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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [How do you create a Guardian? A look inside Space Force's first specialized basic training](#)
(29 Jun) *Military.com*, By Thomas Novelty
The Space Force recruits sat on their bus at 3 a.m. on May 3, the warm engine idling in the cool, predawn Texas air as it parked outside their aged, concrete dormitory.
2. [Army drops high school education waivers after a week](#)
(30 Jun) *Army Times*, By Davis Winkie
Less than a week after it began, Army Recruiting Command has paused a controversial accessions program that allowed prospective soldiers with high qualification test scores to enlist without a high school diploma or equivalency, according to documents obtained by Army Times and an Army official.
3. [This airman conducts exit interviews with retiring service members. Now, he asks for advice, too.](#)
(30 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Dave Ress
Like many on their first military posting, Airman 1st Class Patrick Mulligan was still wondering if he'd made the right decision joining the Air Force last year.
4. [Minnesota guard, US military face recruiting crisis even without vaccine mandate](#)
(30 Jun) *CBS News*, By Jonah Kaplan
"We are in a war for talent," General James McConville, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, told members of the House Armed Services Committee.
5. [They graduated Space Force boot camp. What comes next for them, and the service, is less clear.](#)
(1 Jul) *Military.com*, By Thomas Novelty
This is the final story in a three-part series that follows recruits through the first-ever boot camp just for Space Force Guardians. Over three months, Military.com interviewed more than a dozen Guardians, drill sergeants, recruiters and officers, and visited the two-month basic training in Texas to show the new Guardians' path from the recruitment office to graduation day.
6. [Army's education waiver reversal stuns applicants, splits experts on impact](#)
(5 Jul) *Army Times*, By Davis Winkie
The service was beginning to enlist applicants without high school diplomas or equivalencies like the GED amid a horrible recruiting year.
7. ['I felt trapped': Sexual abuse of teens in the military's JROTC program](#)
(9 Jul) *New York Times*, By Mike Baker, Ilana Marcus and Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs
Former students say military veterans who led J.R.O.T.C. classes in U.S. high schools fashioned themselves as mentors, then used their power to manipulate and abuse.
8. [Enlisting in the Air Force could land you almost \\$60,000 in bonus pay](#)
(13 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Rachel S. Cohen
The Air Force is betting that the way to new recruits' hearts is through their wallet.



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9. [**With Few Able and Fewer Willing, U.S. Military Can't Find Recruits**](#)
(14 Jul) New York Times, By Staff
Fighting headwinds from the pandemic, the tight labor market and demographic shifts, the armed forces may fall further short of enlistment quotas this year than they have in decades.
 10. [**Coast Guard commandant needs the 'right tools' to improve recruitment, retention**](#)
(14 Jul) USNI News, By John Grady
In her first appearance as Coast Guard commandant before the House Homeland Security Transportation and Maritime Security panel, Adm. Linda Fagan said, “the biggest issue at hand centers around people” and having the “right tools” available to recruit, retain and “serve successfully” in the Coast Guard.
 11. [**With few able and fewer willing, US military can't find recruits**](#)
(14 Jul) New York Times, By Dave Phillips
Fighting headwinds from the pandemic, the tight labor market and demographic shifts, the armed forces may fall further short of enlistment quotas this year than they have in decades.
 12. [**Troops, veterans becoming less likely to recommend military service, survey finds**](#)
(14 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By Rose L. Thayer
Service members and veterans are less likely to recommend joining the military to family and friends than they were two years ago, according to survey results released Thursday from the Military Family Advisory Network.
 13. [**Coast Guard commandant lays out vision for recruitment, retention**](#)
(15 Jul) Navy Times, By Zamone Perez
In her first testimony to lawmakers as Coast Guard commandant, Adm. Linda Fagan said her the top priority over the next four years is recruiting and retaining personnel for the service.
 14. [**To retain talent, the Air Force must return to early officer promotions**](#)
(17 Jul) Air Force Times, By Maj. Kevin Rossillon
Many brilliant officers are unwilling to languish in jobs where their knowledge and effort are underappreciated, and where middle management stifles their efforts to drive innovation.
 15. [**Survey raises serious questions about the future of the all-volunteer force**](#)
(18 Jul) Military Times, By Karen Jowers
The results of a new survey of military and veterans and spouses — including details on financial difficulties — raise concerns about the future of the military, said the executive director of the organization that conducted the survey.
 16. [**U.S. Army projected to miss recruiting goals by tens of thousands**](#)
(20 Jul) CBS News, By Eleanor Watson
The memo from Army Secretary Christine Wormuth and chief of staff of the Army Gen. James McConville cited the post-COVID labor market, competition with the private sector, and a declining number of young people who are qualified and want to serve.
 17. [**Senate trying to block military transfers based on potentially discriminatory state laws**](#)
(20 Jul) Military.com, By Rebecca Kheel
The military would be barred from considering state laws in deciding where to station service members under an amendment that was included in the Senate's version of the annual defense policy bill.



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18. [Marine Corps exceed retention goals early, hit more than 100 percent](#)
(20 Jul) *USNI News*, By Heather Mongilio
The Marine Corps hit retention goals early for the first time in 10 years, the service announced last week.
 19. [As recruiters struggle, Air Force seeks lift from 'Top Gun'](#)
(20 Jul) *The Associated Press*, By Lolita C. Baldor
Recruiters are seizing on the boost that Hollywood may offer, such as the buzz over the sequel to “Top Gun” from 1986.
 20. ['This is an Army problem' — Service leaders outline plan to address bleak recruiting crisis](#)
(21 Jul) *Task & Purpose*, By Haley Britzky
The Army is planning to launch multiple initiatives with the hopes of addressing an increasingly bleak recruiting crisis, including expanding options for new soldiers and providing \$35,000 bonuses for recruits willing to ship quickly.
 21. [How the Defense Department is pursuing a culture of innovation](#)
(21 Jul) *Brookings*, By Kathleen H. Hicks, Jude Blanchette, and Ryan Hass
How does human capital impact America’s national security? In the latest episode of “Vying for Talent,” U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen Hicks discusses the Defense Department’s efforts to resolve workforce challenges, strengthen diversity, and create a culture of innovation. In discussion with co-hosts Ryan Hass and Jude Blanchette, Dr. Hicks emphasizes that talent is “the core” of national defense.
 22. ['Semper Parents' an insider's guide for parents of Marines](#)
(25 Jul) *Stars & Stripes*, By Terri Barnes
“Semper Parents: Supporting Your Marine and Sharing the Journey,” a new book by Mary Regner, might save new Marines the headache of trying to explain military life to their parents. Not that it’s possible to explain everything. Some facets of military life simply defy explanation, but “Semper Parents” is a solid start. The book, published this month, is an insider’s guide for parents of Marine Corps members, covering military life from boot camp to retirement in 179 concise pages.
 23. [No one wants to join the Army this year. Here's how to fix it](#)
(25 Jul) *Task & Purpose*, By Daniel Johnson
The refusal to acknowledge multiple issues with recruiting due to the belief that the Army will “continue rolling along” has now led to the wheels flying off into oncoming traffic.
 24. [How will the obesity epidemic end? With kids.](#)
(26 Jul) *USA Today*, By Karen Weintraub
Kids who started out with disadvantages because of race, income, or existing obesity, gained the most weight, the study found. Black and Hispanic children added more pounds than whites and girls more than boys.
 25. [Lawmakers press Pentagon for answers as military recruiting crisis deepens](#)
(27 Jun) *Politico*, By Lara Seligman, Paul Mcleary and Lee Hudson
Lawmakers from both parties are putting increasing pressure on the Pentagon to fix the recruitment crisis that threatens to leave the military well short of its goals to bring new troops aboard this year, in what is widely considered the worst recruiting environment since the end of the Vietnam War.



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26. [Recruitment is challenging the Coast Guard, commandant says](#)
(27 Jul) Military Times, By Jonathan Lehrfeld
New Coast Guard commandant Adm. Linda Fagan spoke with lawmakers Wednesday about workforce issues facing the service.
 27. [Podcast: Why some families aren't recommending military service](#)
(27 Jul) Military Times, By Staff
The president of the Military Family Advisory Network shares why fewer military and veteran family members may be recommending military life to others on this episode of The Spouse Angle podcast.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

28. [Abortion decision's impact on troops and the Army's new PT test](#)
(5 Jul) Defense News Weekly (video)
Military Times' top reporters discuss the impact of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe Vs. Wade on the military, plus looming negotiations about the Pentagon's budget, and recent changes to the Army's combat fitness test.
29. [Exclusive: Pope to give women a say in appointment of bishops](#)
(6 Jul) Reuters, By Philip Pullella
Pope Francis said he wants to give women more top-level positions in the Holy See and disclosed that for the first time he would name women to a previously all-male Vatican committee that helps him select the world's bishops.
30. [More than PT: How the Army is going after total fitness](#)
(11 Jul) Military Times, By Todd South
Army Times interviewed key leaders in each H2F core area to see how they're building a soldier-centered, health-focused system that prepares troops for both the rigors of combat and daily life in a 21st century Army.
31. [DoD Announces Women, Peace, and Security 2022 Report](#)
(19 Jul) DoD Immediate Release
Yesterday, the White House announced the release of the 2022 U.S. Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Congressional Report. This is the second report of its kind that evaluates the progress made towards advancing the goals of the 2019 U.S. Women, Peace, and Security Strategy by the four implementing Departments and Agencies identified in the U.S. WPS Act of 2017 - the Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Defense.
32. [The Price Women Pay for Putting Themselves First](#)
(20 Jul) Too Ambitious, By Stefanie O'Connell Rodriguez
As we've talked about before, these gendered expectations can perpetuate the idea that men "should" be strong, aggressive, and dominant — traits that align with power and leadership. While women "should" be nurturing, warm and supportive — traits that align with subordination.
33. [Congress and the Army have one chance to get Army Aviation right](#)
(21 Jul) The Hill, By Geoff Davis
As Congress considers major defense policy and spending bills this summer, it should start paying closer attention to an Army procurement program that is just getting off the ground: the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft, or FLRAA.



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34. [The newest branch of the military is taking a different approach to fitness](#)
(22 Jul) NPR, By Eric Schmid
Annual physical fitness assessments are a cornerstone of military life. The military's newest branch, the Space Force, is ditching that model and switching to the more high-tech fitness trackers.
 35. [Army and Air Force run out of female hot weather uniforms amid summer heat wave](#)
(25 Jul) Military.com, By Steve Beynon and Drew F. Lawrence
Base exchange stores have mostly run out of hot weather uniforms for women due to a contract dispute that has halted production, according to the Defense Logistics Agency.
 36. [New application lets airmen give feedback on their gear](#)
(25 Jul) Air Force Magazine, By Greg Hadley
The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center has launched a new application allowing Airmen the ability to provide feedback on their gear beyond the unit level.
 37. [Army plans 'prep course' to help hopeful soldiers lose weight, improve test scores](#)
(26 Jul) Army Times, By Davis Winkie
The service acknowledged last week that its recruiting crisis means it will miss its end strength goal by approximately 10,000 troops in fiscal 2022, with an estimated drop to around 466,400 soldiers.
 38. [Navy hopes measuring female sailors will finally fix ill-fitting uniforms](#)
(26 Jul) Military.com, By Konstantin Toropin
The Navy is continuing its yearslong quest for a better-fitting uniform for female sailors with a fit-test survey in Norfolk, Virginia, this month. The goal is to get enough measurements to make sizes better and more accurate for women.
 39. [Reduced initial fitness, more frequent reporting seen as factors in US servicewomen's higher injury risk](#)
(26 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By Nancy Montgomery
The reason U.S. servicewomen seem to be injured more than their male counterparts may be lower fitness levels at the start of basic training, combined with less reluctance to report their injuries and seek care, according to a new study.
 40. [Battle from the skies: How aviation advances empower the Corps' new combat plan](#)
(27 Jul) Marine Corps Times, By Todd South
The "air" part has remained in a holding pattern as top aviators rethought how the air side will fit into the new Force Design 2030 plan.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

41. [The least and most effective types of birth control for preventing pregnancy](#)
(28 Jun) Insider, By Cassandra Miasnikov and Lauren Demosthenes
Almost half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned. And for almost half of those unplanned pregnancies, couples were using some form of contraception, says Dr. Mary Jane Minkin, gynecologist and clinical professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences at Yale School of Medicine.



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42. [Nonprofits are filling a void of fertility help for service members, but hope Congress steps up](#)
(29 Jun) *Military.com*, By Patricia Kime
In early 2016, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that the Pentagon would cover the cost of freezing sperm or eggs for service members who wanted to preserve them for future use. But the program never got underway, first facing opposition in the U.S. Senate and then dropped completely after the election of President Donald Trump.
 43. [Investing in Caregiving: An Equitable Way to Reduce Inflation](#)
(30 Jun) *U.S. News*, By Katherine Gallagher Robbins
Better paid leave and child care policies can help the economy while easing the burden on women and families.
 44. [What We Mean When We Call Women Sluts](#)
(30 Jun) *Ambition*, By Stefanie O'Connell Rodriguez
From spinsters and witches to divas and drama queens, there's a long history of weaponizing words against women to maintain the status quo.
 45. [Doctors report vasectomy requests skyrocketing after SCOTUS overturned Roe v. Wade](#)
(30 Jun) *ABC 7*, By Ricardo Lewis
The number of men requesting information on vasectomies appears to be increasing. Google searches for the procedure are skyrocketing after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.
 46. [Social media can be a weapon, and it's time US troops get trained on it](#)
(30 Jun) *Task & Purpose*, By Hannah Smith
DoD should establish a more comprehensive social media literacy education program. The armed forces must reframe perceptions and applications of social media from risk aversion to risk awareness. Social media will remain an essential part of society, irrespective of DoD use.
 47. [New rules make it easier to kick out airmen guilty of sexual assault](#)
(30 Jun) *Air Force Times*, By Rachel S. Cohen
Airmen and guardians who commit sexual assault will automatically face military discharge unless they qualify for an exception to that rule, the Air Force said in a recent update to its department-wide guidance.
 48. [Senate Democrats press Pentagon on abortion access after Supreme Court ruling](#)
(30 Jun) *The Hill*, By Staff
In a letter to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, the senators warn that because of the ruling, service members' rights to reproductive care are largely dependent on states, many of which either have already or are expected to prohibit or severely restrict abortions.
 49. [Here's how the Air Force's maternity uniform lending program test will work](#)
(30 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Jennifer H. Svan
The Air Force will begin loaning free maternity uniforms to pregnant service members this fall at 10 locations, service officials said.
 50. [Who Would Even Have The Bandwidth to Breastfeed for Two Years?](#)
(30 Jun) *Bulletin*, By Erin Gloria Ryan
This week, the American Academy of Pediatrics released new guidelines on breastfeeding. Now, rather than recommending breastfeeding for the first year of a child's life, they are recommending doctors talk to American mothers about breastfeeding their babies for the first two years of their child's life, or more!



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51. [**Pentagon ends blocking of abortion-related sites on computer networks**](#)
(5 Jul) Military Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz
The Pentagon has quietly lifted a longstanding ban that prevented troops and civilians from searching for abortion-related terms on the department's computer networks, a move that follows the Supreme Court's landmark decision to overturn Roe v. Wade last month.
 52. [**Thank You Hiring Activity**](#)
(7 Jul) LinkedIn Post, By Lauren Burton
[My company] hired me at 33 weeks pregnant. Paid my salary for 6 months while I navigated motherhood for the first time. Sent meals, support and my manager and team checked in frequently. With no other agenda than wanting to know how my new family was getting on.
 53. [**Thousands of San Diego military children on daycare waitlist as navy scrambles to address need**](#)
(5 Jul) The San Diego Union-Tribune, By Andrew Dyer
San Diego Navy officials are scrambling to alleviate the shortfall of child care providers for the more than 4,000 military children waiting for spots in its base daycare centers, according to Navy Region Southwest officials.
 54. [**New reserve maternity leave policy issued by Pentagon 18 months after congressional order**](#)
(5 Jul) Military.com, By Patricia Kime
The military Reserve components and National Guard are rolling out new maternity leave policies, providing up to six days of inactive duty pay and retirement points for members who give birth, with the Navy being the latest service to outline its policies last week.
 55. [**The Cruelty of Asking Women to Breastfeed More, in a Formula Shortage, While Restricting Reproductive Rights**](#)
(5 Jul) Too Ambitious, By Stefanie O'Connell Rodriguez
As a new mom, this news cycle feels engineered to drive us to exhaustion. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has updated its guidelines to emphasize the benefits of breastfeeding for "up to two years," which is double its previous recommendation of one year.
 56. [**Female troops diagnosed with STDs at 'markedly' higher rates than males, report finds**](#)
(6 Jul) Military.com, By Patricia Kime
Women in the U.S. armed forces are diagnosed at significantly higher rates than men for most sexually transmitted diseases, but the greater incidence is likely tied to increased screening of female service members, a new report finds.
 57. [**EU parliament votes to condemn overturning of Roe v. Wade**](#)
(7 Jul) Axios, By Ivana Saric
The European Parliament voted 324-155, with 38 abstentions, to condemn the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade and demand that abortion rights be enshrined in the EU's fundamental rights charter.
 58. [**Abortion Pill Won't Be the Only One Restricted by State Bans**](#)
(7 Jul) Bloomberg, By Lisa Jarvis
Patients are already encountering obstacles getting other needed medicines. Pharma companies have to step in to protect access.



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59. [**Biden to sign executive order to protect some abortion access, AP reports**](#)
(8 Jul) PBS, By Zeke Miller
President Joe Biden will take executive action Friday to protect access to abortion, according to three people familiar with the matter, as he faces mounting pressure from Democrats to be more forceful on the subject after the Supreme Court ended a constitutional right to the procedure two weeks ago.
 60. [**'The government owns your body': What abortion access now looks like for the military**](#)
(8 Jul) The 19th, By Mariel Padilla
The Pentagon says abortion services will continue as before for the military community. But some lawmakers demand that more is done to protect service members seeking care.
 61. [**Biden signs executive order to protect abortion access**](#)
(8 Jul) NBC News, By Zoë Richards and Lauren Egan
The order aims to safeguard access to reproductive health care services, including abortion and contraception.
 62. [**Opinion: If women are encouraged to breastfeed for two years, they need much more support**](#)
(8 Jul) CNN, By Jessica Calarco
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) acknowledges parents face "structural barriers to breastfeeding" and to meeting its new guidelines, which recommend lactating parents breastfeed or "chestfeed" (a term inclusive of gender diverse families) their infants exclusively through the first six months of life, and continue to do so alongside other feeding options through two years of age.
 63. [**New federal protections on abortion access won't change military policies**](#)
(8 Jul) Military Times, By Leo Shane III
New federal abortion protections announced Friday by the White House will not mean any changes in access or availability for service members, Department of Defense officials said.
 64. [**Progressives eye longshot bid to protect abortion rights for troops**](#)
(8 Jul) Politico, By Lawrence Ukenye, Connor O'Brien And Sarah Ferris
As the NDAA gets tagged with amendments, Democrats are gearing up for a fight on soldiers' reproductive rights.
 65. [**Patriot battalion's top enlisted soldier demoted, jailed for fraternization, false statements**](#)
(8 Jul) Military Times, By Davis Winkie
The former top enlisted leader for a Patriot air defense artillery battalion based at Fort Hood, Texas, has lost rank and is headed to jail after pleading guilty to criminal charges that stemmed from an affair with a subordinate soldier last year.
 66. [**Former Army doctor offers free abortions at his clinic for enlisted women**](#)
(8 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By Rose L. Thayer
Women in the military have always been patients at Dr. Franz Theard's abortion clinic in New Mexico, a roughly 30-minute drive from Fort Bliss, Texas.
 67. [**A Democratic bill allowing people to sue someone over an unintended pregnancy would hold 'deadbeat dads' to account, say conservative Christians**](#)
(9 Jul) Business Insider, By Bethany Dawson
An Ohio Democrat has proposed legislation allowing pregnant people to sue the person who impregnated them, regardless of whether the sex in question was consensual or not.



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68. [Reserve Component Maternity Leave Program Memorandum](#)
(9 Jul) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
Establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures for Reserve Component maternity leave (RCML), including for associated pay and crediting of retirement points, for covered Reserve Component (RC) Service members in connection with the birth of a child.
 69. [Army appeals court overturns mandate of unanimous guilty verdict in officer's sex-assault trial](#)
(11 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By John Vandiver
A Germany-based military judge's ruling that a unanimous guilty verdict was required to convict an Army officer facing sexual assault charges was rejected by the service's top appeals court.
 70. [Vermont Army National Guard investigates misconduct allegations](#)
(12 Jul) The Associated Press, By Staff
The Vermont Army National Guard says it is investigating allegations of misconduct in recent months following a report made public last year on the Guard's culture and policies.
 71. [#IAMVanessaGuillen documentary explores the culture of toxicity at Fort Hood](#)
(12 Jul) NPR, By RACHEL TREISMAN and A. MARTINEZ
The 2020 murder of Spc. Vanessa Guillén and the national outcry that followed helped shed a light on the widespread problem of sexual misconduct in the military.
 72. [Over-the-counter birth control pills are available worldwide. The U.S. may be next](#)
(14 Jul) NPR, By Allison Aubrey
A pharmaceutical company based in Paris, HRA Pharma, is seeking approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for an over-the-counter birth control pill. The pill includes progestin only, not estrogen, and is known as a mini pill. If approved, it would be the first oral contraceptive available in the U.S. without a prescription.
 73. [Some officers still promoting thanks to loopholes in background checks, study says](#)
(12 Jul) Military Times, By Meghann Myers
The process for collecting adverse personnel information, like investigations or discipline that would affect whether an officer is considered for a promotion, still has some loopholes and ambiguity, the Rand Corp. study found, despite some improvements since the last process update in 2014.
 74. [Navy broadens rules for sexual assault victims seeking restricted reports](#)
(13 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By Alison Bath
The Navy is broadening some rules related to sexual assault reporting and victim requests for transfers to align with Defense Department policy, the service said Tuesday.
 75. [Army implements policies to combat sexual assault in wake of Pentagon commission's report on sex crimes](#)
(14 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By Caitlin Doornbos
The Army is implementing two new policies taking aim at sexual assault and other serious crimes a year after a Pentagon-ordered commission report found the military was ill equipped to address such issues properly.



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76. [**Largest Study to Date Shows How Covid Vaccines Affect Periods**](#)
(15 Jul) The New York Times, By Knvul Sheikh
For some, a side effect of getting vaccinated was a change in menstrual cycles – but experts say there is no cause for alarm.
 77. [**This stay-at-home mom turned a pandemic child care hack into a start-up that's raised \\$3.6 million**](#)
(15 Jul) CNBC, By Helen Zhao
In the spring of 2020, Gretchen Salyer suddenly found herself in a new role as homeschool teacher to her three daughters, after the pandemic shut down schools and day care centers — exacerbating a longstanding child care shortage in America.
 78. [**House passes first bills to restore abortion rights post-Roe v. Wade**](#)
(15 Jul) CBS News, By Staff
The Women's Health Protection Act of 2022 passed the House with a vote of 219-210 and is an updated version of a bill the House passed in September to enact the right to an abortion and prohibit states from imposing limits on abortions that could make them more difficult or costly to obtain.
 79. [**Troop pay bumps, child care and health concerns are the focus of quality-of-life improvements in House version of 2023 NDAA**](#)
(15 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By Svetlana Shkolnikova
Troops are poised to receive pay raises and inflation bonuses, expanded child care, contraception coverage, paid moving expenses for pets and other support under the House version of defense policy legislation for the 2023 fiscal year.
 80. [**Cawthorn introduces bill to ban federal funds for abortion travel costs**](#)
(17 Jul) KFOR, By Lexi Lonas
Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.) introduced a bill on Friday that would ban federal funds from covering travel costs for people who obtain out-of-state abortions.
 81. [**Army establishes independent prosecutor office, misconduct amnesty policy**](#)
(18 Jul) Army Times, By Davis Winkie
The Army last week unveiled two new steps in its effort to revamp how it responds to sexual harassment and assault in the ranks, bringing the service closer to compliance with congressionally mandated reform targets.
 82. [**New program to cut child care costs for military families coming to more states**](#)
(20 Jul) Military Times, By Karen Jowers
A program aimed at reducing child care costs and providing options for military parents is coming to more states.
 83. [**The House passed a bill codifying the right to contraceptives into federal law, with eight Republicans backing the measure.**](#)
(21 Jul) Politico, By Staff
The bill eventually passed 228-195-2.
 84. [**Green Berets in Florida are practically begging for a place to drop off their kids before work**](#)
(22 Jul) Task & Purpose, By David Roza
The families of Army Special Forces soldiers at Camp Bull Simons, Florida are at their breaking point after years of not having adequate or affordable child development centers.



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85. [**America's Child-Care Equilibrium Has Shattered**](#)
(23 Jul) *The Atlantic*, By Elliot Haspel
Although care is expensive for parents—often obscenely so—providers are paid a pittance. And now there isn't even enough expensive child care to go around.
86. [**Army looks at easing rules for alcohol in barracks to help reduce sexual assaults, suicides**](#)
(27 Jul) *Stars & Stripes*, By Rose L. Thayer
Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston challenged some of the top enlisted leaders to find ways to encourage more of the bonding that happens playing beer pong and less of the negative effects that alcohol can have among soldiers.
87. [**Subcommittee on Military Personnel Hearing: "Service Members' Reproductive Health and Readiness"**](#)
(29 Jul) *Armed Services Committee Hearing* <Recording>
Subcommittee received testimony on how access to reproductive health services impacts Service members' readiness. Witnesses (Panel 1): Ms. Sharon Arana, Active-duty service member; Ms. Theresa Mozzillo, Active-duty service member; Dr. Jackie Lamme, OB-GYN, Naval Medical Officer; and Dr. Ghazaleh Moayed, OB-GYN, Texas-based civilian. Witnesses (Panel 2): Mr. Gil Cisneros, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness; and Ms. Seileen Mullen, Acting Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

88. [**Arlington National Cemetery faces directive to remove killer's remains**](#)
(28 Jun) *The Washington Post*, By Hope Hodge Seck
Arlington National Cemetery would be required to disinter the remains of a former Navy officer who murdered a junior sailor decades ago under a proposed amendment to the annual defense budget bill. In 1993, he was executed in Virginia for the murder of Petty Officer 2nd Class Melissa Harrington, a 27-year-old enlisted sailor within his Virginia Beach Navy unit who had reported him to her command for stalking and harassment.
89. [**'Trump girl': West Virginia Air Guard member admits role in Capitol riot**](#)
(8 Jul) *The Associated Press*, By John Raby
A West Virginia guardsman who wore a hoodie that read "Yes, I'm a Trump girl" inside the U.S. Capitol Rotunda during the Jan. 6 riot has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor.
90. [**Today in military history: First female officer in the US Army**](#)
(9 Jul) *We Are The Mighty*, By Staff
On July 9, 1947, Florence Blanchfield became the first female officer in the United States Army.
91. [**Fairchild Air Force Base to host military women's world cup**](#)
(11 Jul) *Stars & Stripes*, By Nick Gibson
This year's women's soccer championship will be hosted by Fairchild Air Force Base, which selected the newly constructed Union Stadium in Mead as the location for matches.



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92. [General Officer Announcements](#)

(12 Jul) IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

- Air Force Brig. Gen. Anne B. Gunter for appointment to the grade of major general. Gunter is currently serving as the director of personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Reserve, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Lynnette J. Hebert for appointment to the grade of major general. Hebert is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the commander, U.S. Cyber Command; and director, National Security Agency/chief of Central Security Service, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Constance L. Jenkins for appointment to the grade of major general. Jenkins is currently serving as the director of logistics and engineering, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado.
- Air Force Brig. Gen. Tanya R. Kubinec for appointment to the grade of major general. Kubinec is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.
- Air Force Col. Leslie S. Hadley for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. Hadley is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the commander, 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.
- Air Force Col. Lori C. Jones for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. Jones is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the director of cyberspace operations and warfighter communications, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Air Force Col. Shannon O'Harren for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. O'Harren is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the director of intelligence, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.
- Air Force Col. Sarah H. Russ for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. Russ is currently serving as the mobilization assistant to the commander, 12th Air Force, Air Forces Southern, Air Combat Command, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

93. [Legendary Blue Angels squadron announces first female jet pilot](#)

(18 Jul) Military.com, By Konstantin Toropin

The Navy's aerial demonstration squadron -- the Blue Angels -- announced that it has selected its first female jet pilot in the unit's 76-year history. In a social media post Monday, the Blue Angels announced that F/A-18 Super Hornet pilot Lt. Amanda Lee has been selected to join the famed unit.

94. [Blue Angels name first woman to join iconic flight squadron as a pilot](#)

(19 Jul) CBS News, By Staff

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels have named the first woman as a demonstration pilot for the 2023 air show season. Women have served with the Blue Angels in other capacities for more than 55 years, but Lt. Amanda Lee, of Mounds View, Minnesota, is the first to join the iconic flight squadron as a pilot, the Navy said.

95. [Blue Angels names first female pilot in squadron's history](#)

(20 Jul) Navy Times, By Rachel Nostrant

The famed Navy flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, selected their first female F/A-18E/F demo pilot this year following the completion of the Pensacola Beach Air Show on July 9.



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Articles of Interest

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WOMEN VETERANS

96. [No plans to increase abortion services at VA after Supreme Court ruling](#)
(29 Jun) Military Times, By Leo Shane III
Veterans Affairs leaders are vowing to continue “providing reproductive health care” to patients in the wake of the Supreme Court’s decision on abortion last week, but that won’t mean providing any new services or travel assistance to help women get the procedure.
97. [The abortion ruling has troops and veterans speaking out, some for the first time](#)
(4 Jul) NPR, By Dustin Jones
The American military and its more than 1 million active-duty troops is traditionally seen as apolitical. But in the wake of a historic Supreme Court term that has shifted the nation to the right on everything from the Second Amendment and abortion, to the separation of church and state, service members and veterans on both sides of the political divide are finding it increasingly difficult to remain quiet.
98. [John McCain and trailblazing female general among Biden Medal of Freedom recipients](#)
(7 Jul) Military.com, By Travis Tritten
Retired Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught was among the recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, at the White House. Vaught for accomplishments that blazed a trail for women in the military.
99. [Woman charged with posing as sick Marine vet to plead guilty](#)
(12 Jul) The Associated Press, By Staff
She also purchased replicas of a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star that she put on a Marine uniform she wore at public events.
100. [Tweet helps woman discover her grandmother's courageous World War II past: "I think we just opened Pandora's box"](#)
(13 Jul) CBS News, By David Begnaud
It was two years ago when Tara Garcia reached out to "CBS Mornings" lead national correspondent David Begnaud. Garcia's grandmother, Crescensia, had beaten COVID at the age of 100. She needed oxygen at one point but was able to bounce back.
101. [VA is 'closely watching' the fate of abortion access as it weighs offering the service](#)
(21 Jul) Defense One, By Eric Katz
The Veterans Affairs Department is “closely watching” how access to abortions shakes out after the fall of Roe v. Wade, suggesting on Wednesday it could unilaterally decide to offer the service if its availability drops precipitously for veterans across the country.
102. [Jennifer Lawrence will play a veteran struggling with a brain injury in 'Causeway'](#)
(21 Jul) Military.com, By James Barber
Jennifer Lawrence will portray a soldier who suffers a traumatic brain injury in Afghanistan and struggles to adjust to civilian life after leaving the service and returning to New Orleans.
103. [102-year-old World War II veteran from segregated mail unit honored](#)
(26 Jul) NBC News, By Associated Press
Romay Davis, 102, is being recognized for her service as a member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. President Joe Biden’s signed a bill in March authorizing the Congressional Gold Medal for the unit.