



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services

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DACOWITS IN THE NEWS

1. [DOD Announces Appointment of DACOWITS Members](#)
(22 Jun) DoD Press Release
The Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III appointed an additional 14 members to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).
2. [Pentagon committee on women in the military is back in business](#)
(22 Jun) Military Times, By Meghann Myers
After taking in a break in 2021 while the Defense Department did a review of dozens of advisory boards, the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services is getting up and running again.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

3. [Air Force dominates in first-ever video game tournament with other services](#)
(3 Jun) Military.com, By Thomas Novelly
The Air Force won the first-ever service-wide video game tournament playing the latest iteration of the first-person shooter Halo with its iconic main character, beating out the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard and Space Force to nab the championship title.
4. [The Army is inviting social media influencers to DC to learn how to reach the youths](#)
(8 Jun) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky
While the Army is still far off from having an official TikTok page, the service is slowly but surely warming up to social media. So much so, in fact, that it's inviting "influencers" to Washington, D.C., to learn how they do what they do.
5. [Army involuntarily extending assignments for recruiters as service scrambles to fill ranks](#)
(10 Jun) Military.com, By Steve Beynon
Army recruiters are having their assignments involuntarily extended for months amid a service-wide struggle to find new recruits to fill gaps in the ranks.
6. [Facing headwinds, military recruiters seek to make cultural connections](#)
(11 Jun) Dayton Daily News, By Thomas Gnau
Theater-goers seeing "Top Gun: Maverick" are being treated to a new Air Force recruiting commercial titled "Own the Sky," complete with glimpses of F-35s, fifth-generation F-22s, an A-10 and even the rarely seen B-2 bomber.
7. [The Army found a way to make recruiting duty even worse](#)
(14 Jun) Task & Purpose, By Max Hauptman
According to Brian McGovern, a spokesperson with Army Recruiting Command, the service is now "extending the recruiting tour of selected high-performing" recruiters; 267 of them, to be exact.
8. [Lack of Space National Guard could hurt training, recruiting](#)
(14 Jun) Defense One, By Lauren C. Williams
Guardsmen in space-related jobs have trouble getting into Space Force schools, leaders say.



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9. [US Air Force sees slump in recruits in wake of COVID-19 pandemic](#)
(15 Jun) News 12, By Staff
This year's recruiting goals for the United States Air Force are somewhere between 23,000-27,000. But recruiters say that they are having a hard time hitting those targets. They say that they hope incentives and looser restrictions will help.
 10. [Space Force accepting transfer applications, plans to add 243 Guardians](#)
(16 Jun) Air Force Magazine, By Greg Hadley
USSF is accepting applications for its interservice transfer program from June 15 to 30.
 11. [Bigger military bonuses might be on the way to help with recruiting, retention](#)
(17 Jun) Military Times, By Leo Shane III
Military officials could start offering bigger recruiting and retention bonuses in 2023 under language included in the Senate Armed Services Committee's draft of the annual defense authorization bill.
 12. [Inside Space Force boot camp with recruits to US military's newest branch](#)
(17 Jun) CNN, By Kristin Fisher
The US Space Force has hit a critical milestone: dedicated basic training for its early recruits.
 13. [Army offers \\$35,000 bonus to new recruits who quickly fill boot camp vacancies](#)
(22 Jun) Stars & Stripes, By Rose L. Thayer
It is the first time that the service has offered an amount this large for a bonus to any career field, according to Army Recruiting Command.
 14. [Hand, ear and neck tattoos now OK for soldiers amid recruiting crunch](#)
(23 Jun) Army Times, By Davis Winkie
The military is struggling to find recruits right now, and the Army is no exception.
 15. [Deadline approaching for troops to apply to join Space Force](#)
(23 Jun) Air Force Times, By Rachel S. Cohen
Want to be considered for a spot in the Space Force this summer? Get your paperwork in by June 30.
 16. [Space Force graduates first guardians to train under service-specific curriculum](#)
(23 Jun) Stars & Stripes, By Rose L. Thayer
The Space Force's 71 newest guardians marched in two flights across a heat-scorched parade field, bringing yet another first to the youngest branch of the military — the first boot camp graduates to train under a unique, Space Force-centric curriculum.
 17. [Army drops requirement for high school diploma amid recruiting crisis](#)
(24 Jun) Military.com, By Steve Beynon
The Army is tossing its mandate for potential recruits to have a high school diploma or GED certificate to enlist in the service, in one of the most dramatic moves yet in the escalating recruiting crisis hitting the entire Defense Department.
 18. [Space Force keeps expanding, wants to pull in guardians from the rest of the military](#)
(26 Jun) Task & Purpose, By Nicholas Slayton
The military's newest branch also now has its first force-specific basic training graduates.



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19. [Army takes sweeping look at how new soldiers are welcomed across the force](#)
(27 Jun) *Army Times*, By Davis Winkie
Through the rest of this year, the Department of the Army Inspector General will tour nearly 40 installations as part of a special inspection of the service's programs and efforts meant to help new soldiers arrive and adjust to their first duty stations, Army officials confirmed.
20. [Inside recruits' journey to Space Force's first boot camp](#)
(27 Jun) *Military.com*, By Thomas Novelty
Joint Base San Antonio has served as the location for Air Force basic military training for decades. In 2020, it made history when the first seven enlisted Space Force Guardians came to the base alongside airmen and graduated from boot camp.
21. [Every branch of the US military is struggling to meet its 2022 recruiting goals, officials say](#)
(27 Jun) *NBC News*, By Courtney Kube and Molly Boigon
With a record low number of Americans eligible to serve, and few of those willing to do it, this "is the year we question the sustainability of the all-volunteer force," said an expert.
22. [Requirement for women to register for the draft back on the table in annual defense bill](#)
(27 Jun) *Military.com*, By Rebecca Kheel
A fight over whether women should be required to register for a potential draft has been revived in Congress.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

23. [Air Force Combat Controllers Speak Out Over Standards at Elite School Military](#)
(1 Jun) *Coffee or Die*, By Matt White
Three Air Force special operators with firsthand knowledge of training at the service's grueling Combat Control School say that leaders there and higher up have not enforced at least two of the school's basic training rules during a female student's second try at the course. The complaints emerged over the last week just as an Air Force inspector general report nears release examining the female officer's training experience at the school in early 2021.
24. [Biden says first female armed services chief is 'about time'](#)
(1 Jun) *The Associated Press*, By Will Weissert
President Joe Biden is hailing Adm. Linda Fagan as new Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard and the armed forces' first female service chief.
25. [Across the military, basic training is changing with a focus on mentorship, not yelling](#)
(4 Jun) *The Virginian-Pilot*, By Dave Ress
Some of what drill instructors tackle are social issues that have been worrying the Pentagon's top brass: sexual assault and harassment, racism and political extremism.
26. [Space Force clarifies nail polish and lipstick policy](#)
(6 Jun) *Military Times*, By Sarah Sicard
On May 23, the Air Force put out a memorandum establishing Space Force Dress and Appearance Standards, which included a graphic about its nail polish and lipstick policies.



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27. [Despite confusing fitness standards, Air Force didn't play favorites with female special tactics trainee, IG says](#)
(9 Jun) *Air Force Times*, By Rachel S. Cohen
The four-month investigation came after an anonymous letter criticizing the Air Force spread quickly on social media.
28. [The Navy doesn't let junior officers command early in their careers. It's a problem.](#)
(9 Jun) *Military.com*, By Gary Anderson
America's Navy has faced tough leadership challenges of late, ranging from suicide to shipboard sabotage to training related accidents.
29. [Naval aviation commanders offered \\$100,000 retention bonus](#)
(10 Jun) *Navy Times*, By Diana Stancy Correll
Commanding officers of aviation units could earn a \$100,000 retention bonus — provided they remain in the Navy for three more years.
30. ['Take the handcuffs off': Retiring Materiel Command boss remains bullish on airmen's innovative abilities](#)
(13 Jun) *Air Force Times*, By Rachel S. Cohen
Gen. Arnold Bunch, who retired Monday after nearly 40 years in uniform talks about acquisition, innovation and the way forward.
31. [Lawmakers order Army to create separate fitness standard for combat specialties](#)
(15 Jun) *Army Times*, By Leo Shane III and Meghann Myers
The new standard would be above and beyond what the Army already evaluates in its current fitness test.
32. [The Army's search for gender-neutral fitness standards continues](#)
(15 Jun) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers
The final version of the Army Combat Fitness Test debuted in April, significantly pared down from the way it was first envisioned in 2017 and without one of its founding mandates: gender-neutral standards.
33. [Texas congressman blames women for 'reduced' standards in the military](#)
(16 Jun) *Task & Purpose*, By Haley Britzky
Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas) wants to stop women from being drafted into the military because the hundreds of thousands of women currently serving are driving the standards down, he said in a Tweet on Wednesday.
34. [As the Army pushes holistic health, an officer examines the history of soldier fitness](#)
(19 Jun) *Army Times*, By Todd South
Maj. Garrett Gatzemeyer's book chronicles the philosophies and regimens that have led to the Army exercise programs of today.
35. [Plan to overhaul Army fitness test gets support from House lawmakers](#)
(22 Jun) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III and Davis Winkie
House lawmakers on Wednesday backed plans to overhaul Army fitness standards for troops in combat jobs, mirroring plans adopted by senators last week that could upend how the services test troops to ensure they are prepared for the rigors of the battlefield.



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36. [**Air Force's first female special tactics officer earns coveted scarlet beret**](#)
(24 Jun) *Air Force Times*, By Rachel S. Cohen
An Air Force captain on Thursday became the service's first female special tactics officer, donning the elite red beret after completing a grueling three-month training course.
 37. [**Military Offers Women Unique Challenges and Opportunities, Generals Say**](#)
(28 Jun) *DoD News*, By David Vergun
U.S. Transportation Command commander Air Force Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost and U.S. Southern Command commander Army Gen. Laura Richardson spoke June 15 about their experiences in the military as women leaders during an interview with defense.gov and the newspaper "Miami Today."

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

38. [**Sexual misconduct prevention in the Army is 'disjointed' and 'unclear,' watchdog says**](#)
(31 May) *Army Times*, By Davis Winkie
A sweeping new government watchdog report released last week says the Army needs to speed up progress on reforming its Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, more commonly known as SHARP.
39. [**Why did so many soldiers do nothing to stop a sexual assault they saw coming?**](#)
(3 Jun) *Task & Purpose*, By Kris Fuhr
Capt. Billy Joe Crosby, Jr. commented to a non-commissioned officer about the soldier's breasts, reportedly announced twice that he would "motorboat" the soldier during an upcoming promotion ceremony, and then actually did so in front of other soldiers. This case demonstrates that leaders must maintain a survivor-centered approach through the entire process while also reminding all service members that they have a duty to intervene.
40. [**House bill would allow military to perform, fund abortions**](#)
(3 Jun) *Defense One*, By Jacqueline Feldscher
More than 80 Democratic lawmakers introduced a bill on Friday that would allow military medical facilities to perform and pay for abortions for service members and dependents, even if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned.
41. [**Romantically Linked U.S. Navy Man, Woman Found Shot to Death**](#)
(6 Jun) *Newsweek*, By Gerrard Kaonga
The victims were in a romantic relationship and were found dead at the scene. Wheeling Deputy Police Chief Al Steffen said the victims were both members of the U.S. Navy assigned to Naval Station Great Lakes.
42. [**Breaking down gaps in military child care**](#)
(8 Jun) *Military Times*, By Staff
Two military moms and researchers break down a new military child care analysis and share their own experiences with the system on this episode of *The Spouse Angle*.
43. [**How the Army can work around states cracking down on abortion, trans rights**](#)
(9 Jun) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers
As states like Texas, Oklahoma and Alabama pass legislation that prohibits transgender children from seeking gender-affirming care, and women from terminating their pregnancies, service members have been looking to their chains of command for solutions.



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44. [Military abortion options expected to be debated in annual defense bill process](#)
(10 Jun) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III
The nationwide debate over abortion will be a key point of contention in the upcoming defense authorization bill process later this month, with a key Democratic lawmaker saying the issue needs to be part of the military readiness discussion.
 45. [Army secretary on combating military sexual assault: "Every leader at every level is focused on this"](#)
(13 Jun) *CBS News*, By Caitlin Yilek
Army Secretary Christine Wormuth acknowledged the military branch is still working to combat sexual assault and harassment within its ranks, but said she hopes her legacy is reducing such behaviors.
 46. ['We protect our gear better than our children': Parents voice childcare security concerns on North Carolina Marine base](#)
(14 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Rachel Nostrant
"I walked in that day and just started questioning what the protocols were and I realized how easy it was to get in the building," Gunnery Sgt. Jennifer McNeil told *Marine Corps Times* in a phone interview. "I asked the caregivers 'What were their procedures?' and it was just too many 'I don't know's' and 'This is what we've been told to do,' and after adding everything up it just didn't make sense to me."
 47. [FDA approves alopecia treatment](#)
(14 Jun) *The Hill*, By Jared Gans
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a full-body treatment for alopecia areata, an autoimmune disorder that can cause hair loss and baldness occurring in patches on the body, for the first time.
 48. [Troop leave for abortion services would be protected in House defense spending bill](#)
(14 Jun) *Military.com*, By Rebecca Kheel
House Democrats are moving to ensure service members can take leave to get an abortion ahead of the Supreme Court's expected ruling to overturn the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision that prevents states from outlawing the procedure.
 49. [More child care spaces opening to working military families after COVID-19 pause in priority system](#)
(15 Jun) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers
With moving season in full swing, this policy helps military families get their children into child development centers.
 50. [DAF launches program to issue pregnant members free maternity uniforms](#)
(16 Jun) *Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*
The Department of the Air Force will soon launch the Maternity Uniform Pilot Program, or "Rent the Camo," that will temporarily issue free maternity uniform items to pregnant Airmen and Guardians at 10 bases. This program is a joint effort with the Army and details on how and where to apply are being finalized.
 51. [House lawmakers demand standardized leave policies, financial support for service members seeking abortions](#)
(17 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Svetlana Shkolnikova
House lawmakers urged Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Friday to expand abortion access for service members and their families as the Supreme Court looks to overturn a landmark law preventing states from outlawing the procedure.



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52. [**The Navy is firing a lot of officers and saying almost nothing about it**](#)
(17 Jun) Task & Purpose, By Jeff Schogol
Reasons for such firings typically include inappropriate relationships. “I think the Navy should be more above-board about that because Congress and the public have to get a sense of: Is the system producing people that have bad character?” retired Navy Cmdr. Bryan Clark said. “Do we have a problem with fraternization in the military?”
 53. [**Overturing Roe: What Might This Mean for Military Culture?**](#)
(19 Jun) Lawfare, By Kyleanne Hunter
Women in the military are more likely to experience an unintended pregnancy, miscarriage, or ectopic pregnancy than their civilian counterparts. Additionally, women in the military are more likely to be sexually assaulted and victims of intimate partner violence than their civilian counterparts, factors that increase the risk of unintended pregnancy. Restricting access to abortion may therefore have an outsized effect on women in the military.
 54. [**The Army’s top enlisted leader went to Reddit for soldiers’ ideas on fixing the service’s biggest problems**](#)
(19 Jun) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky
The Sergeant Major of the Army and 150 nominative sergeants major will gather later this month in El Paso, Texas, to discuss solutions to some of the service’s biggest problems, including sexual assault and harassment.
 55. [**Child care is getting more expensive. Here’s how much parents are paying and ways they’re coping with rising prices**](#)
(21 Jun) CNBC, By Michelle Fox
American parents, already grappling with rising inflation, are facing another soaring cost: child care. Some 63% of parents report child care has become more expensive over the past year, according to a survey by Care.com. That high number has many concerned about whether they can afford care and what changes they may have to make to accommodate the rising costs.
 56. [**Soldier 'sextortion' cases surged during the pandemic, Army statistics show**](#)
(22 Jun) Military.com, By Drew F. Lawrence
The number of "sextortion" cases reported to the Army's Criminal Investigation Division almost tripled during the last three years, according to statistics provided by the division to Military.com, as some experts blame isolation during the pandemic.
 57. [**Air Force to launch free maternity uniform pilot program at 10 locations**](#)
(22 Jun) Stars & Stripes, By Staff
Pregnant airmen and guardians at 10 bases across the country and in Japan will soon be able to receive free maternity uniform items through the Maternity Uniform Pilot Program, or “Rent the Camo.”
 58. [**California’s top military brass rocked by homophobia, antisemitism, indecent exposure scandals**](#)
(23 Jun) Los Angeles Times, By Paul Pringle
In 2019, Maj. Gen. David Baldwin removed the commander of the Air National Guard, Maj. Gen. Clay Garrison, amid complaints of reprisals against whistleblowers and allegations of a cover-up of misconduct that reached into the highest ranks of the organization. The complaints, which were disclosed by The Times, focused on the leadership of the Fresno air base and included an alleged cover-up of an incident in which someone urinated in a female Guard member’s boots.



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59. [What you need to know about the scandals at the California National Guard](#)
(23 Jun) *Los Angeles Times*, By Staff
Since early 2019, The Times has investigated a wide range of alleged misconduct by high-ranking officials of the California National Guard.
 60. [Austin vows to maintain military's access to abortion despite end of Roe](#)
(24 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Wyatt Olson
The Defense Department will ensure that service members, their families and civilian employees have access to reproductive health care in the wake of a Supreme Court decision Friday to end the constitutional protection for abortion, the Pentagon said.
 61. [Marine Corps, Army report disproportionate substance abuse, mental health issues](#)
(24 Jun) *Military Times*, By Meghann Myers
Substance abuse and mental health challenges are disproportionately common in the Marine Corps and Army when compared to the other military services, according to a Rand study published Tuesday.
 62. ['Matter of national security': Democratic veterans, advocates call for codifying right to abortion](#)
(24 Jun) *Defense One*, By Jacqueline Feldscher
"Now that women in uniform have lost their reproductive rights, our country's fighting force is hindered and our security is at risk," said a former Army helicopter pilot running for Congress.
 63. [Troops at some bases to see abortion access sharply curtailed or eliminated after the fall of Roe](#)
(24 Jun) *Military.com*, By Patricia Kime, Rebecca Kheel, Konstantin Toropin, and Steve Beynon
The ruling to overturn Roe v. Wade, known as Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, immediately activated "trigger laws" in 13 states, all of which have military installations of various sizes.
 64. [Childcare in the US is broken. Half-measures from employers won't cut it — here's what will.](#)
(25 Jun) *Insider*, By Paul Constant
The early days of the pandemic were terrible for all American workers — but the job losses that followed had a truly catastrophic impact on women.
 65. [The end of Roe v. Wade has huge economic implications for male partners, too](#)
(27 Jun) *NPR*, By Juliana Kim
There's a mounting body of evidence on how having or being denied an abortion affects pregnant people, including impacts on their mental health and the finances of them and their children. The effects on their male partners have received less attention.
 66. [No, the Pentagon is not defying the Supreme Court's ruling on abortion](#)
(27 Jun) *Task & Purpose*, By Haley Britzky
A number of viral social media posts inaccurately claimed that the Pentagon had defied the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.
 67. [Army's top enlisted leaders meet in Texas to discuss prevention efforts for suicide, sexual assault](#)
(27 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Rose L. Thayer
About 150 of the Army's top enlisted leaders will gather in El Paso, Texas, this week for an annual in-person summit to discuss quick-action, low-cost solutions to eliminate suicide and sexual assault among the ranks.



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68. [Abortions are rarely performed by military clinics, data shows](#)
(28 Jun) Military Times, By Meghann Myers
Military treatment facilities have completed fewer than 100 abortions in the past five calendar years, all of which were permitted by federal law under strict circumstances, according to Defense Department data included in a report to Congress in May.
 69. [Limited Abortions Will Continue On DOD Bases Despite Roe v. Wade Reversal](#)
(28 Jun) Defense One, By Jacqueline Feldscher
The memo says the court's ruling will not change the services provided by Defense Department facilities or covered by Tricare. The department and Tricare are allowed to perform and pay for abortions only in cases of rape, incest, or where the life of the pregnant person is at elevated risk—limitations imposed by the 1976 Hyde Amendment.
 70. [DoD looks to protect troops, civilian employees from prosecution over new abortion laws](#)
(28 Jun) Military Times, By Meghann Myers
The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and remove federal protection of abortion access will affect troops and their families in myriad ways, many of which the Defense Department is still trying to work out.
 71. [The hidden costs for US troops after the downfall of Roe v. Wade](#)
(28 Jun) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky
As the Pentagon works to address the implications of the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, experts warn that servicewomen, military spouses, and the military community as a whole could be hit harder than military officials realize.
 72. [The least and most effective types of birth control for preventing pregnancy](#)
(28 Jun) Insider, By Cassandra Miasnikov
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. No contraceptive is 100% effective — all the same, using some type of birth control does a lot more to prevent pregnancy than not using any at all.
 73. [DOD Official: No Changes to Women's Essential Health Care](#)
(28 Jun) DoD News, By Defense.gov
The recent Supreme Court opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization does not prohibit the Defense Department from continuing to provide essential women's health care services to service members, dependents, other beneficiaries and DOD civilian employees, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness said in a memo released today.
 74. [“The Motherhood Penalty”: How Women's Careers Are Hurt When They Have Children](#)
(28 Jun) Too Ambitious, By Stefanie OConnell Rodriguez
Given that the majority of new fathers that say they want to be equal coparents, you might think that men and women would have an equal shot at advancing in the workplace after having kids. But in reality, when women become mothers, they experience significant hits to their income and work opportunities, while men who become fathers experience a career boost.



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SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

75. [Coast Guard Admiral to Become First Female Service Chief, Shattering Another Glass Ceiling](#)
(31 May) *New York Times*, By John Ismay
Adm. Linda L. Fagan shattered one of the last glass ceilings in the military.
76. [The female soldier insurgency that helped rewrite the Army's rules on parenthood](#)
(31 May) *Military.com*, By Steve Beynon
For Staff Sgt. Nicole Edge and thousands of military women, the Army Mom Life Facebook group became a refuge and a resource where they could reach out for help dealing with the difficult issues of parenthood while also serving their country.
77. [Soldier deployed overseas surprises her daughter before graduation](#)
(31 May) *CBS News*, By Staff
This military mom, deployed overseas, sent her daughter a heartfelt video for her high school graduation – but she was in for a much bigger surprise.
78. [Siblings promoted and commissioned in same ceremony at Keesler Air Force Base](#)
(4 Jun) *WLOX*, By Mike Lacy
The Delgado siblings are continuing their family's legacy of serving in the military. Dr. Amanda Delgado is an OB/GYN at Keesler Air Force Base – and proud of it.
79. [Mother arrested on murder charges in connection to daughter's death](#)
(7 Jun) *Pacific Daily News*, By Shane Healy
Iehsa Nichelle Copeland, 28, an active duty Navy sailor, was arrested under suspicion of aggravated murder in the death of her 1-year-old daughter.
80. [Sailor on Guam arrested on suspicion of murder in death of her 1-year-old daughter](#)
(7 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By
A 28-year-old Navy petty officer was arrested Tuesday on Guam in connection with the death of her 1-year-old daughter last month. An autopsy confirmed the death was a homicide and cause of death was asphyxia due to drowning. Copeland is confined at the Department of Corrections Women's Facility.
81. ['I have f*cking had it' — Airman goes public with allegations of assault and criminal justice failure](#)
(14 Jun) *Task & Purpose*, By Haley Britzky
An airman in Florida made a TikTok video over the weekend in which she described her assault by another service member last year, and said that she is being failed by the civilian and military justice systems.
82. [Face of Defense: Soldier Finds Strength, Resiliency Through Motherhood](#)
(15 Jun) *10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade*, By Sgt. 1st Class Neysa Canfield
When Army Capt. Justine Bolten found out that she was pregnant in August of 2020, like most women, she was filled with happiness and joy; however, there was an underlying feeling of anxiousness about this new chapter in her life.



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83. [Another airman has gone public on social media with sexual assault allegations](#)
(20 Jun) *Task & Purpose*, By David Roza
A second airman in fewer than two weeks took to social media to recount an alleged sexual assault in the Air Force.
84. [Navy chief and petty officer dead in suspected murder-suicide](#)
(23 Jun) *Navy Times*, By Geoff Ziezulewicz
Authorities continued this week to investigate the suspected murder-suicide of two Great Lakes-based sailors. Police arrived at the intersection of Lakeview Drive and Buffalo Grove Road on June 5 to find Equipment Operator 2nd Class Ajah Brianna Barnes, 26, and Chief Hospital Corpsman Travis Stephens, 37, dead of gunshot wounds, according to Wheeling police.
85. [General Officer Announcement](#)
(24 Jun) *IMMEDIATE RELEASE*
Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Maj. Gen. Donna D. Shipton for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general, with assignment as military deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Shipton is currently serving as deputy director, National Reconnaissance Office; and commander, Space Force Element, Chantilly, Virginia.

WOMEN VETERANS

86. [Five brain surgeries, two combat tours, now recipient of Nursing Excellence award](#)
(29 May) *VAntage Plot*, By Staff
Shimeca Tillis was selected for the 2022 Secretary's Award for Nursing Excellence in the Role of Registered Nurse.
87. [More than 100 women veterans from Florida take part in all-female Honor Flight](#)
(1 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Sara Samora
It took almost three years to make happen, but 109 women veterans from Florida were finally able to visit the nation's capital and see memorials that honor those who served.
88. [Honor Flight brings 200 female veterans for reopening of Military Women's Memorial](#)
(1 Jun) *ABC7*, By Brian Hopkins
There was nearly 200 female veterans visited the newly reopened Military Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.
89. [Air Force pilot eyes Democratic seat to become first Black female veteran to serve in House](#)
(6 Jun) *Washington Times*, By Mica Soellner
Jennifer-Ruth Green, an Air Force veteran who served in Iraq, is one of just 150 Black women who are professional pilots in the country.
90. [Two bills that expand mammogram access for female veterans become law](#)
(8 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Sara Samora
President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed two bills into law that will expand mammogram access for female veterans who served in areas with toxic exposures and improve services for them in rural parts of the country.



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91. **[Despite promises of inclusivity, VA motto remains focused on men](#)**
(19 Jun) Military Times, By Leo Shane III
Efforts to update the VA motto to gender-neutral wording have stalled over the past year.

92. **[For unsung Black military women, a gold-medal day with Broadway pizzazz](#)**
(16 Jun) The Washington Post, By Peter Marks
Black, all-female 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion get a long-deserved closeup at Arlington Cemetery, and a musical is in the works.

93. **[No Mail, Low Morale](#)**
(23 Jun) Marshall Foundation, By Staff
The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony.