



# Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services

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### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [\*\*Air Force Football sanctioned for recruiting violations\*\*](#)  
(29 Sep) *The Associated Press, By Staff*  
The Air Force football program received two years of probation from the NCAA and had its squad size reduced by 10 for four years as part of its sanctions for recruiting violations.
2. [\*\*Defense Policy Chief Meets With High School Seniors\*\*](#)  
(29 Sep) *DoD News, By David Vergun*  
Colin Kahl, the undersecretary of defense for policy, met with high school seniors from Fairport High School, Fairport, New York today to discuss his role as the Department of Defense's policy head and to engage in national security dialogue with the students as part of a class assignment.
3. [\*\*More Can Be Done to Bring Hispanic Americans Into DOD, Defense Official Says\*\*](#)  
(30 Sep) *DoD News, By C. Todd Lopez*  
"The department offers a variety of career opportunities in and out of uniform that span from astronomy, to nuclear science, to human resources and education — not to mention the vast array of opportunities in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, which are in great demand," Gilbert Cisneros said at the 19th National LATINA Symposium's Distinguished Military Service Awards. At the symposium's awards ceremony, about two dozen Hispanic women from all branches of the military, both uniformed and civilian, were recognized for service to the Defense Department.
4. [\*\*Navy hits its active duty enlisted recruitment goals, but not officers\*\*](#)  
(30 Sep) *Navy Times, By Diana Stancy Correll*  
The Navy hit its active duty enlisted recruitment goals for fiscal 2022, but failed to meet target numbers for active duty and Reserve officers, as well as Reserve enlisted personnel.
5. [\*\*G-RAP 2.0? National Guard could resurrect recruiting referral bonuses\*\*](#)  
(30 Sep) *Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
They've done it before. It was controversial, and people went to prison, but it worked. And now it might return.
6. [\*\*America's incredible shrinking military recruiting pool is getting smaller and smaller\*\*](#)  
(30 Sep) *Task & Purpose, By Jared Keller*  
The most common reasons for disqualification from service were obesity, drug and alcohol abuse, and health and medical issues.
7. [\*\*Army misses recruiting goal by 15,000 soldiers\*\*](#)  
(2 Oct) *The Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor*  
Officials said the Army brought in about 45,000 soldiers during the fiscal year that ended Friday. The goal was 60,000.
8. [\*\*Navy boosts new sailor goal by 3,400 to meet demand in tough recruiting environment\*\*](#)  
(4 Oct) *USNI News, By Heather Mongilio*  
The Navy is boosting its recruiting goal by 3,400 sailors to meet its Fiscal Year 2023 end strength requirement despite an increasingly difficult recruiting environment, service officials told USNI News on Tuesday.



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9. [Nurse hoping to enlist in Navy praises new bill in Congress that would open military to amputees for medical roles](#)  
*(4 Oct) Spokesman-Review, By Quinn Welsch*  
A Spokane nurse who has been trying to enlist in the Navy for years is hopeful Congress takes action on legislation introduced last week that would finally allow her to serve.
10. [Army ended fiscal year short almost 20,000 soldiers, chief says](#)  
*(5 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
After only reaching 75% of its recruiting goal in fiscal 2022, the Army ended the period with nearly 20,000 empty seats, according to the service's top general.
11. [The Pentagon set 18 diversity goals in 2011. It's fulfilled 6 of them.](#)  
*(5 Oct) Military Times, By Meghann Myers*  
One of the goals the Pentagon did achieve included expanding the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services' focus to the gender retention gap.
12. [K-pop group BTS members face possible military conscription](#)  
*(7 Oct) The Associated Press, By Hyung-Jin Kim*  
South Korea's military appears to want to conscript members of the K-pop supergroup BTS for mandatory military duties, as the public remains sharply divided over whether they should be given exemptions.
13. [National Guard struggles as troops leave at faster pace](#)  
*(8 Oct) The Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor*  
Soldiers are leaving the Army National Guard at a faster rate than they are enlisting, fueling concerns that in the coming years units around the country may not meet military requirements for overseas and other deployments.
14. [The Army is struggling to stay out of the culture war](#)  
*(10 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
Amid attacks from conservative cable news personalities, the Army's top leaders said they stand by their diversity and inclusion efforts during a Monday press briefing at the 2022 Association of the U.S. Army conference.
15. [The Marine Corps hit all its recruitment goals for 2022](#)  
*(10 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Jonathan Lehrfeld*  
It met its active-duty enlisted Marine goal by just eight service members.
16. [An end strength crisis is here for the Army](#)  
*(10 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
There's no sugarcoating it: all three components of the Army missed their required end strength for fiscal 2022, leaving boots unfilled after missing recruiting goals by around 15,000 trainees.
17. [Woke-ism not to blame for Army shortfalls, says top recruiting general](#)  
*(10 Oct) Defense One, By Elizabeth Howe and Kevin Baron*  
Though some lawmakers and other conservative politicians have pinned the blame for the Army's recent recruiting woes on "woke-ism," the top general in charge of recruiting for the service said he is "not seeing that at all."



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18. [Army to expand recruiting programs, investment to fill ranks](#)  
*(10 Oct) The Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor and Tara Copp*  
The Army plans to increase its investment in marketing and is expected to expand a new program for struggling recruits, but leaders on Monday offered few new details on how they'll fill the ranks after falling far short of recruiting goals this year.
  19. [The Army's pre-boot camp boot camp is likely to expand](#)  
*(11 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
The Army is entering a new fiscal year with the active component likely understrength by about 10,000 soldiers amid a major recruiting crisis, but all hope isn't lost for service officials as its headline initiative to address the shortfall continues to enjoy early success.
  20. [Does the Army ask soldiers to do too many surveys? Maybe, expert says](#)  
*(11 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
One key idea floating around the 2022 Association of the U.S. Army conference this year is the service's across-the-board need to collect, analyze and take action on massive amounts of data, which lies at the core of its new "information advantage doctrine."
  21. [The Army may be unprepared to win a war against bad-faith criticism](#)  
*(11 Oct) Washington Post, By Philip Bump*  
The U.S. Army has a problem: It needs to enlist tens of thousands of recruits each year but is struggling to do so.
  22. [Biden security plan calls for diverse military, more nuclear spending](#)  
*(12 Oct) Military Times, By Leo Shane III and Joe Gould*  
"We will maintain our foundational principle of civilian control of the military, recognizing that healthy civil-military relations rooted in mutual respect are essential to military effectiveness," the plan states. "We will strengthen the effectiveness of the force by promoting diversity and inclusion; intensifying our suicide prevention efforts; eliminating the scourges of sexual assault, harassment, and other forms of violence, abuse, and discrimination; and rooting out violent extremism."
  23. [Military families should be able to transfer professional licenses across state lines, new survey finds](#)  
*(12 Oct) Military.com, By Amy Bushatz*  
Many Americans believe that military family members should be able to use their professional licenses in any state regardless of where the credentials were received, according to the results of a survey released Wednesday.
  24. [Is the military too 'woke' to recruit?](#)  
*(13 Oct) Military Times, By Meghann Myers*  
The truth is, no one keeps detailed data on what's stopping America's youth from signing up. Experts and senior military leaders point to the perennial factors of competition from the private sector and a dwindling number of young Americans both qualified and interested in military service. But what they don't have much information on is why that propensity is going down, and whether the country is undergoing an ideological shift in attitude toward military service.
  25. [Navy fires CO of Ohio recruiting unit](#)  
*(13 Oct) Navy Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz*  
The commanding officer of an Ohio-based Navy recruiting unit was relieved of command Wednesday for reasons that remain unclear.



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26. [\*\*New Navy ad campaign kicks off targeting Gen Zs on social media\*\*](#)  
*(13 Oct) USNI News, By Heather Mongilio*  
Gen Z, the Navy wants you. A new ad campaign, launched on the Navy's 247th birthday, is using videos posted on social media to target 17 to 24 year olds with a pitch to consider a career in the sea service, Navy officials told USNI News on Wednesday.
  27. [\*\*Air Force needs to cultivate more Hispanic officers, SECAF and report say\*\*](#)  
*(14 Oct) Air and Space Forces Magazine, By Greg Hadley*  
The Department of the Air Force needs to do a better job of identifying, recruiting, and mentoring Hispanic officers—especially at its very highest ranks, according to a new report and Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall.
  28. [\*\*The unintended consequences of Marine Corps Talent Management 2030\*\*](#)  
*(14 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Col. Warren Parker (Retired)*  
America's special trust and confidence in her Marines will be shattered if the Corps' customs, traditions and ethos are lost.
  29. [\*\*The Pentagon's recruiting woes\*\*](#)  
*(14 Oct) Wall Street Journal, By The Editorial Board*  
The U.S. Army recently told the press that it missed its fiscal year recruiting goal by 25%, coming up short nearly 20,000 soldiers. For 50 years America has relied on volunteers to defend the country, but that system is a luxury maintained at a cost, and its struggles deserve attention.
  30. [\*\*Less screaming, more weightlifting: The Army is reinventing basic training for Gen Z\*\*](#)  
*(18 Oct) Military.com, By Steve Beynon*  
Army drill sergeants who model themselves on R. Lee Erney's ruthless Marine Corps drill instructor in "Full Metal Jacket" are on their way out the door.
  31. [\*\*The meaning of America's military recruiting crisis\*\*](#)  
*(18 Oct) Wall Street Journal, By Staff*  
JFK's admonition, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country,' has been turned on its head.
  32. [\*\*Army Special Operations Command aims to reverse recruiting woes\*\*](#)  
*(19 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
The Army's special operations forces could soon be coming to a high school near you.
  33. [\*\*The 'broken veteran narrative' and US military recruiting woes\*\*](#)  
*(19 Oct) Wall Street Journal, By Staff*  
Media depictions of veterans tend to focus only on the challenges they face.
  34. [\*\*The Army needs to get better at recruiting PSYOP soldiers, general says\*\*](#)  
*(20 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky*  
To get recruits excited about a job, they first have to know it exists.
  35. [\*\*Our military is drowning in political correctness\*\*](#)  
*(23 Oct) Wall Street Journal, By Col. Linda Siegel, USAF (Ret.) and Maj. Joe Siegel, USAF (Ret.)*  
The politics hurt recruiting and retention.



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36. [\*\*Military runs on pride and poor leaders\*\*](#)  
*(24 Oct) Wall Street Journal, By Capt. (Ret) Richard Klitzberg, USA*  
America's military is in decline for three critical reasons. First, many generals aren't world-class field officers but inexperienced desk jockeys who rose to star status with keen politics. Second, our brass is too socially savvy, concerned with matters of race, gender and Washington politics, rather than with winning wars of consequence, which we've not done in 75 years. Third, our servicemen are underpaid, undereducated and underappreciated.
37. [\*\*Teen loses 47 pounds to join the Army\*\*](#)  
*(25 Oct) Army Times, By Sarah Sicard*  
Jaimie Rodriguez walked into an Arizona Army recruiting station, carrying 210 pounds and the lifelong dream of becoming a soldier.
38. [\*\*The US Army is struggling to find the recruits its needs to win the fight over the future\*\*](#)  
*(26 Oct) CNBC, By Ian Thomas*  
U.S. Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth said at the CNBC Work Summit on Wednesday that it's become harder for the military to compete for recruits
39. [\*\*Military leaders urge Americans to help them overcome 'misperceptions' of military service\*\*](#)  
*(26 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky*  
In a direct attempt to get more young Americans into uniform, the military services' most senior civilian leaders took to a place they apparently believe young people love to frequent: the Wall Street Journal's opinion section.
40. [\*\*Austin 'confident' about meeting recruiting challenges\*\*](#)  
*(27 Oct) Military Times, By Meghann Myers*  
Although headlines abounded this summer that the military faces a recruiting crisis, spurred by the Army's announcement that it expected to miss its accessions goal by thousands, the Defense Department's most senior leader says he is confident the services will be able to man themselves appropriately to achieve DoD's stated goals of competing with and deterring China and Russia.

## EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

41. [\*\*The Army's new fitness test is here. For real this time. No, seriously. But its future is uncertain.\*\*](#)  
*(29 Sep) Military.com, By Steve Beynon*  
On Saturday, the Army's new fitness test becomes official after nearly 12 years in development, marking the first time since soldiers began training for the new standard two years ago that they will have their strength and endurance formally held up to the new benchmarks.
42. [\*\*What I Learned About The Gender Gap As a Woman Working in Manual Labor\*\*](#)  
*(4 Oct) Too Ambitious, By Stefanie O'Connell Rodriguez*  
And what it's really like when you're one of the only women in your workplace
43. [\*\*Tear gas video triggers investigation into Navy SEAL selection course\*\*](#)  
*(4 Oct) CBS News, By David Martin*  
The video shows Navy SEAL recruits being tear gassed for much longer than regulations stipulate.



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44. [The Army cut women's clothing allowance while awarding men more money](#)  
*(5 Oct) Military.com, By Steve Beynon*  
The Army is decreasing the clothing allowance awarded to women while boosting money men receive for 2023, according to an internal memo reviewed by Military.com. The move comes amid record inflation that has seen living costs for troops skyrocket and despite research indicating women typically spend more on uniforms over the course of their careers.
  45. [After negative feedback, Marine Corps tests another PT uniform](#)  
*(6 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Irene Loewenson*  
The shorts will be shorter than the initial prototype, but the days of silkies still are long gone.
  46. [Sgt Maj Grinston talks barracks, ACFT, body fat and mentorship](#)  
*(11 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
The new fiscal year brings challenges both old and new for the Army — full implementation of a new fitness test, concerns over barracks conditions and more.
  47. [Air Force praises new pilot training but struggles to hire instructors](#)  
*(11 Oct) Air Force Times, By Rachel S. Cohen*  
The Air Force expects to complete its two-year transition to the new undergraduate pilot training curriculum by the end of October, the head of Air Education and Training Command recently told reporters.
  48. [Marine drill instructors' crude sexual marks prompt boot camps visit](#)  
*(11 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Hope Hedge Seck*  
Examples of demeaning language included recruits being instructed to “reach up the skirt” and “smack that whore” in rifle drills.
  49. [Navy SEAL candidate died of bacterial pneumonia in hours after Hell Week training, Navy investigation finds](#)  
*(12 Oct) CNN, By Ellie Kaufman and Barbara Starr*  
Navy SEAL candidate Kyle Mullen, 24, died of bacterial pneumonia in the hours after completing what is known as “Hell Week” during the special operations force’s demanding basic training. While there were several signs Mullen was having breathing issues and coughing up fluid in the last 24 hours of training, he was not pulled from training and not sent to a hospital when it was completed. Navy investigators concluded Mullen died in the “line of duty, not due to his own misconduct,” a press release from Naval Special Warfare Command Public Affairs said.
  50. [Army won't change weight tables after body composition study](#)  
*(13 Oct) Army Times, By Davis Winkie*  
The service has identified areas where policy tweaks could help improve the accuracy of the tape test, which habitually underestimates the body fat of most troops.
  51. [3 Navy officers reprimanded in death of SEAL trainee](#)  
*(13 Oct) The Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor*  
Naval Special Warfare Command has reprimanded three officers in connection with the February death of a SEAL candidate who collapsed and died of acute pneumonia just hours after completing the grueling Hell Week test, according to Navy officials and a new report.



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52. [Army boosting promotion points for expert badges and cutting those for fitness test performance](#)  
*(15 Oct) Military.com, By Steve Beynon*  
Army leaders really want soldiers to earn expert badges, with service planners doubling the amount of promotion points awarded to those who earn the honors meant to reflect skill sets useful for soldiers, according to an internal memo reviewed by Military.com that was signed this summer by Lt. Gen. Gary Brito, who at the time oversaw personnel policy.
  53. [The Army's new pre-basic-training boot camp might actually build better soldiers](#)  
*(19 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky*  
"We want to help them write a successful Army story, not break them off right at the start."
  54. [Marine boot camp study calls for mixed-gender drill instructor teams](#)  
*(21 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Hope Hedge Seck*  
The model recommended would keep same-gender drill instructor teams with male and female platoons only for hygiene, sleeping and overnight duty.
  55. [PEDs and push-ups: The problem with modern SOF training](#)  
*(22 Oct) Military.com, By Ray Vawter*  
Joint Special Operations University recently released its "Research Topics for 2023," an annual booklet that challenges researchers to address the complex issues facing the military's special operations forces community.
  56. [Here's what new biometric data is telling us about Marine boot camp](#)  
*(24 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Hope Hedge Seck*  
A vast trove of biometric data provides unprecedented insights into the physical experience of recruits in the 13 weeks at boot camp.
  57. [This Army video shows how much Ranger School has changed in 70 years](#)  
*(24 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Max Hauptman*  
Rattlesnake meat is a delicacy, if you're hungry enough.
  58. [Former Defense Secretary Ash Carter Dies at 68](#)  
*(25 Oct) DoD News, By Claudette Roulo*  
Former Defense Secretary Ash Carter led progress in diversity, equity and inclusion. In January 2016, he opened all military roles to women and increased paid military maternity leave to 12 weeks.
  59. [Navy needs to fill about 9,000 at-sea billets in more than a dozen ratings, says personnel command](#)  
*(25 Oct) USNI News, By Heather Mongilio*  
The number of at-sea billets the Navy needs to fill continues to grow as the service works to incentivize sailors to take the jobs, according to the latest numbers from the Navy Personnel Command.
  60. [Airman becomes first US woman to attend Royal Thai Air Force's Air Command and Staff College](#)  
*(25 Oct) Military.com, By Thomas Novelly*  
An airman is the first U.S. servicewoman to attend the Royal Thai Air Force's Air Command and Staff College, as the school begins to admit female officers for the first time in its history.



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### WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

61. [Bringing Sociology to U.S. Military Leaders](#)  
*(n.d.) American Sociological Association Vol. 50, Issue 3, By Dr. Sidra Montgomery*  
Developing effective policy recommendations requires an attentiveness to what people do (and what they don't do); why they do it...All of our societal woes are desperately in need of sociological thinkers to discern patterns and make connections. Attending to the people— to their equity and social well-being— so, they can show up prepared to do their jobs better, is important and necessary.
62. [Department of the Air Force updates policy for pregnant OTS applicants](#)  
*(30 Sep) Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*  
The Department of the Air Force has updated a policy to allow women, both enlisted and civilian, to apply and compete for an Officer Training School commission while pregnant. Under the new guidance reflected in DAF Manual 36-2032, Military Recruiting and Accessions, pregnant Airmen, Guardians and civilians can now apply for OTS commissioning and, if selected, will attend training between six to 14-and-a-half months after completion of the pregnancy.
63. [Pregnant women can now apply for Air Force Officer Training School](#)  
*(3 Oct) Air Force Times, By Rachel S. Cohen*  
Pregnant people can now apply for a spot in the Air Force's Officer Training School, a change aimed at admitting more women into the officer corps, the service announced Sept. 30.
64. [Survey Asks Service Members About Discrimination, Extremism Experiences](#)  
*(4 Oct) DoD News, By Katie Lange*  
On Sept. 26, the Department of Defense released the 2022 Workplace and Equal Opportunity Survey for a random selection of active-duty, reserve and National Guard members to take. Diversity, equity and inclusion are important to the DOD, which is committed to promoting dignity and respect within the workplace. This survey lets the department and Congress know how the military is living up to those ideals.
65. [Pregnant Candidates Can Now Apply to Air Force Officer Training School Without a Waiver](#)  
*(4 Oct) Air and Space Forces Magazine, By Greg Hadley*  
If selected, the candidate will then have between six and 14.5 months after the pregnancy to either pass a physical fitness test or get a qualifying physical, depending on whether the candidate is an enlisted or civilian selectee, and then start training. Those wishing to start training less than six months after their pregnancy can apply for a waiver.
66. [Army Green Berets face childcare challenges](#)  
*(4 Oct) CBS News Video*  
A CBS News investigation has found that childcare availability and where it is located are forcing some military families to make difficult decisions. CBS News senior investigative correspondent Catherine Herridge goes to Army Camp Bull Simons in Florida to find out why.
67. [Army investigation blames general for 'negative publicity' after defending servicewomen online](#)  
*(5 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky*  
An Army investigation of the former commander of the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Georgia, determined that he brought "negative publicity" and attention to the Army by engaging with trolls online and defending servicewomen from partisan attacks.



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68. [\*\*A' for effort, 'F' for execution as a general defends women in service\*\*](#)  
*(11 Oct) Defense One, By James Joyner*  
Our leaders have a duty to stand up for those in their charge. But how they say it is just as important as what they say.
  69. [\*\*Millions of Americans are losing access to maternal care. Here's what can be done\*\*](#)  
*(12 Oct) NPR, By Rachel Treisman*  
Access to maternity care is decreasing in the parts of the U.S. that need it the most, affecting nearly 7 million women of childbearing age and some 500,000 babies. That's according to a report...36% of counties nationwide — largely in the Midwest and South — constitute "maternity care deserts," meaning they have no obstetric hospitals or birth centers and no obstetric providers.
  70. [\*\*How this Army officer found a work-life balance\*\*](#)  
*(12 Oct) Army Times, By Jonathan Lehrfeld*  
Finding a healthy work-life balance is no small feat for any working parent, especially for those with a career in the military.
  71. [\*\*October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month\*\*](#)  
*(13 Oct) IMMEDIATE RELEASE*  
The Defense Department is United Against Domestic Abuse and supports anyone in our military community who is experiencing or has experienced abuse. Domestic abuse can include physical, emotional and sexual abuse as well as neglect. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a crucial time to acknowledge the department's commitment to raising awareness through a service-wide campaign.
  72. [\*\*Fort Hood soldier arrested in connection with multiple sexual assaults, including one involving a gun\*\*](#)  
*(13 Oct) Stars & Stripes, By Rose L. Thayer*  
A 29-year-old Fort Hood soldier has been detained on suspicion that he has sexually assaulted multiple other soldiers at the Army base, including an attack involving a gun, according to service officials.
  73. [\*\*The Army can predict when some leaders are at risk of misconduct\*\*](#)  
*(13 Oct) Defense One, By Elizabeth Howe*  
The U.S. Army has figured out when command sergeant majors are at risk of losing focus or even going bad—and has successfully used counseling to reduce instances of undesirable behavior, its top enlisted leader said Wednesday.
  74. [\*\*Air Force puts reporting options for sexual harassment on par with sexual assault\*\*](#)  
*(13 Oct) Stars & Stripes, By Jennifer H. Svan*  
Victims of sexual harassment in the Air Force and Space Force now have the same reporting options and access to help that previously were limited to sexual assault cases.
  75. [\*\*Army secretary tells leaders to stand up for soldiers 'IRL or online' after telling them to stay out of 'culture wars'\*\*](#)  
*(14 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky*  
Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth attempted to clear up her remarks from earlier in the week about leaders engaging on social media.



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76. [These Florida military families will finally get a child care center](#)  
(14 Oct) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers  
Families of the 7th Special Forces Group at Camp Bull Simons, Florida, will finally get their wish: a child development center located on the compound.
77. [New Air Force policy aims to better handle sexual harassment claims](#)  
(19 Oct) *Air Force Times*, By Rachel S. Cohen  
Troops in the Department of the Air Force can now access the same resources to deal with sexual harassment as they would for sexual assault under a recent policy change.
78. [DOD Announces Efforts to Ensure Access to Reproductive Health Care](#)  
(20 Oct) *IMMEDIATE RELEASE*  
Today, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced the Department will take all appropriate action, within its authority and consistent with applicable federal law, as soon as possible to ensure that Service members and their families can access reproductive health care and health care providers can operate effectively.
79. [DOD Looks to Ensure Access to Reproductive Health Care](#)  
(20 Oct) *DoD News*, By Jim Garamone  
Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III signed a memo today designed to ensure that service members and their families can access reproductive health care and to support Department of Defense health care providers concerned about potential risks while providing federally authorized care.
80. [Military to provide leave, travel expenses for troops seeking abortion](#)  
(20 Oct) *Military Times*, By Meghann Myers  
An estimated 80,000 female, active duty service members are stationed in states where their access to abortion has been restricted by state laws enacted since the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* in June.
81. [US military making policy changes to protect abortion access, defend health providers against legal trouble](#)  
(20 Oct) *Stars & Stripes*, By Doug G. Ware  
The Defense Department announced Thursday that it's updating military policies to protect access to abortions for female service members and back up health providers and doctors in states where laws prohibit the controversial procedure.
82. [New Pentagon abortion policy draws ire of GOP, praise from Democrats](#)  
(21 Oct) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III  
Republican lawmakers on Friday sharply criticized Defense Department plans to provide leave and cover travel costs for troops seeking abortions, calling it a move driven by politics and not the health care needs of the military.
83. ['What to Expect' author celebrates soon-to-be military moms with baby shower in Japan](#)  
(27 Oct) *Stars & Stripes*, By Alex Wilson  
About 50 new and soon-to-be mothers laughed, cheered and chatted alongside the author of a best-selling pregnancy guide this week, part of a USO program that brings the baby shower experience to future parents who are far from home.



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84. [FDA plans new regulations on mammograms in effort to help women with dense breasts](#)  
(28 Oct) CBS News, By Roxana Saberi  
Mammograms can sometimes fail to detect tumors in women who have a higher breast density. As a result, the FDA said it's planning new regulations for informing women about their tissue type and screening options.
85. [Plugged In: How the 21st Century Sailor Communicates](#)  
(n.d.) Navy League, By RDML Kavon Hakimzadeh  
21st century Sailors' use of social media to post their concerns is democratizing the Navy. In fact, it is reversing the traditional roles of leader and follower.

### SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

86. [Coast Guard cadet discharged over vaccine refusal says she has no regrets](#)  
(29 Sep) The Day, New London, By Brian Hallenbeck  
Alexis Colasurdo said she wouldn't wish the experience on anyone, but she's grateful for it.
87. [Mother, son begin their Army journeys together](#)  
(30 Sep) Army News, By Terrance Bell  
"No one believed me," Erica L. Esqueda recalled about her decision to join the Army. Family and friends thought of her as a "girly girl." The San Antonio beautician was never without the latest fashion, hair and nails. It made it hard to fathom the idea of her trading designer apparel for Army camouflage patterns.
88. [Guess how many burpees it took for this Marine to break a Guinness World Record](#)  
(3 Oct) Task & Purpose, By David Roza  
Marine Sgt. Nahla Beard hasn't always been into physical fitness, but a serious back injury during her second year in the military, which took almost nine months to recover from, convinced her she never wanted to experience something like that again.
89. [Teen soldier who died at Fort Jackson identified by Army](#)  
(11 Oct) The State, By Noah Feit  
The U.S. Army identified the teenage soldier who died last week at Fort Jackson. Pvt. Danielle A. Shields, an active duty soldier in basic combat training, was found in her barracks area Friday, Army officials said Tuesday in a news release. Emergency personnel took her to a local hospital where she died, according to the Army.
90. [General Officer Announcement](#)  
(12 Oct) IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced that the president has made the following nomination: Space Force Maj. Gen. DeAnna M. Burt for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general, with assignment as deputy chief of space operations, Operations, Cyber, and Nuclear, Office of the Chief of Space Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Burt is currently serving as special assistant, Office of the Vice Chief of Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Space Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
91. [A Marine is Guinness world champ in burpees per minute](#)  
(14 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Irene Loewenson  
The Marines famously have the reputation of being "first to fight." But one Marine has earned another, lesser-known, distinction: first woman to complete 27 chest-to-ground burpees in one minute.



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92. [2 brigade commanders fired at Fort Hood for loss of confidence](#)  
*(6 Oct) Stars & Stripes, By Rose L. Thayer*  
Maj. Gen. John Richardson, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, removed Col. Jon Meredith as commander of the division's 1st Brigade Combat Team. His wife, Col. Ann Meredith, is the commander of Fort Hood's 89th Military Police Brigade and is not under investigation, Marotto said.
93. [Cal Guard Pilot and Meteorologist Keeps her eye on the sky](#)  
*(21 Oct) California National Guard Public Affairs, By Joe Prouse*  
U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Jessica Burch, an aviation officer and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot with the California National Guard, also works as a weekday broadcast meteorologist for CBS KPIX channel 5 news in San Francisco.
94. [Airman who plotted to kill spouse for insurance money appears in court](#)  
*(26 Oct) Military Times, By Jonathan Lehrfeld*  
Airman 1st Class Katelyn Day attempted to poison her estranged spouse with fentanyl and secure a \$100,000 life insurance payout.

### WOMEN VETERANS

95. [Can you get an abortion at a VA clinic?](#)  
*(24 Sep) Defense News Weekly Video*  
The Veterans Administration is the first and largest federal agency to decide whether and how it will provide abortion access following the end of Roe vs. Wade protection. Officials went to Capitol Hill recently to outline their plan.
96. [VA obligated to provide abortions to any ER patient facing life-threatening pregnancy, officials say](#) *(29 Sep) Military.com, By Patricia Kime*  
A pregnant woman who arrives at a Veterans Affairs emergency room with a life-threatening complication related to their condition could receive an abortion regardless of whether they served in the military, the VA's top doctor said Wednesday.
97. [Ex-US army medic allegedly lured migrants on to flights to Martha's Vineyard](#)  
*(3 Oct) The Guardian, By Coral Murphy Marcos*  
Perla Huerta was reportedly sent to Texas from Florida to fill planes chartered by DeSantis, offering gift cards to asylum seekers.
98. ['I have friends who are dying:' Photographer's project created to raise awareness of breast cancer, honor vets impacted by the disease](#)  
*(5 Oct) Stars & Stripes, By Sara Samora*  
Photographer Charise Isis said her latest exhibit featuring portraits of female veterans impacted by breast cancer was inspired by her friend, Army veteran Donna Guinn Kaufman.
99. [Army vet Caitlin Bassett finds herself playing an Army vet on 'Quantum Leap'](#)  
*(6 Oct) Military.com, By James Barber*  
"Quantum Leap," the hit sci-fi TV series from the late 1980s/early '90s, has been reconstituted and revived by NBC for the new season. Even though original stars Scott Bakula and Dean Stockwell aren't part of the show, the new version has definite ties to the original, with several characters having family ties to the original show and the current time-jumping program a continuation of the original.



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100. [Expand VA abortion access to all vets and dependents, advocates say](#)  
*(10 Oct) Military Times, By Leo Shane III*  
Procedure access is limited to cases of rape, incest or complications involving the health of the pregnant veteran.
101. [Military sexual assault victims could get back benefits under plan](#)  
*(11 Oct) Military Times, By Leo Shane III*  
Victims of military sexual assault could be eligible for tens of thousands of dollars in retroactive disability benefits under a proposal being unveiled by pair of House lawmakers this week.
102. [Democratic lawmakers, veterans groups sign letters urging the VA do more to provide abortion services](#)  
*(14 Oct) Stars & Stripes, By Sara Samora*  
More than 90 veterans and advocacy groups and 55 Democratic lawmakers signed two letters showing support for efforts by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide abortion services for veterans and urge the agency to do more.
103. [Raleigh shooting victim was a Navy vet set to be married in two weeks, sister says](#)  
*(14 Oct) NBC News, By Marlene Lenthang and Jamie Morrison*  
One of the victims killed in a mass shooting in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Thursday night was set to be married in two weeks. Now, Mary Marshall's wedding day will turn into a celebration of life ceremony, her sister said.
104. [More vets are running for Congress now than any election since 2012](#)  
*(17 Oct) Military Times, By Leo Shane III*  
Nearly 200 veterans won major-party primaries this year and will vie for a seat in Congress in the midterm elections, making this the largest field of candidates with military experience in a decade. This year's field of veteran candidates features 17 women.
105. [Operation Dress Code to help female veterans transitioning to civilian jobs](#)  
*(18 Oct) San Diego Union-Tribune, By Linda Mcintosh*  
A pop-up boutique run by nonprofit Operation Dress Code is open free for women transitioning out of the military and looking for civilian jobs
106. [This Marine went from a leg amputation to modeling and elite sports](#)  
*(21 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Irene Loewenson*  
The Los Angeles-based Annika Hutsler has acted in commercials, appeared in print ads for Target and walked the runway for Tommy Hilfiger.
107. [8 famous veterans who changed American history, business and culture forever](#)  
*(Veterans Day) Military.com, By Blake Stilwell*  
We might know her best as one of the "Golden Girls," but Bea Arthur's career goes back much further than the award-winning series that has found new life on Instagram and TikTok. She enlisted to be a typist in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943, but soon requested a transfer to be a truck driver and dispatcher. Her nearly 60-year acting career began in 1947 and almost immediately, Arthur infused feminist issues into her work.
108. [Healthcare, the economy, reproductive rights: what matters most to veterans in the midterm elections](#)  
*(25 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Jeff Schogol*  
Those issues include ensuring that female veterans get fair treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs,



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109. [Air Force takes 'full responsibility' for Jennifer-Ruth Green sexual assault leak, GOP congressmen say](#)  
(26 Oct) Fox News, By Kyle Morris  
Indiana Reps. Jim Banks and Larry Bucshon said the records were provided to 'an opposition research firm' ahead of the state's Nov. 8 election.