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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Navy surpasses its retention goals — some sailors to be released early to prevent overmanning](#)

(29 Dec) *Navy Times*, By

The Navy exceeded its retention targets for fiscal year 2020, the service announced in December — and now is working to release some sailors ahead of their contractual obligations to balance out overmanned ratings.

2. [Study suggests legislation to tamp down on obesity, improve military recruiting](#)

(31 Dec) *Military Times*, By Meghann Myers

The Defense Department spends over \$1 billion a year on treatment of obesity-related issues, including lost productivity, according to a report by the Congressional Research Service.

3. [More than 2 million women left the workforce in 2020. Why it matters and what happens next](#)

(31 Dec) *ABC News*, By Katie Kindelan

The recession brought on by the pandemic has been called the "shecession" by economic experts because of the disproportionate impact it has had on women, both in jobs lost and in women who have left their jobs because of caretaking duties.

4. [Air Force Will Employ 'Influencers' to Boost Recruitment in 2021](#)

(4 Jan) *Military.com*, By Oriana Pawlyk

They're not social media stars like the Kardashians, but the U.S. Air Force has its own "influencers" working to engage the next generation of airmen, according to the service's head of recruiting.

5. [Space Force Senior Enlisted Advisor Talks Future of Enlisted Force](#)

(5 Jan) *DoD News*, By Jim Garamone

As the U.S. Space Force moves into its second year, the new service will focus on developing its culture, training its personnel and creating the right balance between the enlisted and officer ranks.

6. [Q&A: Nicole Aunapu Mann talks moon mission, challenging barriers to diversity in space travel](#)

(12 Jan) *The Stanford Daily*, By Kavi Mookherjee Amodt

Nicole Aunapu Mann M.S. '01 was selected as a member of the Artemis mission in early December, which aims to put the first woman and next man on the moon by 2024.

7. ['I was getting lazy,' Charlotte reporter says. So, at 31, she's off to Army boot camp.](#)

(12 Jan) *The Charlotte Observer*, By Théoden Janes

The 31-year-old journalist, who March 15 will report to basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, followed by Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning in Georgia. If all goes according to plan, when Morgan returns to work at the AP in September, she'll do so as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

8. ["In Science We Trust": An Academy Professor's Journey, A Young Cadet's Dream](#)

(14 Jan) *West Point News*, By Jorge Garcia

With his daughter, Gabby, attending the U.S. Air Force Academy and hoping to join the Space Force one day, Col. Corey Gerving thought about his journey and how it led him to teach physics at West Point.

9. [More USAFA cadets headed for Space Force in 2021](#)

(21 Jan) *Air Force Magazine*, By Rachel S. Cohen

The U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado plans to send more students to the Space Force in 2021 than it did in the first cohort last year, the school's superintendent said Jan. 21.



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10. [**Maj. Gen. Charles C. Rogers: Talent through diversity, equity and inclusion**](#)

(28 Jan) *Military Times*, By Charles D. Allen

The United States military experiences during the First and Second World Wars highlighted the need for quality leadership in the officer ranks.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

11. [**Biden Taps Kathleen Hicks to Be the Pentagon's First Female Deputy SecDef**](#)

(30 Dec) *Military.com*, By Hope Hodge Seck

Dr. Kathleen Hicks, most recently senior vice president and director of the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, will be nominated for deputy secretary of defense.

12. [**The DoD's Body Composition Standards Are Harming Female Service Members**](#)

(31 Dec) *Military.com*, By Marine Majors Sharon Sisbarro, Kerry Hogan and Sara Kirstein and Capt. Catherine Baniakas

The body composition standard has been discussed in countless articles, and even the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services 2019 Annual Report, but additional context may be needed to help encourage change by the DoD.

13. [**New in 2021: New year will see female recruits in San Diego and more boot camp gender-integration**](#)

(31 Dec) *Marine Corps Times*, By Philip Athey

In February one platoon of women will join Lima Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

14. [**New in 2021: Plank and rowing events coming to the Navy's physical readiness test**](#)

(3 Jan) *Navy Times*, By Diana Stancy Correll

Starting in March when the Navy's physical fitness assessment resumes, sailors will complete a forearm plank event rather than curl ups to evaluate core strength.

15. [**Women in the US military may finally get body armor that actually fits**](#)

(4 Jan) *Task & Purpose*, By Haley Britzky

I live my life in a state of cautious optimism, so bear with me when I say this: Women in combat could maybe, finally get body armor that fits them properly.

16. [**Air Force to Commanders: Ditch Politically Incorrect Heraldry, Honors**](#)

(5 Jan) *Air Force Magazine*, By Jennifer-Leigh Oprihory

"Commanders, at the squadron level and above, will remove any visual representation, symbols, or language derogatory to any race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, age, or disability status to ensure an inclusive and professional environment," a Jan. 5 release from the department states.

17. [**Air Force orders units to toss offensive morale patches, mottos**](#)

(6 Jan) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey

The Air Force is conducting a sweep of its emblems, morale patches, nicknames, and other symbols to weed out those that are racist, sexist or otherwise offensive.

18. [**U.S. Air Force to track data, review accountability on diversity issues**](#)

(6 Jan) *UPI*, By Ed Adamczyk

The U.S. Air Force announced administrative changes in data tracking of lesser disciplinary actions, for improvements in diversity and equal opportunity.



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19. **[“I’m not a sir”—dearth of women causes Marines to expect male leadership](#)**
(6 Jan) *The War Horse*, By *Janell Hanf*
When I got to the fleet, with my brown hair always tucked back into a tight regulation bun, Marines would often surprise me—by calling me “sir.”
20. **[Army Plans to Continue ACFT for Now Despite Congressional Order to Halt Testing](#)**
(7 Jan) *Military.com*, By *Matthew Cox*
The U.S. Army will conduct a congressionally mandated independent study of the Army Combat Fitness Test, or ACFT. But for now, soldiers will continue to take the more challenging fitness assessment.
21. **[‘Too early to know’ how mandated studies will impact ACFT implementation](#)**
(7 Jan) *Army Times*, By *Army Times*
The new Army Combat Fitness Test officially became the service’s test of record in October, but lawmakers have ordered a pause on further implementation pending an independent study to determine how it will impact deployed soldiers, recruiting and retention.
22. **[New efforts help empower female Soldiers](#)**
(7 Jan) *1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs*, By *Master Sgt. Miriam Espinoza*
2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, leadership understands that with women in combat MOSs there are challenges and they are leading the way in giving these female Soldiers a platform to interact and learn from other women by starting “Sisters in Arms” a brigade female mentorship program.
23. **[Why the Pentagon Remains a Battlefield for Women](#)**
(10 Jan) *Foreign Policy*, By *Courtney Mabeus*
A woman was passed over to lead the Pentagon—but it’s the entire country that’s missing out.
24. **[Female DIs who served at Marines' all-male boot camp say they were brought out for VIP visits, but limited in training recruits](#)**
(11 Jan) *Military.com*, By *Gina Harkins*
The Marine Corps hit a big milestone last month when three women completed drill instructor school at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, which has historically trained only men. In February, the women will lead a platoon of female recruits there - another historic moment for the 100-year-old base.
25. **[All-women Indian pilot crew make history by completing country's longest commercial flight](#)**
(12 Jan) *CNN Travel*, By *Rhea Mogul and Esha Mitra*
An all-female Indian pilot team made history this week, after they completed the longest non-stop commercial flight ever operated by an Indian national airline. The team of four cockpit crew members from Air India completed the 17-hour-long flight on Monday according a statement released by the airline.
26. **[SMA reveals timeline for Army’s independent review of ACFT](#)**
(13 Jan) *Military.com*, By *Matthew Cox*
The Army’s most senior enlisted leader said Tuesday that the congressionally mandated independent review of the Army Combat Fitness Test, or ACFT, will be complete by the end of this year.
27. **[After training changes, Air Force SERE school sees near-historic low attrition](#)**
(17 Jan) *Military.com*, By *Oriana Pawlyk*
The Air Force’s elite survival school just accomplished an almost unheard-of feat: graduating a full class with almost no dropouts.



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28. [The Army's next-generation body armor plates don't currently get the job done](#)

(21 Jan) Task & Purpose, By Jared Keller

The Army's new Soldier Protection System has been billed as a lighter and more powerful replacement for the service's existing personal protective equipment, but a recent evaluation from the Defense Department's top weapons tester suggests the next-generation system has a long way to go before it can be trusted to reliably protect soldiers downrange.

29. [Vermont cavalry squadron cleared to recruit women](#)

(22 Jan) Vermont National Guard, By Maj. J. Scott Detweiler

The 1st Squadron, 172nd Cavalry, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain), is now authorized to recruit women directly into the unit. This marks the first time in the National Guard's 384-year history that a combat arms battalion-sized unit can enlist women.

30. [Marines add women to boot camp for first time in San Diego](#)

(26 Jan) CBS9, By Heather Hope

For the first time in its 100-year history, MCRD San Diego will begin training women. About 60 women out of 400 recruits are in San Diego for first coed boot camp.

31. [Coming to TV: 'Daughters of Kobani' & the all-female militia that took on ISIS — and won](#)

(29 Jan) Military Times, By J. D. Simkins

Fierce combat waged against ISIS fighters hellbent on savage dominion was ravaging Syria in 2014 when a revolution unlike any other — and one unknown to much of the world — began turning the tide of the conflict.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

32. [Fort Hood's toxic culture? Red flags raised over mysterious disappearances, sexual assaults](#)

(6 Jan) Fox News, By Hollie McKay

The public outrage at Guillén's murder forced an independent review of the base, led by a five-member civilian team. The findings found a "deficient climate" at Fort Hood, as well as an "ineffective implementation of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program that resulted in a pervasive lack of confidence, fear of retaliation, and significant underreporting of cases, particularly within the enlisted ranks."

33. [Harassment/assault prevention making difference](#)

(6 Jan) Army Materiel Command Public Affairs, By Kari Hawkins

From an Army commander's point of view, the distrust, lack of dignity and respect, and the degrading of team unity caused by sexual harassment and sexual assault among Soldiers and Army civilians in the workplace take both offenses beyond the legal realm to touch the very core of military values.

34. [The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into why an airman was punished for attempting suicide](#)

(6 Jan) Task & Purpose, By David Roza

Specifically, the airman who filed an Inspector General complaint said the master sergeant serving as flight chief of the 460th Space Wing dental flight allowed male airmen serving beneath her to make sexist, homophobic, or ableist jokes; sexually harass their female peers; or have inappropriate relationships with other airmen or with patients.

35. [Army leader reveals Spc. Vanessa Guillen's entire chain of command at Fort Hood was fired](#)

(8 Jan) Stars & Stripes, By Rose L. Thayer

Leaders responsible for Spc. Vanessa Guillen from her squad to her battalion were fired during the disciplinary action that took place last month at Fort Hood, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told soldiers Thursday at the base.



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36. [Sex with subordinate, inappropriate relationships cost fired warfare center commander two stars](#)
(8 Jan) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
The two-star general who was fired from command of the Air Force Warfare Center in 2019 has retired as a colonel after an investigation found he had a sexual relationship with a female subordinate officer.
37. [Updates to SHARP expedited transfer policy to reinforce 'people first' efforts](#)
(8 Jan) *Army News Service*, By Devon Suits
The Army plans to roll out new training in support of the expedited transfer policy that provides streamlined and necessary support to Soldiers and adult dependents who are victims of sexual assault.
38. [Army now says Spc. Vanessa Guillen's entire chain of command at Fort Hood not fired, some just suspended](#)
(13 Jan) *Stars & Stripes*, By Rose L. Thayer
Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told a group of soldiers last week at Fort Hood that all the military leaders in Spc. Vanessa Guillen's chain of command had been fired in the aftermath of her disappearance and death at the base.
39. [Defense secretary nominee, offering scant details, commits to rooting out extremism, sexual assault in the force](#)
(19 Jan) *Military Times*, By Meghann Myers
"If confirmed, I will fight hard to stamp out sexual assault... we can't do that if some of those enemies lie within our own ranks."
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., and some of her colleagues have suggested taking the decision to investigate or press charges after an assault report out of the hands of commanders, who may have incentive to bury problems in their formations, and assign that decision-making power to sexual assault prosecutors.
40. [Air Force to allow longer braids, ponytails, bangs for women](#)
(21 Jan) *Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*
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.
41. [In one of first actions, new defense secretary orders review of sexual misconduct programs](#)
(23 Jan) *Military Times*, By Howard Altman
Newly sworn-in Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, carrying through on a promise he made during his confirmation hearing, isn't wasting time tackling military sexual misconduct.
42. [Countering Sexual Assault and Harassment – Initial Tasking](#)
(23 Jan) *From The Secretary of Defense*
A Secretary of Defense memorandum on countering sexual assault and harassment.
43. [MSNBC's Katy Tur advocates family leave while announcing pregnancy](#)
(25 Jan) *The Hill*, By John Bowden
MSNBC anchor Katy Tur announced that she was pregnant with her second child, while touting her company's maternity leave policy and arguing that all Americans should have access to such a program.
44. [The Marines Could Be the Next Military Service to Get New Grooming Rules](#)
(26 Jan) *Military.com*, By Gina Harkins
The Marine Corps is currently reviewing its grooming regulations, said Capt. Joe Butterfield, a Marine spokesman at the Pentagon. Those regulations cover everything from hair length and styles to tattoo policies, facial hair standards for men, and



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makeup rules for women. Some of the newly approved hairstyles are designed to help prevent hair loss in Black women, Army officials told reporters this week.

45. [**Ponytails and lipstick: Sweeping changes to Army grooming standards are coming**](#)

(27 Jan) Army Times, By Kyle Rempfer

Soldiers of all genders will be allowed to have highlights that blend with uniform colors; women can wear long ponytails during training or even shave their heads if they want; men can wear clear nail polish; and terminology that some may find offensive — such as Mohawk, Fu Manchu and dreadlocks — will be removed from Army regulations.

46. [**Congress moves to expand feds' paid leave options**](#)

(28 Jan) Federal Times, By Jessie Bur

Federal employees would be able to take paid time off for personal or family medical issues under new legislation introduced in the House Jan. 28.

47. [**US Army announces a new grooming policy in a push for inclusion**](#)

(28 Jan) CNN, By Shawna Mizelle

A review of the policy was initially ordered last year by then acting Secretary of Defense Mark Esper in an effort to address race and inequality in the military.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

48. [**Actions taken by Army secretary, Congress after Spc. Vanessa Guillen's death are insufficient**](#)

(30 Dec) Army Times, By Michelle J. Gradnigo

Congress must mandate that the DoD develop and implement a detailed plan to combat sexual harassment and assault in the military within six months, which was supposed to have been done in 2011, according to the author of this commentary.

49. [**Pelosi Names 1st Female Chaplain To Serve Congress**](#)

(31 Dec) NPR, By Dustin Jones

Speaker Nancy Pelosi marked another milestone for women in Congress Thursday by appointing retired Navy Rear Adm. Margaret Grun Kibben as chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives. Kibben is the first female congressional chaplain since Congress' founding in 1789.

50. [**1st female Green Beret faces 'minor misdemeanor' charge for accidentally firing gun, police say**](#)

(31 Dec) Military.com, By Matthew Cox

Five months after becoming the first female Green Beret, a National Guard soldier is facing a civilian misdemeanor charge for accidentally firing a pistol inside a Colorado apartment.

51. [**Army soldier, 19, found dead at Texas military base on New Year's Eve**](#)

(2 Jan) New York Daily News, By Nelson Oliveira

Army officials are investigating the death of a 19-year-old soldier who was found unresponsive at a Texas military base on New Year's Eve. Pfc. Asia Graham was pronounced dead after her body was found in her barracks room at Fort Bliss, which is headquartered in El Paso. The circumstances surrounding her death are still under investigation.

52. [**Army drill sergeant shot and killed in San Antonio**](#)

(4 Jan) Army Times, By Kyle Rempfer

Staff Sgt. Jessica Mitchell, a dental specialist at the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was pronounced dead at 3 a.m. on Jan. 1, according to a JBSA press release.



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53. [Family of deceased Texas soldier said she was previously sexually assaulted, was 'ready to fight' for justice](#)

(4 Jan) *Fox News, By Louis Casiano*

The family of a 19-year-old soldier found dead in Fort Bliss, Texas last week said she had been sexually assaulted by another soldier a year before her death and was "ready to fight" for justice in her case. The family of Asia Graham told WCNC-TV the Cherryville, N.C., native had been sexually assaulted by another soldier in 2019, the same month she arrived at the El Paso military installation upon completing Basic Combat Training in Missouri and Advanced Individual Training in South Carolina.

54. [March for Vanessa Guillen to be held in Washington, D.C.](#)

(5 Jan) *ABC8, By Jim Hice*

A Justice for Vanessa Guillen march was scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C. as supporters continued their push to pass a bill designed to protect victims of sexual assault and harassment in the military. Organizers called on people to join them "to show congress and President-Elect Biden that we will not stop until the legislation #IAMVanessaGuillen is signed into law."

55. [General Officer Announcements](#)

(7 Jan) *Defense News*

Acting Defense Secretary Christopher C. Miller announced that the president has made general officer nominations.

- Air Force Col. Melissa S. Cunningham for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Cunningham is currently serving as the chief, Cyberspace Operations Branch, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Debra A. Lovette for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Lovette is currently serving as the director, Secretary of the Air Force/Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

56. [Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander aims to remind midshipmen of their purpose of service](#)

(7 Jan) *Capital Gazette, By Heather Mongilio*

When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber was little, she wanted to be a missionary. The call to service and helping others attracted her to the career until she decided she also wanted a good education. Instead, after a visit to the Naval Academy in her junior year of high school, Barber found a new way to serve.

57. [Elba native Wendy Johnson becomes Nebraska National Guard's first female two-star general](#)

(8 Jan) *Lincoln Journal Star Staff*

An Elba native was promoted to the rank of major general on Tuesday, becoming the first female general officer in the Nebraska National Guard to pin on a second star. Wendy Johnson, previously the assistant adjutant general-air for Nebraska, will take on a new assignment as the Air National Guard Assistant to Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

58. [Army PSYOP officer resigned commission prior to leading group to DC protests](#)

(11 Jan) *Army Times, By Kyle Rempfer*

An Army psychological operations officer who led a group during the Jan. 6 rally in Washington, D.C., that culminated in a deadly mob breaching the U.S. Capitol had resigned her commission several months prior to the event, according to a defense official familiar with the situation. Capt. Emily Rainey, 30, was still on active duty during last week's protests.

59. [Soldier becomes Idaho's first female 19D cavalry scout instructor](#)

(14 Jan) *Idaho Army National Guard, By Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur*

Sgt. Sarah Field put on the Army uniform for her first time when she enlisted in June 2010, and 10 years later, she puts on that uniform with a little more pride as she is now the Idaho Army National Guard's first certified female 19D cavalry scout instructor at the 1st Battalion, 204th Regional Training Institute (Armor) at Gowen Field.



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60. [For the 1st time, Norfolk Naval Shipyard's new commanding officer is a woman](#)

(15 Jan) *The Daily Press*, By David Ress

The officer who led Norfolk Naval Shipyard's planning and execution of nuclear vessel overhauls is back after two years away, as the first female commanding officer of the Navy's oldest shipyard. Capt. Dianna Wolfson took command of the yard, with its nearly 11,000 employees, on Friday.

61. [Fort Bliss soldier charged with rape of fellow unit member a year before her death New Year's Eve](#)

(15 Jan) *Army Times*, By Kyle Rempfer

Pfc. Christian G. Alvarado is accused of raping 19-year-old Pfc. Asia M. Graham while she was unconscious Dec. 30, 2019, at Fort Bliss, according to his charge sheets. Graham was found dead in her barracks room this New Year's Eve, roughly one year after the alleged assault took place.

62. [Army offers \\$25,000 cash reward for tips on drill sergeant's murder](#)

(16 Jan) *Military.com*, By Matthew Cox

The Army Criminal Investigation Command, or CID, is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the brutal New Year's Day murder of a female drill sergeant at Joint Base San Antonio, or JBSA, in Texas.

63. [Army general, Hampton University grad to command National Guard troops at US Capitol](#)

(20 Jan) *WTVR6*, By Arianna Herriott

Army Brigadier General Janeen L. Birkhead, a Hampton University grad, has been selected to command the National Guard troops serving at the U.S. Capitol.

64. [Gag order denied in case of Virginia Beach Marine who says she was sexually assaulted](#)

(26 Jan) *Virginian-Pilot*, By Katherine Hafner

Cpl. Thae Ohu's family has publicly pleaded for her to be released into mental health treatment. They say the April incident was the result of a psychological break and that she's suffered from severe PTSD and other issues since she was raped by another Marine in Japan in 2015.

65. [A look inside the complicated assault case the Marine Corps doesn't want anyone talking about](#)

(29 Jan) *Marine Corps Times*, By Philip Athey

A prosecution's push to silence those working to fight for Marine Cpl. Thae Ohu was struck down by a Marine Corps judge. Ohu's family says she was an alleged victim of sexual assault by a superior in her chain of command. She later was charged with nine violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

WOMEN VETERANS

66. [Army vet and single mom adopts 3 habits to pay down \\$87,000 debt](#)

(1 Jan) *ABC News*, By Sara Russell & Angeline Jane Bernabe

Nyajuok Tongyik Doluony, an Army vet and single mom, owed \$87,000 in debt. When Doluony officially left the army, she had almost 60 days of paid leave that she had accrued but hadn't used, which translated to a huge \$17,000 check. That money went toward her debt with the highest interest.

67. [Women veterans, students would see expanded services and benefits under new law](#)

(5 Jan) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III

After a lengthy wait, President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed into law a sweeping veterans policy measure that includes new protections for women veterans, student veterans and individuals struggling with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.



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68. **[Woman fatally shot in US Capitol was an Air Force veteran, family says](#)**
(7 Jan) *San Diego Union-Tribune*, By Teri Figueroa and Alex Riggins
The woman shot and killed inside the U.S. Capitol Building during a violent pro-Trump siege was a resident of San Diego's Ocean Beach, according to her extended family and media reports. Her husband confirmed to KUSI-TV that the woman, whose shooting was captured on video, was 35-year-old Ashli Elizabeth Babbitt, and said she was an Air Force veteran.
69. **[‘Ashley’s War’ and the story of the women of special operations is coming to the big screen](#)**
(11 Jan) *Military Times*, By J. D. Simkins
In August 2011, Lt. Ashley White Stumpf joined an entirely female Army cultural support team, or CST, that would soon deploy to Afghanistan into combat alongside various elite elements of the military’s special operations community.
70. **[Woman found dead at Hawaii base was Army veteran; soldier taken into custody](#)**
(14 Jan) *Stars & Stripes*, By Wyatt Olson
A soldier has been placed in pre-trial confinement in connection with a homicide investigation into the death of a 25-year-old wife of a soldier Wednesday at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the Army said. The service identified the victim as Selena Roth, who was an Army veteran.
71. **[Oldest living Marine Corps veteran passes away at age 107](#)**
(15 Jan) *Marine Corps Times*, By Harm Venhuizen
The nation’s oldest living Marine veteran died of a heart attack on Jan. 7. Sgt. Dorothy “Dot” (Schmidt) Cole enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943 after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The 29-year-old initially had attempted to join the Navy two years earlier but was told she didn’t meet their height standards.
72. **[Trailblazing 100-year-old Grants Pass veteran receives 'living legend' award](#)**
(22 Jan) *KATU2*, By Kevin McNamara
Mildred Harrison received a 'living legend' award on Friday in Grants Pass. She's lived a century but making it to 100 is not her only accomplishment, as a 22-year-old she was among the first women accepted into the Naval Reserve.