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### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Space Force vows to defend the final frontier in new recruiting ad](#)

(30 Oct) *Military.com*, By Oriana Pawlyk

A piece of metal the size of a coin could end crucial space operations that affect not only military missions, but also everyday life on Earth. That's why America needs the U.S. Space Force.

2. [Can Space Force be the first military branch built for women?](#)

(30 Oct) *Air Force Magazine*, By Rachel S. Cohen

For nearly 250 years, the U.S. military has designed its machines, career paths, and uniforms through a male lens. Now, the Space Force has a chance to make history as the only military branch built with women in mind from the start.

3. [Schriever showcases diversity, inclusion in Space Force](#)

(30 Oct) *DVIDS*, By Marcus Hill

The Space Force showcased its talented members, notably on Oct. 1 when Chief Master Sgt. Taryn Stys, 4th Space Control Squadron superintendent, and Chief Master Sgt. Karmann-Monique Pogue, 4th Space Operations Squadron superintendent, each promoted to chief master sergeant, the first women in the USSF to do so.

4. [Burt tapped for two key space combat jobs](#)

(2 Nov) *Air Force Magazine*, By Rachel S. Cohen

Maj. Gen. DeAnna M. Burt is slated to take over as the deputy commander of the Space Force's operations branch and as head of a related warfighting group underneath U.S. Space Command, a military spokesperson confirmed Oct. 30.

5. [Navy makes 78 more ratings eligible for reenlistment bonuses](#)

(4 Nov) *Navy Times*, By Diana Stancy Correll

The Navy has made 78 more ratings eligible for a reenlistment bonus of up to \$100,000 in fiscal 2021, and increased payouts for 14 more — but the bonuses for 51 skill sets already eligible will decrease and 44 ratings have been eliminated from the program, according to the service.

6. [Volunteers for select Marine special duty assignments could get \\$10K bonus](#)

(5 Nov) *Marine Corps Times*, By Philip Athey

Marines who volunteer for some of the Corps' toughest special duty assignments will be eligible for up to \$10,000 in bonus pay, according to a new administrative message from the Corps.

7. [Navy offers retention bonuses up to \\$125,000 for eligible special warfare officers](#)

(7 Nov) *Navy Times*, By Diana Stancy Correll

Naval special warfare officers could receive up to \$125,000 under a new retention bonus the service is offering.

8. [Gen. Raymond targets combat-ready Space Force](#)

(9 Nov) *Breaking Defense*, By Theresa Hitchens

Chief of Space Operations Gen. Jay Raymond's new guidance document strikes a distinctly martial tone, focusing future investment on "orbital warfare" capabilities out to the Moon and beyond.



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### EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

9. [West Point agrees to issue smaller-sized combat uniforms to new female cadets](#)  
(30 Oct) *Stars & Stripes* By Rose L. Thayer  
Women entering the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., will now have access to smaller-sized Army combat uniforms following a request from Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., to review the school's policy on unisex uniforms for incoming cadets.
10. [Air Force takes steps to clear path for women's advancement](#)  
(30 Oct) *Washington Post*, By Missy Ryan  
When Alexandra Jackson joined the West Virginia Air National Guard in 2018, she was looking forward to becoming a pilot with the 167th Airlift Wing, like her father.
11. [Commandant's Reading List includes books about female Marines for the first time — but is it enough?](#)  
(2 Nov) *Marine Corps Times*, By Philip Athey  
The Marine Corps overhauled the Commandant's Reading List in 2020 in a modernization effort to become more relevant to the modern-day Marine.
12. [Air Force tests G-force suits for female pilots](#)  
(3 Nov) *Air Force Time*, By Stephen Losey  
Women who fly fighter jets or other high-speed aircraft could have a better-fitting and safer G-force suit on the way, thanks to testing that took place last week at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.
13. [Women, Security, Peace Initiative Militarily Effective](#)  
(5 Nov) *DoD News*, By Jim Garamone  
The women, peace and security initiative is not only the right thing to do, but it is militarily effective, DOD officials said on the 20th anniversary of the passage of the landmark United Nations Security Council resolution.
14. [Military Marks Women, Peace and Security Program](#)  
(5 Nov) *DoD News*, By Jim Garamone  
DOD officials have embraced United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, on women, peace and security, and are bullish about its future in the department.
15. [Will the Army change the size of the infantry squad? A new study is looking at it.](#)  
(5 Nov) *Army Times*, By Todd South  
The Army is conducting a study to determine whether it should change the size of its infantry squads as it adds "Next Generation" technology to the force's elemental fighting unit.
16. [Navy orders halt to diversity training; discrimination study will continue](#)  
(7 Nov) *Military.com*, By Gina Harkins  
A new Navy and Marine Corps-wide order on combating race and sex stereotyping won't halt the work of a naval task force focused on identifying discriminatory policies affecting sailors.
17. [The next secretary of defense should be a woman](#)  
(8 Nov) *Military Times*, By Lawrence J. Korb  
In the nearly 75 years since the Department of Defense was created in 1947, Democratic and Republican presidents have appointed 27 people to the top job in the Pentagon, the secretary of defense. However, all the appointees have been males.



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18. [Michèle Flournoy could become the first woman to run the Pentagon. Here's what would change.](#)

*(8 Nov) Defense News, By Aaron Mehta*

On June 20, 2016, then-Vice President Joe Biden delivered keynote remarks at an event hosted by the Center for a New American Security, the think tank founded and, at that point, led by Michèle Flournoy.

### WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

19. [A new Pentagon report on sexual assault in the military is a wakeup call to a 'systemic' problem](#)

*(30 Oct) Task & Purpose, By Haley Britzky*

A new report released this month reaffirms a depressing truth: the U.S. military's handling of sexual assault is abysmal.

20. [Pentagon study says not enough rape case are going to trial with proper evidence](#)

*(3 Nov) Military Times, By Meghann Myers*

A group of criminal justice experts who reviewed nearly 2,000 military rape cases found that a good number had been sent to court-martial without enough evidence to convict, and that those cases undermine the military justice system's ability to properly prosecute sexual assaults.

21. [SAPRO Director Pledges 'Zero Tolerance' for Sexual Assault, Harassment](#)

*(3 Nov) DoD News, By Terri Moon Cronk*

The new director of the Defense Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office hit the ground running after being in the field for many years and hearing firsthand service members' concerns about sexual assault and harassment.

22. [Coast Guard sees rise in sexual assault reports](#)

*(4 Nov) The Hill, By Ellen Mitchell*

Since 2007 the Coast Guard has struggled with a consistent increase in reported sexual assaults, show internal annual reports posted online this week.

23. [DOD Takes New Measures to Address the Digitalization of Domestic Violence](#)

*(5 Nov) DoD News*

The Department of Defense announced a new training course is available for military first responders designed to help keep military families safe, support victims, and ensure that domestic violence is effectively recognized as a crime in cases including abuse, harassment and stalking through technology.

24. [Tackling unwanted sexual behaviour in military colleges](#)

*(7 Nov) University World News, By Nathan M. Greenfield*

The recent Statistics Canada report that in 2019 almost 70% of cadets at the nation's two military academies witnessed or experienced unwanted sexual behaviours is only the latest such report to show a prevalence of sexual misconduct in national military academies around the world.

25. [DoD Fails to Address the Health Care Needs of Female Troops, Advisory Board Claims](#)

*(9 Nov) Military.com, By Patricia Kime*

Despite more than three decades of studies and recommendations on military women's health, the Defense Department fails to provide female service members the medical care and equipment needed for their well-being -- a deficiency that costs millions and hurts operational readiness, a Pentagon advisory board has concluded.



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26. [Walter Reed master chief charged with sex crimes](#)

*(10 Nov) Navy Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz*

Master Chief Corpsman Gregory F. Fall is charged with a specification under Article 120 for aggravated sexual contact in connection to a June 4, 2019, incident in which he is accused of touching the “breast and buttocks” of another sailor at Walter Reed, and using “unlawful force” in the process, according to his charge sheet.

### SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

27. [Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the US military](#)

*(2 Nov) War On The Rocks, By Emma Moore and Robert Levinson*

As Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s coffin was carried up the steps of the Capitol to lie in state in September, the soldiers who carried the first woman to be so honored were led by another woman of distinction: U.S. Army Capt. Shaye Haver, company commander, 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment — the famed “Old Guard” responsible for funerals and other ceremonial duties in the nation’s capital.

28. [For these airmen, launching ICBMs is a family business](#)

*(5 Nov) Air Force Times, By Harm Venhuizen*

Not many mother-daughter duos can say they’ve both launched an intercontinental ballistic missile. In fact, Linda and Taylor Tonnies may be the only pair able to make such a claim.

29. [Kirtland airman killed by intoxicated driver remembered as 'gifted and talented'](#)

*(6 Nov) The Albuquerque Journal, By Matthew Reisen*

Mohammad Hassani, 22, is charged with DWI-related homicide by vehicle in the death of 28-year-old Staff Sgt. D'Andrea Smith.

30. [California Marine died in car crash on the way to physical training](#)

*(6 Nov) Marine Corps Times, By Philip Athey*

Marine Lance Cpl. Rose Willy, 21, died in a car accident early morning Oct. 14, in Escondido, California, while riding as a passenger to her unit’s morning physical training.

31. [Nebraska National Guard vet helped pave way for women in military](#)

*(8 Nov) Omaha World-Herald, By Henry Cordes*

Sgt. 1st Class Jenny Bos serves as a truck driving instructor for the Nebraska National Guard, teaching everything from how to properly tie down a load to how to run a convoy operation.

32. [Preparing to leave the military a second time, soldier discusses bond of service in Iraq with daughter](#)

*(8 Nov) South Bend Tribune via the Associated Press, By Howard Dukes*

When Michele Johnson graduated from Riley High School in 1982, she headed down to Bloomington to continue her education at Indiana University.

33. [Retired Four-Star General Lori J. Robinson on Our ‘Messy’ Democracy and the Importance of Hearing Harsh Truths](#)

*(8 Nov) Time Magazine*

You don’t get to be a four-star general, responsible for defending North American airspace from attack, by surrounding yourself with shy subordinates. Throughout her career Lori J. Robinson, who retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2018 and now serves on corporate boards and think tanks, invited brutally honest feedback.



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34. **[Year of the Captains & Colonels: CAPT Lexia M. Littlejohn, USCG](#)**  
(9 Nov) *National Naval Officers Association, By K. Hurst*  
CAPT Lexia Littlejohn currently serves as the Sector Commander for Sector Buffalo where she oversees 1,200 active duty, reserve, and Auxiliary members in conducting Coast Guard operations across Lakes Erie and Ontario including the Niagara River and Niagara Falls, a portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway, 570 miles of shoreline across 3 states, and 455 miles of international maritime border.
35. **[Marine Corps seeks gag order in case of Virginia Beach corporal whose family says she has PTSD after sexual assault](#)**  
(10 Nov) *Virginian-Pilot, By Katherine Hafner*  
The Marine Corps is seeking a gag order in the criminal case of a Virginia Beach corporal whose supporters say her actions stem from trauma related to a sexual assault at the hands of a fellow Marine.
36. **[Midshipman Makes History as First Black Female Brigade Commander at Naval Academy](#)**  
(10 Nov) *The Capital, By Heather Mongilio*  
When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber assumes the brigade command, she'll make Naval Academy history. Barber will be the academy's first Black female to command the Brigade of Midshipmen.
37. **[Biden names first female 4-star admiral to Pentagon transition team](#)**  
(10 Nov) *The Washington Times, By Mike Glenn*  
The first African-American woman to command a U.S. Navy ship and the first woman to achieve four-star rank in the Navy has been appointed to President-elect Joe Biden's transition team to the Department of Defense.
38. **[Fort Hood leaders meet with Vanessa Guillen's family, say gate will be named in her honor](#)**  
(11 Nov) *Military Times, By Kyle Rempfer*  
The family of Spc. Vanessa Guillen visited Fort Hood, Texas, on Tuesday to see design concepts and survey the proposed site of a memorial gate that will be named in Guillen's honor, according to the central Texas installation.
39. **[Sailor who screamed 'F\\*\\*\\* Trump!' in viral video disciplined](#)**  
(12 Nov) *Navy Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz*  
A uniformed petty officer caught on camera screaming "Fuck Trump!" to a group of the president's supporters this summer has received non-judicial punishment, officials confirmed this week.

## WOMEN VETERANS

40. **[WWII Vet Still Breaking the Mold at 102](#)**  
(Nov 2020) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Katie Lange*  
Former Army 1st Lt. Vivian "Millie" Bailey commanded a segregated all-female unit during World War II and has been helping service members ever since. At 102, she continues to live life to the fullest. In fact, she just went skydiving for the first time last month near her home in Columbia, Maryland!
41. **[6 tips for starting a successful business from these female military veterans who did it](#)**  
(1 Nov) *CNBC, By Colette Ngo*  
Female veteran-owned businesses make up just 15.2% of the 2.52 million veteran businesses, according to Census Bureau Statistics. About 97% of those have no employees. Also, only around 15% of all veteran-owned firms are minority-owned.



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42. [Women veterans poised to play pivotal part in 2020 Congressional elections](#)  
(2 Nov) *Connecting Vets*, By Abbie Bennett  
Women veterans are poised to play a pivotal role in this year's Congressional elections, with 28 running for federal office including in major races that could determine the Senate majority.
43. [Remember the WASPs: The Forgotten American Female Pilots of World War II](#)  
(7 Nov) *The National Interest*, By Peter Suci  
More than 25,000 women applied for pilot training under the WASP program, and 1,830 were accepted while 1,074 graduated, and 900 remained in service at the program's end.
44. [Parade honors 101-year-old WWII veteran who served in all-Black, all-female unit](#)  
(8 Nov) *Montgomery Advertiser via the Associated Press*, By Brad Harper  
The mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, proclaimed Romay Davis' birthday Romay Davis Day.
45. [She found all the adventure she wanted in the U.S. Army](#)  
(8 Nov) *Omaha World-Herald*, By Marjie Ducey  
Jodi Wilson left home after high school seeking adventure. The then-18-year-old found what she was looking for in the U.S. Army.
46. [Newly opened U.S. Army museum's meaningful tribute to fallen officer](#)  
(11 Nov) *NBC News* <Video>  
When the National Museum of the U.S. Army opened this Veterans Day, it included a tribute to 1st Lt. Ashley White-Stumpf, who was killed in Afghanistan. Her twin sister Brittany says the family is proud that Ashley will continue to touch the lives of others.
47. [Rosie the Riveter women to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal](#)  
(12 Nov) *Connecting Vets*, By Abbie Bennett  
The women who would later be characterized by the symbol of "Rosie the Riveter" are poised to receive Congress' highest award Congress passed a bill that now heads to the president's desk.
48. ['Homeland' Director Lesli Linka Glatter To Direct Adaptation Of 'Ashley's War' For Universal: Molly Smith Metzler Penning Script](#)  
(12 Nov) *Deadline*, By Justin Kroll  
Lesli Linka Glatter will direct Universal Pictures' Ashley's War, based on The New York Times bestseller written by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. Molly Smith Metzler wrote the script. Reese Witherspoon, Bruna Papandrea and Natalie Krinsky will produce. Lemmon will executive produce.