new recruiting pitch: The world is a dumpster fire, but you can fix it](#)
(3 Feb) *Task & Purpose*, By James Clark
The Guard's most recent spot is part of a new campaign geared toward "The Next Greatest Generation."
5. [In defense of the all-volunteer force](#)
(4 Feb) *Military Times*, By Dana T. Atkins
The all-volunteer force remains a successful reform born out of the Vietnam era. Evidence of this success is noteworthy this year for many reasons.
6. [Space Force building plan to combine active-duty and reserve service](#)
(10 Feb) *Air Force Magazine*, By Rachel S. Cohen
Space Force officials are fleshing out the details of a unique approach to military service that combines active-duty and reserve commitments, hoping that design will provide more flexibility for families and ultimately keep people in uniform longer.
7. [Retired 3- and 4-Star Generals Petition Court to Add Women to Draft Registration](#)
(12 Feb) *Military.com*, By Patricia Kime
Ten retired general and flag officers, including the former director of the National Security Agency, have filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting expansion of draft registration to include women.
8. [Supreme Court asked to declare the all-male military draft unconstitutional](#)
(19 Feb) *The Hill*, By Alexandra Kelley
The ACLU issued a new petition saying women should be required to register for enlistment as well.
9. [Nearly 1,000 girls become first female Eagle Scouts](#)
(23 Feb) *CBS News*
Two years after girls were first allowed into the Boy Scouts, almost 1,000 of them rose to the top rank of Eagle Scout.
10. [First female army recruiter stationed in Ohio](#)
(26 Feb) *WDTN*, By Lane Ball
More women are joining the armed forces every day and military recruiters are looking for more to enlist. Local Company Commander Captain Ryan Miller says women play a key role in the military and they are working to increase their recruitment numbers.



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EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

11. [Navy task force makes 56 recommendations to address diversity and bias](#)
(29 Jan) Stars and Stripes, By Caitlin M. Kenney
"Creating an adviser for policy related to women's issues was also recommended after "significant feedback" from the listening sessions and focus groups, according to the report. In addition to the adviser, there would be an advisory group to provide input on such issues as uniform and grooming standards, as a way to improve retention and career progression."
12. [The pandemic has derailed women's careers and livelihoods. Is America giving up on them?](#)
(29 Jan) Fortune, By Maria Aspan and Emma Hinchliffe
In early 2020, just before the first U.S. patient was diagnosed with COVID-19, women crossed a major employment milestone. The labor market was booming. Health care, education, and other service sectors largely staffed by female workers were racing to hire more people. And for a few shining months in early 2020, government data showed that women outnumbered men in the U.S. paid workforce. Then "the whole house burned down," says Michael Madowitz, a labor economist at the Center for American Progress.
13. [Air Force forms permanent office for diversity, inclusion, equity](#)
(2 Feb) UPI, By Christen McCurdy
The Department of the Air Force has formed a permanent Office of Diversity and Inclusion, which was stood up on Jan. 11 following recommendations for its creation.
14. [Hicks Takes Reins as Deputy Secretary of Defense](#)
(9 Feb) DoD News, By Jim Garamone
The Defense Department's glass ceiling is cracking: Kathleen H. Hicks was confirmed by the Senate as the 35th deputy secretary of defense.
15. [DOD Announces New Deputy Secretary of Defense](#)
(9 Feb) Immediate Release
The Honorable Dr. Kathleen H. Hicks was sworn in as the 35th Deputy Secretary of Defense today.
16. [In historic first, women begin boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego](#)
(9 Feb) San Diego Union-Tribune, By Andrew Dyer
The new integrated company is the first step toward fully integrating the Corps' West Coast boot camp.
17. [Female Marine Recruits Arrive at San Diego Boot Camp for Historic Coed Training](#)
(10 Feb) Military.com, By Gina Harkins
Sixty female recruits have arrived at the Marine Corps' all-male training site, where they'll complete boot camp in a coed company for the first time in the base's 100-year history.
18. [Scores for the Army's new fitness test may not end up 'gender-neutral' after all](#)
(11 Feb) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky
"We had this big thing of inclusion but this is one of the biggest eye sores that goes against inclusion."
19. [Army's revamped ACFT would create 'gender-specific' promotion evaluation categories](#)
(11 Feb) Military.com, By Matthew Cox
The U.S. Army is evaluating a new version of its gender-neutral Army Combat Fitness Test, one that would likely create "gender-specific" evaluation categories for men and women when it comes time for promotion.



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20. [**An obscure Air Force height requirement is preventing some women from becoming career enlisted aviators**](#)
(11 Feb) Task & Purpose, By David Roza
A branch whose motto is “Aim High” might set its height requirements a little lower for airmen who want to be career enlisted aviators, which is the umbrella term for 10 enlisted flying jobs such as loadmaster, flight engineer, inflight refueling specialist, or even sensor operator for a remotely piloted aircraft.
21. [**Army looking at ways to ‘account for biological differences’ with new fitness test**](#)
(12 Feb) Army Times, By Kyle Rempfer
Army officials are evaluating a version of the stalled Army Combat Fitness Test that would account for biological differences between men and women, according to Training and Doctrine Command.
22. [**Air Force should change height standards for enlisted aviators too, Guard official says**](#)
(12 Feb) Military.com, By Oriana Pawlyk
An Air National Guard official wants the Air Force to change height restrictions for career enlisted aviators since it's already done so for pilots.
23. [**Promotions for female generals were delayed over fears of Trump’s reaction**](#)
(17 Feb) New York Times, By Eric Schmitt and Helene Cooper
Under a Biden administration, the nominations are expected to go from the Pentagon to the White House within weeks and then to the Senate for approval.
24. [**Women in the Air Force are finally getting body armor that fits**](#)
(17 Feb) Task & Purpose, By David Roza
At long last, female airmen with the 377th Security Forces Group at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico have become one of the first to get fitted with protective vests designed for them.
25. [**More than a Test: Building a culture of Army fitness**](#)
(17 Feb) Modern War Institute at West Point, By John Spencer and Robby Boutwell
The most fundamental difference between the ACFT and APFT is that the new test incorporates years of advancements and understanding in the fields of exercise science, physiology, sports medicine, and injury prevention. These advancements are also reflected in the evolution of CrossFit, and the similarities between the science, theories, and even movements associated with the ACFT and CrossFit are inescapable.
26. [**Marine Corps disables comments on Twitter post about women training at San Diego recruit depot**](#)
(18 Feb) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
A tweet from the official Marine Corps Twitter account about a historical first for women in the Corps has drawn questions because of a decision to disable reader comments.
27. [**Department of the Air Force launches second disparity review, focusing on women, Hispanics and other minorities**](#)
(19 Feb) Air Force Times, By Kent Miller
The Department of the Air Force Inspector General’s Office is launching the second phase of its review of racial, ethnic and gender disparities in the Air Force and Space Force, this time focusing on women, Hispanics, Asians, American Indian/Alaskan natives and Hawaiian and other Pacific islanders.
28. [**Don’t feed the trolls: Why the Marine Corps says it disabled Twitter comments on a post about women at San Diego**](#)
(19 Feb) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
The Marine Corps disabled comments on two tweets about the history-making recruits and Marines who are part of the first platoon of women to be trained at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.



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29. [Army's revised grooming standards loosen up hairstyle regulations, allow for earrings](#)
(24 Feb) Fox News, By Paul Best
The new regulations "support diversity, equity and inclusion."
30. [Kirtland AFB receives body armor tailored for women](#)
(24 Feb) Air Force Times, By Diana Stancy Correll
New body armor specifically tailored for women is arriving at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico — part of a larger effort within the Air Force to provide women better-fitting equipment.
31. [Yes, there is a 'pink tax' on women's military uniforms, report finds](#)
(25 Feb) Military.com, By Hope Hodge Seck
A new congressionally ordered report into the out-of-pocket costs incurred by service members for uniform items confirms the long-held suspicion of many female troops that they're paying more than their male counterparts -- and shows that sometimes the difference is dramatic.
32. [Pioneering female Ranger School grad: Lowering fitness standards for women is a bad idea](#)
(25 Feb) Military.com, By Stephen Losey
The Army's first female infantry officer is urging the service not to revert to separate fitness standards for men and women.
33. [Active-duty women pay up to 10 times more than men for mandatory uniform items, GAO report says](#)
(26 Feb) Stars and Stripes, By Jennifer H. Svan
The hardest hit are female Marines, who pay nearly 10 times more uniform expenses out of their own pockets than males do over a 20-year career, said the report released Thursday by the Government Accountability Office. That equates to thousands of dollars, it said.
34. [A trailblazing female Ranger grad has reignited the debate over the Army's controversial new fitness test](#)
(27 Feb) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky
Capt. Kristen Griest, one of the first women to graduate from the Army's Ranger School and the first female infantry officer, reignited the debate over the new Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) on Thursday with an article criticizing Army plans that would separate soldiers' test scores by gender.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

35. [Video: New Pentagon Chief Addressing Sexual Assault in Military](#)
(29 Jan) Posted by Military.com
New U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is addressing sexual assault and harassment in his first directive since taking office.
36. [If Austin is serious about preventing sexual assault, why is Hyten still vice chief?](#)
(31 Jan) Defense One, By Don Christensen
The Air Force general was never cleared of nine alleged incidents of unwanted sexual contact. The vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. John Hyten, is being sued for sexual assault in federal court by Kathryn Spletstoser, a retired Army colonel and a decorated combat veteran.
37. [These Marines devoted their lives to the Corps. Then they were singled out for having children](#)
(31 Jan) Military.com, By Gina Harkins
Gunnery Sgt. Julianna Pinder's daughter Lillianna was significantly smaller than other babies her age. Her weight fell in just the 3rd percentile, and the baby's pediatrician diagnosed her with a condition called failure to thrive, which can have long-term



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effects on an infant's development if not addressed. Pinder's attention quickly shifted from dropping enough weight to keep her career on track to doing what was needed to keep her daughter healthy.

38. [**Navy drops charges against SEAL accused of sexual assault**](#)

(2 Feb) *The Associated Press*, By Julie Watson

The U.S. Navy on Tuesday dropped sexual assault charges against an enlisted SEAL in a case involving a female sailor at a Fourth of July party in Iraq that had prompted the rare withdrawal of the special operations unit from the Middle East in 2019.

39. [**Here's what soldiers think of the Army's new grooming standards**](#)

(3 Feb) *Task & Purpose*, By Haley Britzky

To absolutely no one's surprise, the response to the Army's new hair and grooming standards has been...mixed.

40. [**Senior Marine Corps counsel ridicules sexual assault survivor at court-martial hearing**](#)

(4 Feb) *The War Horse*, By Thomas J. Brennan

Thae Ohu nervously wrung her hands as she sat in the courtroom waiting for her court-martial hearing to begin.

41. [**Army's 18th Airborne Corps is looking for soldiers' ideas to curb sexual assault and harassment**](#)

(8 Feb) *Stars & Stripes*, By Corey Dickstein

The Army's 18th Airborne Corps wants soldiers to pitch ideas for improving the service's sexual assault and harassment prevention program that they believe would better address the long-standing problem within its ranks, the corps announced Monday.

42. [**Marine mothers are now exempt from fitness tests for 1 year after giving birth**](#)

(8 Feb) *Marine Corps Times*, By Philip Athey

The Marine Corps will extend the postpartum moratorium on physical fitness from nine months to 12 months, according to an administrative message released from the Marine Corps on Monday.

43. [**Sexual assault survivors are twice as likely to leave the military voluntarily, report finds**](#)

(9 Feb) *Military Times*, By Meghann Myers

The two years after a sexual assault are a make-or-break time for military careers, according to a Rand Corp. study published Monday, as survivors are twice as likely to leave service during the first 28 months after an attack.

44. [**Service members in several minority groups more likely to attempt suicide, report finds**](#)

(9 Feb) *Stars & Stripes*, By John Vandiver

Other findings involved gender disparities, with military women being more likely than men to report mental health problems.

45. [**Behind the Braids: Reservists play key role in first women's hair policy change in 70 years**](#)

(10 Feb) *Air Force Reserve Command*, By Bo Joyner

As an outcome of the 101st Air Force uniform board, Air Force women will be able to wear their hair in up to two braids or a single ponytail with bulk not exceeding the width of the head and length not extending below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades. In addition, women's bangs may now touch their eyebrows, but not cover their eyes.

46. [**The Marine Corps now has a physical training handbook for pregnant Marines**](#)

(10 Feb) *Task & Purpose*, By Paul Szoldra

Marines now have an official handbook to help keep them in shape through pregnancy and beyond.



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47. [**A call to end gender-based violence in the military**](#)
(11 Feb) Military Times, By Melissa E. Dichter, Gala True and Glenna Tinney
On Dec. 8, 2020, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy suspended or fired 14 military leaders for failing to adequately prevent, stop, or intervene in a culture of sexual assault and violence at Fort Hood Army base. This was necessary, but nowhere near sufficient.
48. [**Experiencing sexual assault doubles odds that troops will leave military, report finds**](#)
(11 Feb) Military.com, By Matthew Cox
U.S. military personnel who have experienced sexual assault are twice as likely to leave the military within 28 months of an attack, according to a new Rand Corp. report.
49. [**Female Marines who called out the Corps commend new postpartum policy**](#)
(11 Feb) Military.com, By Gina Harkins
The Marine Corps is now giving new moms a full year to meet fitness and weight requirements after childbirth, making it among the military's longest postpartum recovery periods.
50. [**Toxic leadership: The real culprit of military rape culture**](#)
(12 Feb) Marine Corps Times, By Kerri Jeter
Right now there is a perfect case study for the defense secretary to be presented with — the case of a young Marine, Cpl. Thae Ohu, who is currently facing assault charges stemming from trauma from a previous sexual assault.
51. [**White troops, especially women, tend to have more mental health concerns, report finds**](#)
(15 Feb) Military Times, By Meghann Myers
“Regarding gender, women are more likely than men to suffer from depression and PTSD,” the authors wrote.
52. [**DOD Taking Steps to Prevent Sexual Assault, Extremism**](#)
(19 Feb) DoD News, By David Vergun
Sexual assault and extremism will not be tolerated in the Defense Department, and steps are being taken to ensure that, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said at a Pentagon press briefing.
53. [**Seven soldiers to present their ideas on improving the Army’s program targeting sexual assault**](#)
(18 Feb) Stars & Stripes, By Caitlin M. Kenney
Seven soldiers have been chosen to present their ideas next week as part of the Army’s 18th Airborne Corps’ attempt to find solutions for eliminating sexual assault and harassment in the service, the corps announced Thursday.
54. [**Commission Examining Problem of Sexual Assault in Military to Start Soon**](#)
(22 Feb) DoD News, By Jim Garamone
A commission to examine the problem of sexual assault in the military has 90 days to compile its recommendations to Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III.
55. [**Austin vows stronger action against sexual assault in the military**](#)
(19 Feb) Washington Post, By Missy Ryan and Dan Lamothe
Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Friday vowed to take stronger action against sexual crimes in the military after a Marine said in a viral video that the service had failed to punish her “perpetrator,” whom defense officials described as a colleague accused of disseminating private imagery of her without her consent.
56. [**How a viral video could force a cultural reckoning in the Marine Corps**](#)
(20 Feb) Task & Purpose, By Paul Szoldra
“This is exactly why fucking females in the military fucking kill themselves.”



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57. [**The Army's sexual assault prevention program is broken. These soldiers have ideas on how to fix it**](#)
(22 Feb) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky
The Army is finally doing what it perhaps should have done all along to prevent sexual assault and harassment: Asking soldiers for their ideas about what will actually work.
58. [**A viral video adds urgency to military sexual assault, harassment**](#)
(23 Feb) Wall Street Journal, By Nancy A. Youssef and Gordon Lubold
Defense chief says woman's complaint is 'disturbing,' wants answers about her case as well as others.
59. [**Pentagon commission on sexual assault to be announced by end of week**](#)
(23 Feb) UPI, By Christen McCurdy
Defense secretary Lloyd Austin will formally announce the formation, makeup and start of military's 90-day commission on sexual assault by the end of the week.
60. [**Kadena airman pleads guilty to recording, distributing lewd video without subject's consent**](#)
(23 Feb) Stars & Stripes, By Erica Earl
Senior Airman Dante Torello of the 353rd Special Operations Group pleaded guilty to videoing his victim's genitalia without consent and distributing the recording, according to the court docket. Senior Airman Ian Cadavona, of the same unit, is also charged with making and distributing an indecent recording, along with committing oral sex on someone without their consent and attempting to erase evidence. Torello's and Cadavona's cases are connected.
61. [**This new program aims to make it easier for Marines to be moms and warriors**](#)
(23 Feb) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
The 1st Marine Logistics Group has launched a new program that hopes to make it easier for a Marine to be both a mom and a warrior. The new Artemis program will allow Marines on Camp Pendleton, California, where the Marine logistics group is located, to join Artemis groups and work with an Artemis mentor, with the specific goal of making it easier for pregnant and postpartum Marines to receive base resources and know they are not alone.
62. [**Department of Defense Releases Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies for Academic Program Year 2019-2020**](#)
(25 Feb) Immediate Release
The Department of Defense released the Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies for Academic Program Year 2019-2020.
63. [**Plan to remove handling of military sexual misconduct from chain of command sees new momentum**](#)
(24 Feb) Military Times, By Leo Shane III
The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said he is considering plans to establish an independent prosecutor to handle all sex crimes in the military, a potentially major change to the Uniform Code of Military Justice stemming from years of frustration over the Defense Department's handling of the issue.
64. [**'I Am Not a One in a Million Story': Marine Speaks Out After Viral TikTok Video About Sexual Misconduct**](#)
(24 Feb) Military.com, By Gina Harkins
The Marine noncommissioned officer whose video about being the victim of sexual misconduct in the military was shared widely last week says it's not her job to fix a system she did not break.



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65. [Fort Bliss commander wants leaders in barracks more often to stop sexual harassment, assault](#)
(25 Feb) *Military.com*, By Matthew Cox
The commander of Fort Bliss, Texas, has launched a new effort to eliminate "corrosive" behaviors such as sexual assault and harassment, including a policy that requires unit leaders to have an increased presence in soldier barracks.
66. [Military academies sex assault numbers were steady, then COVID hit](#)
(25 Feb) *Military Times*, By Todd South
The number of sexual assaults at the military service academies was lower than the previous academic year, but it likely would have been at least at the same level had schools not sent students home in the fourth quarter due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report.
67. [Former White House Advisor to Lead DOD Commission on Sexual Assault](#)
(26 Feb) *DoD News*, By C. Todd Lopez
The Defense Department announced that Lynn Rosenthal will head an independent review commission on sexual assault in the military, the Pentagon press secretary said.
68. [Immediate Actions to Counter Sexual Assault and Harassment and the Establishment of a 90-Day Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military](#)
(26 Feb) *U.S. Department of Defense Publications*
A document regarding a memo directing immediate actions to counter sexual assault and harassment.
69. ['Nothing Happened to This Dude:' Soldiers Call for Consequences, Changes to Prevent Sexual Assault](#)
(26 Feb) *Military.com*, By Richard Sisk
Army Sgt. Taylor Kneuen's call for improving the military's response to sexual assaults grew out of her own experience. Kneuen, 28, says she was sexually assaulted by a noncommissioned officer in March 2020 while deployed supporting the Department of Homeland Security at the U.S.-Mexico border. She filed an unrestricted report, which was later joined by the alleged perpetrator's own company commander, who said she too had been sexually assaulted by him two weeks before.
70. [Army crowdsources ideas to combat sexual assault crisis in the military](#)
(28 Feb) *The Associated Press*, By Sarah Blake Morgan
The Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program has been the subject of much scrutiny, especially following the slaying of Spc. Vanessa Guillen by a fellow soldier inside a Fort Hood, Texas, armory last April.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

71. [Meet the bomber pilot who will be leading the Super Bowl flyover](#)
(2 Feb) *Fox 13*, By Jennifer Holton
Captain Sarah Kociuba has a pretty impressive resume. She's a B-2 instructor pilot, has flown more than 90 combat missions, and has more than 1,700 flying hours in five different aircraft. Come Sunday, she'll be adding "Super Bowl flyover flight lead."
72. [Air Force major charged with sexually assaulting, buying alcohol for junior airmen](#)
(2 Feb) *Task & Purpose*, By David Roza
Maj. Elaine C. Christian, a force support officer, allegedly groped "a specially protected junior member of the armed forces" in the fall of 2019, according to a charge sheet provided to Task & Purpose by the Air Force Academy.
73. [Two former Naval Academy athletes hope to walk on the moon as part of NASA's Artemis Team](#)
(2 Feb) *Capital Gazette*, By Katherine Fominykh
Some kids want to be astronauts when they grow up. Not Kayla Barron.



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74. [**Navy sailor comes home from overnight shift to find Chesapeake Amber Alert baby**](#)
(5 Feb) Daily Press, By David Ress
Petty Officer Devyn Drake stopped by her apartment mailbox early Wednesday morning and spotted something out of the corner of her eye. It was an infant car seat. She walked over, and spotted 3-month-old Vanessa Varrios-Dasilva in it.
75. [**First Female Field Artillery Commander in Florida**](#)
(9 Feb) Army News, By Valeria Pete
A historic moment for Florida as the first female assumes command of a Field Artillery (FA) Battery in the State. Capt. Jane M. Ramey assumed command of B/3-116th Field Artillery Battalion on December 6, 2020, making her the first female Field Artillery Officer to command an FA battery in the Florida Army National Guard (FLARNG).
76. [**The Air Force's top enlisted leader opens up about her recent Facebook firestorms**](#)
(9 Feb) Task & Purpose, By David Roza
The Air Force's top enlisted leader gave her side on a series of social media comments that ignited a wave of rage-filled posts directed at her from airmen on Facebook and Reddit.
77. [**Top enlisted airman says she'll keep connecting online after social media blunder**](#)
(10 Feb) Military.com, By Oriana Pawlyk
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne Bass would share every airman's story if she could. Knowing an individual's backstory helps people connect on a deeper level, be open to different points of view and find shared experiences, she believes.
78. [**First female amputee to return to duty, now paving the way for future pilots at USAFA**](#)
(11 Feb) KKTU, By Ashley Franco
Maj. Christy Wise, a United States Air Force Academy graduate and the first woman amputee to return to flying duty is now heading back to where it all started to help future pilots.
79. [**General Officer Assignments**](#)
(12 Feb) Immediate Release
The secretary, U.S. Air Force, announced general officer assignments.
- Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Sharon R. Bannister will be assigned as director, medical operations, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Falls Church, Virginia. Bannister is currently serving as the command surgeon and assistant surgeon for dental services, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.
 - Brig. Gen. Jeannine M. Ryder will be assigned as commander, 59th Medical Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Ryder is currently serving as commander, 711th Human Performance Wing; and chief, Air Force Nurse Corps, Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
80. [**Navy's First Black, Female Four-Star Admiral Joins Commission on Renaming Bases**](#)
(12 Feb) Military.com, By Hope Hodge Seck
Austin's four nominees to the commission include retired Adm. Michelle Howard, the former vice chief of naval operations and the highest-ranking woman and African American in the Navy's history.
81. [**First female Muslim chaplain graduates from Air Force Chaplain Corps College**](#)
(18 Feb) DVIDS, By Airman 1st Class Jackson Manske
1st Lt. Saleha Jabeen, the U.S. Military's first female Muslim chaplain, graduated from Air Force Basic Chaplain Course Feb. 5, 2021, on Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



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82. **'I found the video deeply disturbing': Here's what we know about the viral video of a female Marine claiming her alleged 'perpetrator' will be allowed to stay in the Corps**
(19 Feb) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
The Marine Corps is looking into the details surrounding a viral video that shows a female Marine weeping after she allegedly found out a male Marine she claims admitted to perpetrating a sexual crime against her will remain in the Corps, despite his confession.
83. **Wisconsin Air National Guard identifies staff sergeant who was one of two killed in civilian plane crash**
(20 Feb) Air Force Times, By Howard Altman
Staff Sgt. Remington K. Viney, 26, was killed in the aircraft crash in Wisconsin, according to the wing's Facebook page.
84. **Sergeant Major discovers the formula to success and endurance**
(20 Feb) 98th Training Division -Initial Entry Training, By Maj. Michelle Lunato
After 25 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserve, Sgt. Maj. Lynei Woodard may not have developed that chemical formula she envisioned as a young private, but she came up with something even better: a formula for endurance and success in both her Reserve and civilian careers.
85. **History-Making U-2 Pilot Puts Her Toughness to the Test in CBS Reality Show 'Tough as Nails'**
(21 Feb) Military.com, By Oriana Pawlyk
The first and only Black woman to fly the U-2 Dragon Lady reconnaissance aircraft has a starring role in a CBS reality show highlighting "everyday Americans" who use their physical and mental toughness to overcome challenges.
86. **General Officer Assignments**
(23 Feb) Immediate Release
The chief of staff of the Army announced general officer assignments:
- Brig. Gen. Christine A. Beeler, commanding general, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, to commanding general, Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.
 - Brig. Gen. Michele H. Bredenkamp, director of intelligence, U.S. Forces Korea; and deputy director of intelligence, Combined Forces Command, Republic of Korea, to commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.
87. **Flag Officer Announcements**
(24 Feb) Immediate Release
Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced that the president has made the following nominations:
- Rear Adm. (lower half) Sara A. Joyner for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Joyner is currently serving as chief of legislative affairs, Washington, D.C.
 - Capt. Jennifer S. Couture for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Couture is currently serving as assistant chief of staff, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia.
88. **General Officer Announcements**
(24 Feb) Immediate Release
Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced that the president has made general officer nominations:
- Brig. Gen. Sharon R. Bannister has been appointed to the grade of major general. Bannister is currently serving as the command surgeon, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.
 - Brig. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman has been appointed to the grade of major general. Lenderman is currently serving as the director, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.



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- Brig. Gen. Heather L. Pringle has been appointed to the grade of major general. Pringle is currently serving as the commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

89. [Flag Officer Announcements](#)

(26 Feb) Immediate Release

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced that the president has made the following nominations:

- Capt. Kristin Acquavella has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Acquavella is currently serving as director, plans and policies, N415, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.
- Capt. Maria L. Aguayo has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Aguayo is currently serving as chief of staff, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

WOMEN VETERANS

90. [Ohio town reckons with 2 military veterans charged in Capitol riot](#)

(31 Jan) The Associated Press, By Farnoush Amiri and Dan Sewell

Army veteran Jessica Watkins tended bar and recruited members for a local militia group she has said in social media posts she founded in 2019. She affiliated it with the Oath Keepers, an extremist, militaristic group believed to have thousands of members nationally, authorities say.

91. [Five African-American women who made U.S. military history](#)

(1 Feb) Air Force Security Assistance & Cooperation Directorate, By Jonathan Tharp

February is the celebration of African American history and the accomplishments of black people around the world. There are many female pioneers in African American history.

92. [Black female WWII soldiers inspire generations of Black women in the military](#)

(1 Feb) KSHB, By Cynthia Newsome

More than 75 years after World War II, a group of African American female soldiers in the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion are being honored as heroes.

93. [Army veteran and spouse found slain at on-post home in Hawaii is laid to rest in Florida](#)

(1 Feb) Stars and Stripes, By Wyatt Olson

Selena Roth, the 25-year-old Army veteran and military spouse who died last month at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, was laid to rest Monday in a graveside service in central Florida.

94. [5 African American women who made U.S. military history](#)

(8 Feb) Air Force Security Assistance & Cooperation Directorate, By Trishawn Smith and Bridgette Baldwin

Many black women also broke barriers while serving in the U.S. military. These women worked on the front lines or provided support to U.S. soldiers and civilian employees.

95. [New VA secretary vows to 'redouble' efforts to help military sexual trauma survivors](#)

(9 Feb) Military.com, By Patricia Kime

Former White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough became the 11th secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs during a ceremonial swearing-in ceremony Tuesday at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C.



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Articles of Interest

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96. [VA gynecologist who traumatized patients, made lewd comments was kept on for years despite complaints](#)

(10 Feb) Military.com, By Patricia Kime

A Department of Veterans Affairs gynecologist in Biloxi, Mississippi, made graphic and lewd comments to patients while conducting pelvic examinations, joked about sex with them and otherwise traumatized veterans under his care, yet he remained on staff for years after an administrator became aware of complaints, a VA investigation has found.

97. [Tattooed vet competes for cover girl spot with 'Inked' magazine](#)

(22 Feb) Military Times, By Sarah Sicard

Army veteran Marie Oberloh's first tattoo was her name in Korean. She, like many who go under the needle, fell in love with ink soon after, an obsession that eventually turned her body into a canvas for numerous works of art.