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(Bloomberg.com) - I have a suggestion about how to help instantly reduce sexual assaults in the military. Round up those in charge of handling sexual-assault cases.

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(Wall Street Journal) - On Friday, the Financial Times became the latest victim of the Syrian Electronic Army when the pro-Assad group hijacked the newspaper's technology blog and its Twitter account. Since the hacker group emerged in 2011, it has attacked the Associated Press, the BBC, Al Jazeera, Harvard University and even Oprah Winfrey's Facebook page and the satirists at the Onion.

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[Air Force picks Pease for new KC-46A tanker](#)

Seacoastonline.com

PORTSMOUTH — The Air Force announced today that it has selected Pease Air **National Guard** Base's 157th Air Refueling Wing as the top choice to receive the new KC-46A refueling tanker. Pease was selected from among five Air **National Guard** installations ...

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Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) offers a renewed opportunity for education/training

and job assistance to unemployed Veterans 35-60 years old. As of this week there have been over 117,000 applicants. We have notified over 101,000 Veterans that they are approved to begin training (through a Certificate of Eligibility-COE) and, to date over 47,000 have begun their training towards a high demand career field.

VRAP is a joint program between VA and Department of Labor however; the successful outreach of VRAP was a much larger community endeavor. Many of you represent our stakeholders, community partners, and Veterans Service Organizations who helped us reach out to this deserving population. Thank you for helping us and supporting our outreach efforts. We could not have achieved this without you.

The National Resource Directory provides online support and access to over 10,000 services and resources. Please visit: www.NationalResourceDirectory.gov. Also Please be sure to check your particular state for any additional benefits that may be offered.

'Administrative error' forces U.S. plane to land in Indonesia

A U.S. military passenger plane was able to leave Indonesia today after an administrative error forced the plane to land and be held overnight. [[Read More](#)]

U.S. lawmakers seek Asia missile defense safeguard

Lawmakers are seeking to prohibit the U.S. from removing missile defense equipment from East Asia, even if the threat posed by a nuclear-armed North Korea is eliminated. [[Read More](#)]

U.S. lawmakers seek limits on Russia cooperation

Republicans are trying to block Obama administration overtures to Russia on missile defense, creating a potential obstacle to arms control talks. [[Read More](#)]

House passes automatic COLA for veterans

Annual cost-of-living adjustments in veterans' disability and survivor benefits would become automatic - just like Social Security - beginning in 2014 under a bill passed by the House on Tuesday. [[Read More](#)]

House panel poised to reject lower pay raise, Tricare fee hikes

A key House panel is rejecting the idea that budget cuts must mean pain for service members, retirees and their families. [[Read More](#)]

Missileers face extra work, no room for error

Not only have Minuteman III missile launch officers had to withstand the media fury over 'rot' from within its ranks and being in a 'crisis' mode after a subpar inspection, now the remaining launch officers have to pick up an extra 24-hour shift per month [[Read More](#)]

[VA partners with DAV, American Legion on faster claims](#)

[Analysis: Chronic pain affects growing number of vets](#)

[Multiple brain injuries seen to increase risk of suicide.](#) Deployed military personnel who've had multiple traumatic brain injuries from roadside bombs or other incidents may be at increased risk for suicide, a new study suggests.

[A National Commission to Heal 'Psychic' Wounds of War.](#) [Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Nation:** Representatives Jim McDermott and Walter Jones have

introduced a bill that would create one of the more fascinating Congressional commissions in recent history: the Commission on America and Its Veterans... They describe it as an effort to “heal the psychic wounds of war” ...

[Obama signs off on routine changes to court-martial manual.](#)

President Obama on Wednesday signed off on several changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial, including a change to the maximum penalty for rape — lowering it from the death penalty to life in prison.

[Multiple traumatic brain injuries increase military suicide risk, U. study finds.](#)

[Hyperlink to Story](#) **The Salt Lake Tribune:** Repeated traumatic brain injuries can significantly increase suicide risk for people in the military and the danger appears to continue throughout the soldier's lifetime, according to the a new study from the University of Utah.

[Feds Charge Local Man With Defrauding Military Veterans.](#)

[Patch.com](#) ... fraud is punishable to up to 20 years of imprisonment. The matter is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Officer of the Inspector General, as well as the IRS and other agencies. Comment Recommend. Flag as ...

[Hagel: Military has in many ways failed on sexual assault.](#) Military leaders are disappointed, embarrassed and have, “in many ways, failed” on stopping sexual assault in the military, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Friday afternoon.

[Traumatic brain injury may increase suicide risk for military personnel.](#)

[Hyperlink to Story](#) **CBS News:** Military members who suffered more than one mild traumatic brain injury may be more likely to commit suicide

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[The Problem With The Pentagon's Sex Survey -- \(Letter\)](#)

(Wall Street Journal) - Capt. Lindsay Rodman makes a case for fact-based public policy while demolishing the mechanics and conclusions of the subject survey on unwanted sexual contact ("The Pentagon's Bad Math on Sexual Assault," op-ed, May 20). Her essay demonstrates her talent and the values she learned in the Marine Corps. It's followed by the disclaimer that: "Her opinions do not reflect the position of the Defense Department or the Marine Corps."

Check out Pentagon Spec Ops Chief Sees '10 to 20' More Years of War Against a

[Click here: Pentagon Spec Ops Chief Sees '10 to 20' More Years of War Against al-Qaida | Danger Room | Wired.com](#)

Tinker Spared from Tornado's Wrath

The ferocious tornado that leveled large swaths of Moore, Okla., on Monday spared Tinker Air Force Base and the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, a base spokeswoman told the *Daily Report* on Tuesday. Although the base was up and running at mid-day on May 21, many nearby roads were closed and phone lines were down, and Tinker officials were still trying to make an accounting of the nearly 30,000 airmen and civilian employees who work on base, she said. Tinker dispatched assets—emergency vehicles and fire trucks—that, along with many volunteers from the base, were helping local authorities deal with the aftermath of the storms, which killed at least 24 people and destroyed a local school and hospital. The tornado hit about three miles south of Tinker, said base officials in a May 21 [release](#). There are more than 18,000 dependents and 36,000 retirees in the six counties surrounding the base, which is Oklahoma's single largest employer. Tinker units operate E-3 AWACS and KC-135R tankers, and the Oklahoma City depot is the hub of repair and overhaul for the B-1B, B-52, C/KC-135, E-3, and Navy E-6 aircraft, and the F100, F101, F108, F110, F117, F118, F119 and TF-33 engines.

—*John A. Tirpak*

Launch Updates

An [operational test launch](#) of an unarmed Minuteman III ICBM is set to occur on Wednesday at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., following a one-day delay due to a range safety instrumentation issue, according to [a release](#) from Vandy's 30th Space Wing. "Public safety is my first priority during all launch operations," said Col. Brent McArthur, 30th SW vice commander, in explaining the reschedule. Meanwhile, the Air Force is geared to launch the fifth Wideband Global Satellite Communications spacecraft into orbit on May 23 from Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla., according to [a separate release](#). A United Launch Alliance Delta IV rocket will carry the military communications satellite aloft.

AETC Announces Furlough Numbers

The furlough of Defense Department civilian employees will affect 14,434 workers throughout Air Education and Training Command, announced the command. AETC has 822 employees who will be exempt from furlough based on the work they perform; they include safety, medical, and child development center employees, states the command's May 15 [release](#). Earlier this month, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel [announced](#) that DOD civilian employees would face up to 11 days of unpaid leave for the period starting on July 8 and running through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year. Originally, Pentagon officials thought they'd have to institute [up to 22 days](#) of furloughs. The number of furlough hours will not exceed 88 hours, or up to 11 discontinuous work days, states the release. That'd be a 20-percent reduction in pay for those employees over that span. Pentagon officials have said 11 days of furloughs would save an estimated \$1.8 billion.

Northrop Grumman Discusses Embedded Cyber

As budgets continue to decline, the Defense Department's acquisition community is just starting to understand the value of embedded cyber systems, said Northrop Grumman officials during a panel discussion on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. "This is one of those ideas that the acquisition community is just coming to terms with now," said Mike Papay, chief information security officer at Northrop Grumman Information Systems. He added, "It's a tough transition of building that capability. . . . A lot of people want to focus on the capabilities of the system and not necessarily on security." Northrop Grumman is already working with the Air Force on a number of embedded systems, including the AN/APG-81 radar for the F-35 strike fighter, said the officials. "We are working with the US Air Force on next-generation radar, electronic warfare, communications [point-to-point and satellite comms], and secure and open signal processors that have to work in this complex future electromagnetic and cyber environment," said Pat Antkowiak, general manager of the company's electronic systems sector. In addition, the company is working with the Air Force Research Lab on software designed for Global Positioning System satellites and their navigation sensors, said Antkowiak.

—*Amy McCullough*

Eglin Exorcising its Demons

Members of the 728th Air Control Squadron, the "Demons," held the unit's inactivation ceremony at Eglin AFB, Fla., according to a base release. The standdown took place on May 17, following the Air Force's decision last year [to reduce the number](#) of US-based control and reporting centers from three to two. "This does not mean the end of the 728th ACS or its legacy," said Col. Alexander Koven, commander of the 552nd Air Control Group, the squadron's parent organization, in the May 20 release. "T (Eglin [report](#) by Chrissy Cuttita)

Break Out the Healthy Cake

The Air Force's Food Transformation Initiative won the National Restaurant Association's 2013 Operator Innovations Award in the health and nutrition category. Selected by an independent panel of expert judges, the Air Force was one of five winners recognized for achievements in driving advancement in the food service industry, according to NRA's May 19 [release](#). The Food Transformation Initiative—or "Food T" as it is known in food service parlance—"revolutionizes Air Force food selections, cooking methods, meal availability, and merchandising to guide customers toward healthier choices," states the release. "When comparing participating with non-participating operations, performance metrics confirm FTI elevates healthfulness, energy, and alertness through optimal nutrition, without sacrificing flavor, taste and satisfaction," reads the release. The awards ceremony was on May 18 in Chicago; the association chose winners in these categories: food safety, health & nutrition, menu development, sustainability, and technology. The Air Force [launched](#) Food T in October 2010 at six test locations (phase Ia). Earlier this month, the service [announced](#) that it was implementing phase Ib at five different sites: Eglin AFB, Fla., Ellsworth AFB, S.D., F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., Beale AFB, Calif., and Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Eglin Overhauls Flying Operations

Officials at Eglin AFB, Fla., announced a "major revision" to the base's noise abatement and safety procedures that they say will have a "significant" effect on military flight operations there. Eglin is home to the F-35 schoolhouse. " (Eglin [report](#) by Lois Walsh)

Keesler Receives Installation Excellence Award

Keesler AFB, Miss., is one of five US military installations to receive the 2013 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award, announced Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. "The award recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain US military installations," states the Pentagon's May 20 [release](#). It reflects the "excellent working, housing, and recreational conditions" [winning installation](#) in 2012.

Schwartz Elected President, CEO of Business Executives Group

Retired Gen. [Norton Schwartz](#), who stepped down as Chief of Staff last August, will become president and chief executive officer of Business Executives for National Security in July, announced the organization. BENS' board of directors unanimously approved him for these positions on May 20, according to [a release](#). He will replace retired Army Gen. Montgomery Meigs, who will step down on July 22 after more than three years leading the organization, which is based in Washington, D.C. "General Schwartz's 39-year Air Force career was marked with many milestones and praiseworthy achievements, making him an ideal successor to build on the great progress General Meigs delivered for BENS over the last few years," states the release. BENS is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization that supports the US government by applying best-business-practice solutions to national security challenges. In the coming weeks and months, Schwartz "will travel to each BENS region to meet with members and discuss ways to continue carrying out our important work," states the release. (Schwartz's official Air Force [biography](#))

Former Air Commandos Join Hall of Honor

US Special Operations Command inducted two former air commandos, retired CMSgt. Wayne Norrad and retired MSgt. Scott Fales, into its Hall of Honor at MacDill AFB, Fla. The induction took place during a dinner in Tampa on May 15. Norrad, 66, is a former command chief who is credited with being a developmental pioneer of combat control and pararescue, according to a May 17 release from Hurlburt Field, Fla., home of Air Force Special Operations Command. "It's not just me getting this award," said Norrad, who is now a program analyst and public affairs liaison with Hurlburt's 24th Special Operations Wing. "It's everyone who has trained with me, been to war with me, touched me," he said. Fales, a former pararescueman, is a Silver Star Medal recipient. "From his time on the streets of Mogadishu in 1993 to merging combat development technologies in his current job, Mr. Fales epitomizes the can-do culture of AFSOC and represents the best of America," said [Col. Robert Armfield](#), 24th SOW commander. The hall of honor recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through contributions to the special operations community. (Hurlburt [report](#) by Rachel Arroyo) (For more on Fales, read [Heroes at Mogadishu](#) from *Air Force Magazine's* archives.)

[General Suspended Over Adultery Allegations](#)

(USA Today) - The Army announced Tuesday that it has suspended the top general at Fort Jackson in South Carolina over allegations of assault and adultery, the latest in a string of sex scandals to rock the military.

[Taliban Raid Tests Coalition's Surge Gains](#)

(Wall Street Journal) - A large number of Taliban insurgents, aided by foreign fighters, have tried to overrun the district of Sangin in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, triggering a two-day battle that seemed to be abating by Tuesday night, Afghan officials said.

[The Generals Flunk The Birds 'N' Bees Test](#)

(Washington Times) - The latest report by the Defense Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Office documents the dysfunctional consequences of social experiments with human sexuality in our military over many years. What's worse, the department's plans will extend problems of sexual assault and misconduct into the combat arms.

Hagel To Exempt DOD Sex Assault Prevention Workers From Furloughs

(Politico.com) - Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is exempting around 500 civilian sexual assault prevention personnel from this years mandatory furloughs, a senior defense official told POLITICO, in a bid to show the Pentagon is serious about cracking down on sexual assault in the ranks.

National Guard Members Use Thermal Imaging To Search For Tornado Survivors

(Oklahoma City News 9 (news9.com)) - The search for survivors in Moore continued after dark, and while things have slowed down significantly Tuesday night, Monday night many people were recovered after the sun went down.

Report Details Problems With Sex Assault In Korea

(Stars and Stripes) - Failed leadership, easy access to alcohol and mixed messages about questionable off-post establishments have rendered the Armys sexual assault prevention programs in South Korea largely ineffective, according to a military study.

. Accused Fort Hood Shooter Paid \$278,000 While Awaiting Trial

(Fort Worth NBC 5 (nbcdfw.com)) - The Department of Defense confirms to NBC 5 Investigates that accused Fort Hood shooter Major Nidal Hasan has now been paid more than \$278,000 since the Nov. 5, 2009 shooting that left 13 dead and 32 injured. The Army said under the Military Code of Justice, Hasans salary cannot be suspended unless he is proven guilty.

Army Tries A Reality Style For Recruitment

(New York Times) - FOR decades, the Army has been portrayed in television series produced by Hollywood, among them Combat, The Gallant Men, M*A*S*H, China Beach and even The Wackiest Ship in the Army. Now, the Army is joining with the actor Ricky Schroder to produce commercials, styled like a television reality series, that are intended to help find recruits.

Iranian Soldiers Fighting For Assad, Says U.S. Official

(Washington Post) - Iran has sent soldiers to Syria to fight alongside forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and those of the Lebanon-based Hezbollah militia, a senior State Department official said Tuesday.

. As Chinese Leader's Visit Nears, U.S. Is Urged To Allow Counterattacks On Hackers

(New York Times) - With President Obama preparing for a first meeting with Chinas new president, a commission led by two former senior officials in his administration will recommend a series of steps that could significantly raise the cost to China of the theft of American industrial secrets. If milder measures failed, the commission said, the United States should consider giving companies the right to retaliate against cyberattackers with counterstrikes of their own.

Kyrgyzstan Bent On Evicting US Air Base In 2014

. Debate Aside, Drone Strikes Drop Sharply

(New York Times) - President Obama embraced drone strikes in his first term, and the targeted killing of suspected terrorists has come to define his presidency.

. Bin Laden Burial Pictures To Remain Secret

(Washington Post) - Photos of American military personnel burying Osama bin Laden at sea will remain classified, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

Lawyers Invoke My Lai Massacre In Appeal

(Miami Herald) - Military lawyers for former CIA captives held at Guantanamo are appealing to Secretary of

Defense Chuck Hagel to intervene in what they describe as deteriorating conditions and leadership failures on a scale similar to what happened in the Vietnam Wars My Lai Massacre. Hagel is a Vietnam combat veteran.

. [Pentagon Wants \\$450M For Guantanamo Prison](#)

(Miami Herald) - The Pentagon wants more than \$450 million for maintaining and upgrading the Guantanamo Bay prison that President Ba

[Lawmakers Move To Address U.S. Military Sex Assault Problem](#)

(Reuters.com) - U.S. lawmakers frustrated by a spate of high-profile military sexual assault cases unveiled draft proposals in the House of Representatives on Tuesday to crack down on the crime, but they stopped short the kind of overhaul sought by some officials.

[House Panel Poised To Reject Lower Pay Raise, Tricare Fee Hikes](#)

(ArmyTimes.com) - A key House panel is rejecting the idea that budget cuts must mean pain for service members, retirees and their families.

[Littoral Combat Ships Backed By House Defense Panel](#)

(oomberg.com) - A House defense panel has agreed with the U.S. Navys request to buy four additional Littoral Combat Ships in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1.

[Petraeus At Heart Of Benghazi Dispute](#)

(Washington Post) - The controversy over the Obama administration's response to the Benghazi attack last year began at a meeting over coffee on Capitol Hill three days after the assault.

. [After Decades, Boots Are Back On Campus](#)

(New York Times) - But at a ceremony on Tuesday, the hall was filled not with graduates in cap and gown but by Army officers in dress uniform. They were there to signal the return of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, a program that has not operated at City College for some four decades, and which was ended when students there led a successful drive to evict it.

[A Key Test For Syrian Rebels](#)

(Washington Post) - It's a rule of thumb in Middle East conflicts that whenever peace talks are announced, each side steps up the fighting so it can grab as much territory as possible before the cease-fire lines are drawn.

[Nation's Defenders Not Defending](#)

(San Antonio Express-News) - Of all the injustices detailed in the Express-News Twice Betrayed series by Karisa King, here is the most glaring: Decades after sexual assaults in the military started producing a highly publicized scandal, they still occur in appalling, mind-numbing proportions. And the military's conduct in the aftermath still makes victims of victims.

FEMA Private Sector Advisory

May 14, 2013

2013 Hurricane Preparedness Week to Kick Off May 26

The 2013 hurricane season officially begins June 1 and extends through November 30. In anticipation, FEMA will be launching Hurricane Preparedness Week on May 26 continuing through June 1.

Hurricane Preparedness Week provides an opportunity for us to join together in a collective outreach and empower our stakeholders to take the time to prepare for all emergencies as hurricane season approaches. You can promote action on this important issue by encouraging your community and stakeholders to take the [Pledge to Prepare](#). The *Pledge* identifies the critical elements of readiness by educating those in hurricane prone areas to know their risk, take appropriate actions to prepare, and inspire others to do the same. An informed and motivated public will greatly add to our ability to respond and recover from the potential devastating effects of a tropical storm or hurricane. Awareness can save lives and minimize property damage.

Severe weather can occur at anytime, anywhere. The time for citizens to formulate how they will respond is *now*. It is important for everyone to know about the hazards and risks associated with the upcoming season and take the necessary actions to protect loved ones, homes and businesses.

We're asking for your help in getting everyone across the country to take the *Pledge to Prepare*, and take the following steps to make our families and communities more prepared.

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Know Your Risk: Be Informed; Hurricane hazards come in many forms: storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding.

Make A Plan: Develop a family emergency plan that includes how to communicate if power or telecommunications are disrupted.

Build a Kit: Create or update your family's emergency supply kit, remember to save important papers electronically in a safe place, and,

Get Involved: Volunteer in your community's Citizen Emergency Response Team by visiting . Join the 30,000 members of the National Preparedness Coalition at www.community.fema.gov and share what you have done to prepare with communities and preparedness professionals across the country.

To assist you in this outreach, we have developed free online tools that can be personalized to help you spread the message of hurricane preparedness. These tools are located on www.ready.gov/hurricanes under the "Resources" tab. This contains templates for press releases, blog posts, and op-eds, along with a social media library with an array of content to educate and inform as a part of your overall outreach.

Preparedness is an individual responsibility, but we cannot do it alone. It is only by working together across government, businesses, faith-based and community organizations that we can achieve our shared goal of strengthening our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Private Sector Division at FEMA-Private-Sector@fema.dhs.gov.

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