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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

- [Enlisted? Want to be a nurse? Now's your chance to get commissioned](#)**
(20 Dec) Air Force Times, By Stephen Losey
Under this program, enlisted airmen can earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing at a college or university that has an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment, or that has a cross-town agreement with a nearby school that has an ROTC program.
- [The Marine Corps has increased troop diversity with more minorities and women — but some critics say its not pushing future growth](#)**
(20 Dec) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
Increasing diversity in the force, with an emphasis on recruiting more women, has been a focus of the Marine Corps ever since the 2017 Marines United scandal that rocked the Corps.
- [New in 2020: What you should know about the Army's recruiting push in the new year](#)**
(30 Dec) Army Times, By Kyle Rempfer
The Army met its goal in signing up more than 68,000 active-duty soldiers before the end of fiscal year 2019. And it's on track to make roughly the same number for 2020 as it pushes to grow to a 500,000-strong active-duty force by the end of the next decade.
- [Will There Be a Draft? Young People Worry After Military Strike](#)**
(3 Jan) The New York Times, By Sarah Mervosh
Interest in the draft and "World War III" surged online, stalling the government website where young men are required to register. Here's what you need to know.
- [Selective Service System website crashes amid questions and fears of another US military draft](#)**
(3 Jan) CNN Politics, By Amir Vera
The Selective Service website crashed Friday because of "the spread of misinformation," the agency tweeted.
- [Could the strike on an Iranian general trigger a draft? The Selective Service, explained.](#)**
(4 Jan) The Washington Post, By Kayla Epstein
Google searches for terms such as "conscription," "Selective Service" and "Iran" spiked, according to Trends data, as youthful social media users on platforms like TikTok and Instagram dealt with this collective political anxiety the best way they knew how: by spinning out endless memes about getting drafted in a hypothetical, but seemingly imminent, World War III.
- [Captain Marvel' effect? Air Force Academy sees most female applicants in 5 years](#)**
(5 Jan) Military.com, By Oriana Pawlyk
When the Brie Larsen blockbuster "Captain Marvel" rolled out earlier this year, the Air Force launched an all-out recruiting effort, hoping to capitalize on the story of female fighter pilot-turned superhero Carol Danvers.
- [The Army wants you ... to revive its branding effort](#)**
(7 Jan) Army Times, By J. D. Simkins
The Army is ready to put in whatever work it takes to no longer be the target of ad campaign mockery.
- [People are panicking about military draft, stop-loss and IRR activation. Here's the reality](#)**
(7 Jan) Military.com, By Gina Harkins
The day after a U.S. airstrike took out a prominent Iranian general in Iraq, the Selective Service System's website crashed.



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10. [**In the IRR or National Guard marking your time? Activation and deployment orders — know your rights or go at your own peril**](#)
(8 Jan) *Military Times*, By David P. Sheldon and Shannon James
You have been marking time in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) or even the National Guard or the Army Reserves for almost a decade now. You have established a career, a family, and the responsibilities that come with those things when suddenly you are faced with activation and deployment orders. Your world just blew up. Now what?
11. [**US Army warns about fake text messages about military draft**](#)
(9 Jan) *CNN*, By Brian Fung
The US Army is warning Americans about a wave of "fraudulent text messages" falsely telling Americans they have been drafted into military service.
12. [**Snowflakes and deplorables, unite. Is it time to consider a national service requirement?**](#)
(10 Jan) *Military Times*, By Kepler Knott
Many of us who are concerned about the direction of our country seek ways to revitalize America's civic culture and re-validate our nation's motto, e pluribus unum ("out of many, one").
13. [**Marine command group at major recruiting station fired for failing to meet mission**](#)
(10 Jan) *Stars & Stripes*, By Immanuel Johnson
The commander of Recruiting Station Cleveland in Ohio, Maj. Brandon Currie, Sgt. Maj. Christopher Lillie and the operations officer, whom officials declined to name, were fired last week by Col. Robert Clark, commanding officer of 4th Marine Corps district.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

14. [**The Navy is buying equipment that makes it easier for female pilots to pee**](#)
(19 Dec) *Military.com*, By Hope Hedge Seck
"They're flying long missions overseas," Cmdr. Eddie Park, director of diversity and inclusion at Naval Air Forces, told the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services earlier this month. "Who wants to hold their pee for four hours?"
15. [**The Navy Is Buying Equipment that Makes it Easier for Female Pilots to Pee**](#)
(19 Dec) *Military.com*, By Hope Hedge Seck
The Navy has invested \$1 million in devices and uniforms that help pilots relieve themselves in-flight -- and it wants to spend \$2 million more to complete the effort. One of the goals of the initiative was to provide female jet pilots with a practical way to urinate on missions that can stretch on for hours with limited mobility, officials said.
16. [**Department of Defense Establishes U.S. Space Force**](#)
(20 Dec) *Department of Defense Releases*
Department of Defense Establishes U.S. Space Force Dec. 20, 2019 Today the President signed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act and with it, directed the establishment of the U.S. Space Force as the sixth branch of the armed forces.
17. [**Message to the Force on the U.S. Space Force**](#)
(20 Dec) *U.S. Department of Defense Publications*
Today, the United States took a giant leap forward in ensuring the security of our Nation with the establishment of the U.S. Space Force as the sixth branch of the Armed Forces.



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18. [**The Space Force is officially the sixth military branch. Here's what that means.**](#)
(21 Dec) Air Force Times, By Meghann Myers
Air Force officials on Friday told reporters that people are clamoring for information on how to join the military's latest branch. The short answer is, they're going to have to wait a while.
19. [**Navy may be close to getting first female special ops boat crewmen**](#)
(21 Dec) Military.com, By Hope Hedge Seck
One of the Navy's smallest and most elite communities may soon have its first female members. Three enlisted women are now in the training pipeline to become special warfare combatant-craft crewmen, small-boat operators frequently teamed with Navy SEALs for infiltration and exfiltration missions.
20. [**Space Force has its first launch: An official website**](#)
(23 Dec) Military.com, By Oriana Pawlyk
The U.S. Space Force has launched its official website, giving prospective service members a glimpse into the military's newest branch and how they can join the space mission.
21. [**May the \(Space\) Force Be With You**](#)
(23 Dec) Bloomberg, By James Stavridis
Here's what everyone should know about the Space Force.
22. [**US Navy proposes decommissioning first 4 LCS more than a decade early**](#)
(24 Dec) Defense News, By David B. Larter
The U.S. Navy has put forward a proposal to decommission the first four littoral combat ships in 2021 as part of a cost-savings measure, according to a memorandum from the White House's Office of Management and Budget to the Defense Department.
23. [**What you should know about the Army's new fitness test rollout**](#)
(26 Dec) Army Times, By Kyle Rempfer
The Army Combat Fitness Test entered a service-wide test phase this October and will transition to the physical test of record in October 2020. The service is working to dish out \$70 million worth of equipment to units across the force.
24. [**New in 2020: 'No-fail' PT testing**](#)
(26 Dec) Air Force Times, By Stephen Losey
By early 2020, airmen could have the chance to take a practice physical fitness examination early, with no risk of failing. Under the "no-fail" PT test concept the Air Force is finalizing, Airmen could try their fitness examination before it's due without worrying about a failure hurting, or even ending, their career. If the airman passes the test — which includes pushups, sit-ups, an abdominal circumference measurement also known as the "tape test," and a 1.5-mile run — it counts.
25. [**New in 2020: Planks on the Marine PFT — and how the Corps will try to stay the most fit branch**](#)
(26 Dec) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
The Marine Corps was found to be the thinnest -military branch, but the Corps has no plans to rest on its fitness laurels next year. Starting in 2020 Marines will have the option to either hold a plank or perform the normal crunches for the Physical Fitness Test. All Marines who chose to do the planks will be graded the same, regardless of gender or age, according to the MARADMIN announcing the change.
26. [**Will the Space Force control its own destiny?**](#)
(26 Dec) Defense News, By Eric Lofgren
The Space Force moved one step closer to reality as Congress passed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act on Dec. 17. Not only did the term "Space Force" prevail over "Space Corps," but more importantly the new service will gain substantial acquisition authorities.



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27. [**Astronaut Christina Koch sets new record for longest single space flight by a woman**](#)
(27 Dec) CBS News, By William Harwood
Astronaut Christina Koch, launched to the International Space Station on March 15, marks her 289th day in space Saturday, breaking retired astronaut Peggy Whitson's world record for the longest single space flight by a woman.
28. [**Platoon-level gender integration now required at Marine boot camp, as lawmakers still question recruit safety**](#)
(30 Dec) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
Gender integration is now coming to both Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, and the training depot in San Diego. Lawmakers also zeroed in on a study recently commissioned by the Marine Corps on the cost of gender integration at boot camp, questioning several assumptions made in the study, including the assumption that integration would not happen at the platoon level (as the 2020 NDAA now requires) and an assumption that the Marine Corps will not increase the number of women going to recruit training annually.
29. [**\\$30,000 bonuses for former reserve pilots to return as Corps tries fill aviation gaps**](#)
(8 Jan) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
The Marine Corps is offering \$30,000 bonuses for qualified aviators who agree to return to the active reserve component for three years in order to fill "critical aviation shortfalls," according to a December Marine message.
30. [**Due date looms for Space Force's first org chart**](#)
(10 Jan) Air Force Magazine, By Rachel S. Cohen
The Space Force has three weeks to come up with an initial organization plan that Congress wants by Feb. 1, a service official said Jan. 10.
31. [**Women Overtake Men as Majority of U.S. Workforce**](#)
(10 Jan) The Wall Street Journal, By Amara Omeokwe
Data reflect growth in services industries that employ higher numbers of women. Women held more U.S. jobs than men in December for the first time in nearly a decade, a development that likely reflects the future of the American workforce.
32. [**War Through a Gender Lens**](#)
(10 Jan) Responsible Statecraft, By Jeannette Gaudry Haynie and Kyleanne Hunter
On the same day that Iran attacked Al Asad air base, a place we both know well, a Washington Post op-ed recommended that, if world peace is the objective, we should let women run the world. While we have met our share of men and women who buck that stereotype, there is truth within that idea. Women's leadership matters because diverse leadership matters.
33. [**New in 2020: Big changes coming for Marine Corps jobs, gear as fight shifts near peer**](#)
(12 Jan) Marine Corps Times, By Todd South
Marines working in some traditional, stand-by fields such as aviation are likely to see their jobs change dramatically in the coming years as changes spelled out by the top Marine commence.
34. [**Hawaii Air National Guard to create Space Force squadron**](#)
(12 Jan) The Associated Press
The Hawaii Air National Guard will start selecting candidates in April for one of four space control squadrons in the country in the Air National Guard, military officials said.
35. [**2 goals for one of the military's new space organizations**](#)
(13 Jan) C4ISRNET, By Nathan Strout
U.S. military space leaders are focusing on the integration of space capabilities with the services and improving partnership with allies, the head of the new Combined Force Space Component Command said Jan. 10.



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36. [NASA, Eyeing Moon, Hosts First Public Astronaut Graduation Ceremony](#)

(13 Jan) The Union Journal, By William Derringer

NASA commemorated its most recent course of finishing astronauts at a public ceremony in Houston, recognizing a varied and also gender-balanced team currently gotten spaceflight objectives consisting of America's go back to the Moon and also ultimate trip to Mars. After finishing greater than 2 years of standard training, the 6 women and 7 men were picked from a record-breaking 18,000 candidates and also stand for a variety of histories and also specialties, from pilots to researchers, designers and also medical professionals.

37. [Air Force Materiel Command to offer 'mock' fitness assessments that would count as the real thing if airmen pass](#)

(13 Jan) Stars & Stripes, By Brian Ferguson

Under a new rule that takes effect Jan. 20, airmen who are current on their fitness assessments may attempt up to three of the mock tests. "The practice tests aim to both motivate Airmen to maintain a year-round exercise and fitness program while reducing the stress many face during testing," AFMC Military Personnel and Programs branch chief Lt. Col. Rachel Marazita said Friday on the command's website.

38. [How would the Space Force wage war?](#)

(13 Jan) The Hill, By Mark R. Whittington

While the United States Space Force knows how it will fight wars beyond the atmosphere, those plans are so highly classified that industry is not able to build the things that will make war in space possible.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

39. [Armed forces to track race, ethnicity and gender of criminal suspects](#)

(19 Dec) Military Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz

The Services will soon begin tracking the race, ethnicity and gender of troops accused of crimes in the military justice system, as well as victims. Under the defense bill, each Service will for the first time be required to record and compile the data in their annual military justice reports.

40. [Over a third of domestic abuse victims trying to flee their partner plagued with financial abuse](#)

(24 Dec) Independent, By Maya Oppenheim

One in three domestic abuse victims trying to flee their partner have been plagued with financial abuse that leaves them unable to escape danger, figures show.

41. [Army colonel files federal lawsuit accusing vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of sexual assault](#)

(30 Dec) Task & Purpose, By Jeff Schogol

An Army officer has filed a federal lawsuit against Air Force Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, alleging that Hyten sexually assaulted her while she worked for him at U.S. Strategic Command. Col. Kathryn A. Spletstoser is seeking more than \$5 million in damages, according to her attorney.

42. [Air Force major convicted of sexually harassing subordinates appeals to Supreme Court](#)

(30 Dec) Stars & Stripes, By Nancy Montgomery

An Air Force pilot dismissed from the service for sexually harassing subordinates is asking the Supreme Court to overturn his convictions because his actions were merely "wishful thinking," his lawyers said.

43. [The Grooming Gap: What "Looking the Part" Costs Women](#)

(2 Jan) In These Times, By Mindy Isser

It's well known that a persistent wage gap exists for women workers in the United States, a gap that becomes even wider when race, industry, age and geography are taken into account. But less frequently discussed is the often silent expectation around appearance imposed on women workers, which has its own financial costs—known as the "grooming gap."



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44. **[Why this senior chief is going to court-martial](#)**
(3 Jan) Navy Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz
A senior chief is facing court-martial proceedings over allegations that he assaulted and sexually harassed shipmates while assigned to the dock landing ship Whidbey Island. Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Jose M. Hernandez-Gomez is charged with kissing and touching another Whidbey Island sailor without consent in 2016, according to charge sheets provided to Navy Times. He also is accused of sexually harassing five sailors on the ship from 2015 to 2018.
45. **[New in 2020: Possible upgrades to Marine Corps maternity uniforms](#)**
(3 Jan) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey
The Marine Corps is currently in the research and development phase on multiple updates to its maternity uniform, including adjustable tabs for the maternity shirt and a tunic and a commercial nursing shirt for the utility uniform.
46. **[Proposal would target sexual assault, harassment in the Coast Guard](#)**
(9 Jan) Military Times, By Leo Shane III
In the wake of a report last month detailing multiple failings in how the Coast Guard handles sexual assault and harassment allegations, a pair of U.S. senators are pushing for a new oversight committee to push the service towards improvements.
47. **[Giving birth now costs more than a US woman earns in a month](#)**
(9 Jan) New York Post, By Hannah Sparks
A new study revealed that the cost of childbirth has become exorbitant for many mothers — regardless of insurance status. Researchers found that pregnant women with employer-provided health insurance spent an average of \$4,500 out of pocket in 2015, the most recent data available. That's a 50% spike compared with 2007, when the cost was about \$3,000 out of pocket — and more than three times the rate of inflation during that period.
48. **[Second baby in the US born from transplanted uterus of deceased donor](#)**
(9 Jan) CNN Health, By Jacqueline Howard
It's estimated that uterine factor infertility -- in which abnormalities of the womb, such as MRKH, can hinder a woman's chances of becoming pregnant -- affect up to 1 in 500 reproductive-age women worldwide. Due to ongoing research, experimental treatment options for the condition now include uterine transplantation.
49. **[Army Reserve leaders accused of mishandling sexual assault claims](#)**
(12 Jan) The Associated Press, By Todd Richmond
Leaders of a U.S. Army Reserve unit that controls thousands of soldiers across the western United States have mishandled at least two sexual assault complaints by not referring them for outside investigation, according to victims, their advocate and documents obtained by The Associated Press.
50. **[Governor approves Wisconsin Guard sex assault ombudsman](#)**
(12 Jan) The Associated Press
Gov. Tony Evers on Friday approved a member of the Georgia National Guard to serve as the Wisconsin National Guard's new sexual misconduct ombudsman.
51. **[Appeals court overturns Naval Academy midshipman's sex assault conviction](#)**
(14 Jan) Navy Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz
Midshipman Mason W. Gilpin was found guilty of sexually assaulting a female midshipman referred to in the appeal ruling as "KS" while she was asleep and unable to consent. During his court-martial, a military judge "found him guilty of sexually assaulting her when she was 'asleep' and 'otherwise unaware,'" the panel wrote. "According to her friend, MIDN KS was 'crying' and 'hysterical' and said she woke up in her bed with her pants off and hickeys on her neck," the ruling states.



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SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

52. [NASA's Astronaut Candidates to Graduate with Eye on Artemis Missions](#)

(18 Dec) NASA Media Advisory (M19-140)

NASA will honor the first class of astronaut candidates to graduate under the Artemis program. After completing more than two years of basic training, these candidates will become eligible for spaceflight, including assignments to the International Space Station, Artemis missions to the Moon, and ultimately, missions to Mars. NASA's astronaut candidates include: LT Kayla Barton, U.S. Navy, and Maj Jasmin Moghbeli, U.S. Marine Corps.

53. [The Funky Chicken: Air Force Master Sergeant Has Food Running Around in Her Yard](#)

(23 Dec) Navy News, By Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jenn Lebron

When not in uniform, this Air Force Master Sgt. is busy growing her garden and chasing her chickens.

54. [U.S. Army combat medic saves airline passenger](#)

(23 Dec) Regional Health Command Europe, By Russell Toof

In a real-life situation reminiscent of something from a movie, a U.S. Army combat medic used the skills she learned from a 17-year career to help an unconscious passenger on a Dec. 14 flight from Portugal to Germany. "We were about 90 minutes from landing and the flight crew made an announcement that they were looking for a doctor onboard," said Sgt. 1st Class Teresa Prupis. "Nobody stood up so I did."

55. [Brigitte Jacobson, a retired Navy lieutenant commander and pilot, dies](#)

(30 Dec) The Baltimore Sun, By Jacques Kelly

Brigitte Jacobson, a former Navy lieutenant commander and pilot, died of cancer Dec. 17 at her North Baltimore home. She was 46. "Brigitte became one of only a few black female pilots in the Navy," said her husband, Michael Jacobson. In 2001 she was featured in a book about female pilots called "Yankee Doodle Gals," aimed at educating and inspiring young women.

56. [1st female Thunderbird pilot inspires Schriever](#)

(30 Dec) 50th Space Wing Public Affairs, By 2nd Lt. Idali Beltré Acevedo

Retired Col. Nicole Malachowski, the first female Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Team pilot, visited Schriever Air Force Base. Malachowski shared lunch with Airmen, toured the 2nd and 4th Space Operations Squadrons, and offered a keynote address to more than 110 Airmen. She shared her message of resurgence following medical challenges.

57. [First-Ever Female Piloted B-2 Stealth Bomber Flyover Kicks Off Rose Parade, New Decade](#)

(1 Jan) Pasadena Now

United States Air Force Lt. Col. Nicola "Rogue" Polidor makes history in Pasadena on New Year's Day as the first female pilot ever to fly the B2 Stealth bomber over the opening of the Rose Parade. The 8:03 a.m. B-2 flyover kicks off the Parade and Pasadena's first day of a new decade.

58. [We salute the all-women Air Force team that crushed a weapons loading competition dressed as Rosie the Riveter](#)

(7 Jan) Task & Purpose, By David Roza

The "Bouncing Bettys," the first all-female team to compete in Aviano's Rapid Aircraft Generation and Employment (RAGE) competition, rocked navy blue coveralls and red polka dot bandanas in an ode to the legendary Rosie the Riveter. "The team members wanted to represent the women that paved the way and were here before them during WWI and WWII, The Woman Ordnance workers," wrote Airman 1st Class Ericka Woolever.



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59. [Meet North Carolina National Guard's First African American, Female Black Hawk Pilot](#)
(8 Jan) North Carolina Public Radio, By Dana Terry and Frank Stasio
Captain Lindsey Jefferies was the first of her six siblings to graduate from college. As a child, her family struggled financially and was constantly on the move in search of better paying jobs and a lower cost of living. She hoped that getting a good education could be a ticket to a more secure future and set the goal of attending UNC-Chapel Hill. In 2013, Jefferies became the first African American female Black Hawk pilot in the North Carolina Army National Guard.
60. [Pennsylvania female soldier breaks barriers](#)
(9 Jan) CBS Local News 21, By Brian Sheehan
As the United States military continues moving towards gender equality in the workforce, more women are serving in combat positions. Sgt. Danielle Farber is the first female National Guard soldier in Pennsylvania who enlisted and graduated U.S. Army Ranger School.
61. [Fort Indiantown Gap instructor is first female Pa. Guard member to pass Army Ranger School](#)
(10 Jan) Pennsylvania Real-Time News, By Becky Metrick
A suburban Philadelphia native has become the first female member of the Pennsylvania National Guard to pass the U.S. Army Ranger School. Sgt. Danielle Farber, who works full time at Fort Indiantown Gap as an instructor at the Medical Battalion Training Site, Army Medical Department, graduated in December and is also one of the first two National Guard enlisted female soldiers, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard said in a statement Thursday.
62. [Navy board of inquiry clears Fitz lieutenant in fatal ship collision case](#)
(10 Jan) Navy Times, By Carl Prine
A Navy board of inquiry on Thursday ruled there's no reason to separate a lieutenant for dereliction of duty while serving on board the guided-missile destroyer Fitzgerald during a deadly 2017 collision that killed seven sailors, one of her attorneys told Navy Times. Lt. Natalie Combs now will be honorably discharged from the sea service after 11 years in uniform.
63. [Airman becomes the service's first female Muslim chaplain candidate](#)
(10 Jan) Air Force Times, By Stephen Losey
The Air Force last month commissioned the first female Muslim chaplain in the service. Second Lt. Saleha Jabeen was commissioned Dec. 18 at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago by Air Force Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Steven Schaick.
64. [Long Island Woman Jasmin Moghbeli Welcomed As Newest NASA Astronaut](#)
(10 Jan) CBS New York, By Jennifer McLogan
After completing more than two years of basic training, Jasmin Moghbeli is now eligible for spaceflight, including assignments to the International Space Station, Artemis missions to the Moon, and ultimately, missions to Mars. Moghbeli was one of 13 chosen from a record-setting pool of more than 18,000 applicants.
65. [Going for Gold for the Rosies](#)
(11 Jan) Explore: Stories from around the Defense Department, By C. Todd Lopez
Mae Krier's goal is to get a Congressional Gold Medal for "Rosies" -- women who worked in the defense industry during World War II.
66. [First all-women team enters Aviano bomb-building competition – and wins](#)
(11 Jan) Stars & Stripes, By Norman Llamas
The team, called the Bouncing Bettys, completed the Rapid Aircraft Generation and Employment competition dressed as Rosie the Riveter, the World War II icon.



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67. [General Officer Announcements](#)

(13 Jan) DoD News Release

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper announced general officer nominations made by the president:

- Air Force Col. Jennifer Hammerstedt has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Hammerstedt is currently serving as the military assistant to the deputy secretary of defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Air Force Col. Stacy J. Huser has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Huser is currently serving as the director, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.
- Air Force Col. Leslie A. Maher has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Maher is currently serving as the senior military assistant to the secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Air Force Col. Jennifer M. Short has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Short is currently serving as the executive assistant to the commander, Pacific Air Forces, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

68. [Naval Academy grad Kayla Barron is officially a NASA astronaut; now she's aiming for the moon](#)

(13 Jan) The Tri-City Herald, By Annette Cary

Over the last two years Kayla Barron has learned to fly a T-38 jet. She's also been on six-hour simulated space walks at Houston's John Space Center's 40-foot-deep pool that simulates the weightlessness that astronauts experience during spaceflights. That was just some of the hands-on training that prepared her to become one of the nation's 11 new astronauts to graduate Friday from NASA's astronaut basic training program. She is now one of just 48 astronauts in the nation.

69. [Meet the female Marine Corps aviation major who's now also an astronaut](#)

(13 Jan) ConnectingVets.com, By Elizabeth Howe

Maj. Jasmin Moghbeli has multiple degrees in aerospace engineering who has flown over 150 combat missions with the Marine Corps — oh and now she's an astronaut. Moghbeli just graduated with NASA's 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class — the class that is projected to send the first woman to the moon and the first humans to Mars.

70. [Air Force Colonel to Become First Female Wing Commander of Georgia Air National Guard](#)

(13 Jan) The Macon Telegraph, By Jenna Eason

Col. Holbeck will take control of the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Wing as the first female wing commander in the more than 70 year history of the Georgia Air National Guard.

71. [Reaching New Heights: Barksdale AFB Resident Becomes First Female B-52 Test Pilot](#)

(13 Jan) BeBossier.com, By Jessica Carr

Soaring above the clouds, Christin Hart Voor isn't the only passenger in her military aircraft. She is one of only a handful of female pilots that have flown while pregnant. To Voor, there is nothing else she'd rather be doing.

72. [Navy Lt. Kayla Barron Completes Astronaut Training, Sets Her Sights on the Stars](#)

(14 Jan) The Spokesman-Review, By Kip Hill

Kayla Barron can now be a little more specific about what she does for a living. "I normally say that I work at NASA," said Barron, 32, who was one of 11 NASA candidates for space missions who formally completed her training in Houston on Friday. "And a lot of people don't ask a follow-up question. Then you get to keep your anonymity for a little bit longer."

73. [Will the first woman on the moon be a Marine? Cobra pilot becomes one of NASA's newest astronauts](#)

(14 Jan) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey

After two years of intense training, Marine Maj. Jasmin Moghbeli became one of NASA's newest astronauts Friday. The Marine joins the force as it eyes putting the first woman on the moon and the first people on Mars.



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WOMEN VETERANS

74. [New Podcast Shares Stories of Women's Military Service](#)
(21 Dec) *The Maritime Executive*, By Denise Knepp
Amanda Huffman, a former Air Force Officer, has created a new podcast about women in the military. Her guests talk about deployments, dual service marriages, single parenting, transitioning out of the military, and more.
75. [WWII Army nurse turns 100, says her secret is to 'just keep breathing'](#)
(25 Dec) *Erie Times-News*, By David Bruce
The memories, now more than 75 years old, come as clearly to Boote as if they had happened just a few weeks ago. Born in Erie on Christmas Day, 1919, Boote will celebrate her 100th birthday Wednesday at the California Veterans Home in Fresno.
76. [This Retired Navy Nurse Left Millions to a Military Charity](#)
(27 Dec) *Military.com*, By Blake Stilwell
The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society received its largest-ever donation. The gift didn't come from a wealthy benefactor or from the proceeds of the previous year's Army-Navy Game. It was bequeathed by a former Navy nurse -- and it was the largest in the charity's 115-year history. Retired Cmdr. Helen Maznio never married and had no children. She considered the Navy and Marine Corps to be her family.
77. [97-year-old North Attleboro veteran gets long-deserved military recognition](#)
(27 Dec) *The Sun Chronicle*, By Kara Donohoe
Seventy-six years ago, Mary Donohoe, entered WW II, serving as a registered Navy nurse. She was stationed at the Naval hospital in New York caring for wounded servicemen. On a long weekend off from duty, my mother married her first late husband. When the war ended she received a satisfactory discharge instead of an honorable one because women were not allowed to marry. It was something that always bothered my mother; that women were scrutinized yet men were held to a different standard. Over her lifetime she wrote several letters to the Navy trying to amend her status; no one ever responded or seemed to care, until now.
78. [Raleigh WWII Veteran Celebrates 100th Birthday](#)
(29 Dec) *Spectrum News*, By Anton Day
Friends and family from across the country, as well as the Veterans Health Systems honored Anne Capucille, who turns 100 on December 31. The World War II veteran says she was the first female member of the American Legion and one of 18 women in the army back then. She was at Pearl Harbor, serving in the Women's Army Corps.
79. [Female veterans help other veterans through stressful times](#)
(31 Dec) *KOLD News 13*, By Gray DC
The suicide rate for female veterans is twice as high as the rate for females who did not serve in the military. That's according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Seven years ago, Navy hospital corpsman Tanzania Johnson tried to take her own life. She survived her attempt, got help and now wants other female veterans to know they're not alone.
80. [At 100, Navy nursing veteran honored with trip of a lifetime](#)
(3 Jan) *Herald Net*, By Julie Muhlstein
As if turning 100 weren't a great enough milestone for one year, Teresa Schmierer took a cross-country flight with other veterans in 2019 and saw her name displayed at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. As one of more than 11,000 women in the Navy Nurse Corps during World War II, Schmierer — then Teresa Walsh — served aboard the USS Repose, a hospital ship.



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Articles of Interest

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81. [Why women veteran startups are the next big thing in entrepreneurship \(and how we support them\)](#)

(3 Jan) Fox Business, By Seda Goff

Women represent 10 percent of the veteran population in the U.S. but own one in six veteran-owned businesses. Their businesses generate over \$17 billion a year. But only two of the companies on Forbes' Top 25 Veteran Startups have women veteran founders. Women veteran-owned startups are not just underrated and underfunded – they're actually among the best investments.