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OF NOTE

• Pentagon Renames S.C. Base: Joint Base Charleston, S.C., was renamed to Joint Base Lindsey Graham on Monday in a ceremony led by his sister Darline and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth (Article 1). "Senator Lindsey Graham dedicated his life to serving this state and serving the armed forces of the United States," Hegseth said. "He knew the timeless truth that to ensure peace, we must be prepared for war."
• New USAFA Superintendent Assumes Command: Lt. Gen. Paul Moga succeeded Lt. Gen. Tony Bauernfeind as superintendent of the Air Force Academy in a ceremony on Friday (Article 9). "The history and legacy of this Academy is written by the leaders and the warfighters it forges," Moga said. "We will honor our history and our heritage while ruthlessly preparing our graduates for the future fight." Moga, a 1995 graduate, previously served as the commandant of cadets.
• Guetlein, Whiting to Headline Symposium: Gen. Michael Guetlein, director of the Golden Dome missile defense program, and Gen. Stephen Whiting, commander of U.S. Space Command, will speak at the Space and Missile Defense Symposium this week in Huntsville, Ala. (Article 12). Also scheduled to speak at the symposium is Army Lt. Gen. John Rafferty, commanding general of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

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1. Key C-17 base in South Carolina renamed after Sen. Lindsey Graham
(Air & Space Forces, 10 Aug 26) ... Chris Gordon
Joint Base Charleston, S.C., was renamed Monday in honor of the late Sen. Lindsey Graham in a ceremony led by his sister Darline and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. "Senator Lindsey Graham dedicated his life to serving this state and serving the armed forces of the United States," Hegseth said. "He served this nation both in uniform and in both houses of Congress. But in both capacities, it was always the same mission. He knew the timeless truth that to ensure peace, we must be prepared for war." Hegseth called on Congress to pass the Trump administration's $1.5 trillion defense budget proposal for FY27. "Fully funding our warrior would be one last great accomplishment for Colonel Lindsey Graham and a major part of his legacy," Hegseth said.

2. US not disengaging from Asia, seeks 'partners, not protectorates,' says Pentagon official
(Reuters, 10 Aug 26) ... Karen Lema
The United States is asking its partners in the Indo-Pacific to take a greater role in regional defense, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Elbridge Colby said Monday. "America is definitely not disengaging from Asia," Colby said during a visit to Manila. "We are not leaving; in fact, we are digging in, to ensure a favorable balance of power where it matters most." But maintaining a favorable balance of power requires increased investments from regional partners, Colby said. "When we ask our allies and partners to step up, to invest more in their own defense, and to take responsibility for their own sovereign security, we are not signaling abandonment," he said. "We are looking for partners, not protectorates."

3. 'A significant impact': National Guard wraps up first year of deployment to DC
(Stars and Stripes, 10 Aug 26) ... Matthew Adams
The National Guard has completed the first year of a deployment to the District of Columbia that's expected to last through the end of President Donald Trump's second term. "We're driving toward zero crime," said Army Brig. Gen. Leland Blanchard II, the interim commanding general of the D.C. National Guard. Blanchard said the Guardsmen assigned to Joint Task Force-District of Columbia have reunited 43 lost children with families, provided nearly 800 medical assists, and supported law enforcement almost 500 times. The deployments are projected to cost $55 million per month, according to the Congressional Budget Office, placing the total projected cost for the joint task force at about $1.43 billion. While property crimes have dropped by about 25 percent since the JTF was established, the deployment has had minimal effect on violent crimes, which rose by 3 percent, according to data from D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department.

4. Pentagon launches online marketplace for counter-UAS technology
(Defense News, 10 Aug 26) ... Daniel Terrill
The Defense Department launched a counter-uncrewed aerial system marketplace last week to make it easier for government agencies to purchase vetted c-UAS technology. Army Brig. Gen. Matt Ross, director of Joint Interagency Task Force 401, said the marketplace is necessary to address the defining threat of the current generation. "The proliferation of small systems and small drones, and the threat that they pose both to critical infrastructure and to defense critical assets, requires us to move faster in this space," Ross said. Army Maj. Mike Hapner, the c-UAS marketplace lead for JIATF 401, said the marketplace is designed to deliver "the right counter-UAS capabilities to the right users at the right time." The marketplace allows potential buyers to filter and search products based on specific tactical needs, evaluate performance data, and submit acquisition requests, Kaizen Laboratories CEO Nikhil Reddy said.

5. 'We achieved the unimaginable': CENTCOM chief vows enduring US support
(Jerusalem Post, 10 Aug 26) ... Unattributed
The commander of U.S. Central Command addressed senior Israeli Defense Force commanders on Monday and committed to the future of the military partnership between the United States and Israel. "You are a nation of warriors, and the people sitting here are the leaders of those warriors," Cooper said. "I am proud to serve shoulder to shoulder with you." IDF officials said Cooper reviewed the deepening strategic partnership between the United States and Israel, which Cooper said is based on trust, commitment and close cooperation. IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir said the Israeli armed forces have made "historic achievements" since the deadly Hamas terrorist attack on Oct. 7, 2023. "Since October 7, the IDF has proven itself as a victorious military, with a spirit of strength, an offensive and initiating military," he said.

6. DOGE said it saved $1.7 billion by terminating a military health IT contract. GAO found the contract was never terminated.
(Military Times, 10 Aug 26) ... Natalie Oliverio
The Department of Government Efficiency reported $1.76 billion in savings from terminating an IT contract for the Defense Health Agency in 2025, but a Government Accountability Report released Thursday has found the contract was never modified. An April 2025 entry identifies A1FedImpact and "Geographic Service Providers," a contract value of $1.83 billion and $62 million in obligated funds. But DHA program and acquisition officials said no savings came from the contract because no work was removed and nothing was canceled or deobligated. GAO also found that no action had been taken on about 2,500 of the 13,500 contracts DOGE identified as terminated.

7. Navy limits anonymous complaints for harassment and discrimination
(Task & Purpose, 10 Aug 26) ... Jeff Schogol
The Department of the Navy is curtailing when service members can file anonymous harassment and discrimination complaints, according to a message to the force, mirroring recent announcements from the Department of the Air Force and the Army. "This does not prevent a commander from taking appropriate action in response to an anonymous report," the message states. A Department of the Air Force spokesperson said Monday that the DAF takes every allegation of harassment or discrimination seriously. "Airmen and Guardians may still anonymously report allegations," the official said. "Commanders are encouraged to look into the matter and take appropriate action under their own authority." Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth directed changes to the MEO complaints system in September, arguing that people had "weaponized" the reporting system "to retaliate against superiors and peers."

AIR FORCE NEWS
8. Aviano airman dies while swimming at Lake Barcis
(Stars and Stripes, 10 Aug 26) ... Kent Harris
An Airman who died while swimming with friends at Lake Barcis, Italy, over the weekend was identified Monday as Airman 1st Class Malachi Robinson, 24. Robinson, a weapons loader with the 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was pronounced dead Saturday evening, officials with the 31st Fighter Wing said. "We extend our deepest condolences to Malachi's family, friends, teammates and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time," said 31st FW Commander Col. Beau Diers. "Our hearts are with everyone affected by his loss, and we remain committed to supporting our Airmen and their families as we mourn together." The cause of Robinson's death is under investigation.

9. New superintendent takes the reins at Air Force Academy
(Air & Space Forces, 10 Aug 26) ... Greg Hadley
Lt. Gen. Paul Moga assumed command of the Air Force Academy on Friday, succeeding Lt. Gen. Tony Bauernfeind. "The history and legacy of this Academy is written by the leaders and the warfighters it forges," Moga said. "We will honor our history and our heritage while ruthlessly preparing our graduates for the future fight." Moga, a 1995 Academy graduate, previously served as commandant of cadets, where he reinstituted combat survival training and established the culminating exercise, or CULEX. Bauernfeind said the Academy is moving in the right direction following his tenure. "We've got amazing permanent party and faculty, these cadets are absolutely incredible, and they want to take on more," he said. "At the end of the day, it's just going to take necessary sets and reps to be successful." Chief Master Sgt. Tessa Fontaine also assumed responsibility as the Academy's senior enlisted leader.

10. Air Force promotes fewer staff sergeants after last year's historic surge
(Air & Space Forces, 10 Aug 26) ... Matthew Cox
The Air Force is promoting fewer senior airmen than last year, selecting about 12,600 out of 40,000 eligible Airmen. About 3,000 more senior airmen were selected for promotion in the 2025E5 promotion cycle, though the actual selection rate only dropped about 2 percent. The full list of Airmen selected in the 2026E5 cycle will be released Thursday.

11. Court rules Air Force diverted injured, sick service members from official disability evaluation
(Stars and Stripes, 10 Aug 26) ... Linda F. Hersey
The U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Virginia ruled Friday that the Air Force illegally sent thousands of service members through an unauthorized prescreening process that prevented them from accessing the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, which is mandated by Congress. The ruling found that the Air Force lacked the authority to create an extra-statutory prescreening that effectively diverted Airmen from IDES. "For years, thousands of wounded and ill Air Force service members were diverted into an unlawful process that stripped them of their rights and protections guaranteed under federal law," said Esther Leibfarth, senior managing attorney with the National Veterans Legal Services Program, which represented the plaintiffs. Plaintiffs argued that the Air Force's prescreening process kept service members from consideration for their "property interest in disability retirement benefits without the minimum due process required by law." The prescreenings remain in effect while the court awaits a proposed remedy, NVLSP officials said.

SPACE FORCE NEWS
12. U.S. space and missile defense at center stage in Huntsville, Alabama
(Washington Times, 10 Aug 26) ... John T. Seward and Guy Taylor
The Space and Missile Defense Symposium is set to kick off in Huntsville, Ala., today. Golden Dome Director Gen. Michael Guetlein and Gen. Stephen Whiting, commander of U.S. Space Command, are among the military officials who will speak at the event. Also scheduled to speak is Army Lt. Gen. John Rafferty, commanding general of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, which is headquartered at Redstone Arsenal. The Trump administration is pushing Congress to fund increased defense spending and asking the defense industry to scale up its production of missile defense munitions. Congressional and industry sources said discussions at the symposium may include the impacts of replenishing those munitions will have on Golden Dome and other future missile defense initiatives.

OF INTEREST
13. Iran fears economic sanctions more than military strikes, Trump's UN envoy Mike Waltz says
(Jerusalem Post, 10 Aug 26) ... Leo Feierberg Better, Esther Davis
Iran is more concerned about economic sanctions than military strikes, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz said Sunday. "When they're coming to the table with our negotiators, they are talking about cash, cash, cash. Because they'll absorb the bombings," Waltz said. "They don't care about their military, they don't care about their soldiers, or even the Iranian people after they massacred 40,000 of them." Waltz said the U.S. naval blockade of Iran's sea ports and frozen assets will eventually bring Iran's hard-liners to the negotiating table. President Donald Trump emphasized the economic pressure campaign against Iran in an interview on Sunday. "We are only semi-negotiating with them," Trump said. "We are just watching Iran with its huge inflation and the fact they have no money."

14. Iran's steep demands for US over Strait of Hormuz threaten to derail reopening
(The Hill, 10 Aug 26) ... Ellen Mitchell
Iranian demands for the United States, and demands in kind from President Donald Trump on Monday, could derail a deal between Iran and Oman to reopen the Strait of Hormuz to commercial traffic. Iran has demanded the United States compensate Iran for damages from the war, lift sanctions, withdraw its naval blockade, unfreeze Iranian assets, and permanently end the war against Iran and its regional allies. Trump, in turn, demanded compensation for the families of those killed and wounded by Iranian strikes and roadside bombs and the families of Iranian protesters killed by Iran's government since the 1970s. Jason Campbell, a senior fellow at the Middle East Institute, and Rosemary Kelanic, director of the Middle East program for the Defense Priorities think tank, both said they saw Trump's demands as "an expression of frustration" rather than an actual bargaining position. "Trump's position is weakening, but then, as a result of that, [Iran is] pushing for more concessions from Trump," Kelanic said. "But more concessions is harder for Trump to give, so he's going to be less willing to give them. So it's quite possible that no agreement comes out of this, and we don't get much further."

15. America's depleted weapons stockpiles undermine Trump's leverage with Iran
(The Hill, 10 Aug 26) ... Filip Timotija
Depleted stockpiles of U.S. weapons and interceptors is undermining President Donald Trump's leverage in negotiations with Iran, former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Friday. "This is a dangerous moment for the United States to have these reduced stockpiles of key weapons" with potential threats from Russia against NATO and from China against Taiwan, said Panetta, who served as defense secretary and CIA director under President Barack Obama. Ari Cicurel, associate director of foreign policy at the Jewish Institute for National Security of America, said the U.S. reluctance to escalate militarily emboldens Iran and could embolden China in a future conflict. Cicurel said years of neglect from both parties left U.S. stockpiles at critical levels even before Operation Epic Fury. "Closing the gap now demands sustained multiyear appropriations and expanded production capacity," he said. "That requires Congress to fund the multiyear munitions contracts, the Pentagon to break supply chain bottlenecks and buy cheaper munitions in bulk, and both investing in the workers who build these weapons."

16. Contradicting public statements, Trump took secret flight from Turkey amid Iranian threat
(Washington Post, 10 Aug 26) ... Dan Lamothe et al
President Donald Trump took a flight aboard an Air Force C-32A transport when he departed Ankara last month, not the VC-25A presidential transport that White House officials said he was aboard. While it's not unprecedented for a president's destination or itinerary to be undisclosed, previous administrations chose not to specify rather than engaging in deception. A U.S. official said a credible Iranian threat to Trump set the "deception operation" in motion. Ronald Rowe Jr. , a former acting Secret Service director, said the agency obfuscates the president's movements for good reason. "We need to keep the 'secret' in Secret Service," Rowe said. "The public should know what the president is doing on a daily basis, but when it comes to the methods by which the Secret Service keeps the president safe, that should remain out of public view."

17. Former Air Force secretary says he'll sue Trump administration to restore his security clearance
(Associated Press, 10 Aug 26) ... Nicholas Riccardi and Konstantin Toropin
Former Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall said Monday he will sue to force the Trump administration to restore his security clearance, which the Defense Department revoked Friday, alleging he had disclosed sensitive information about the Qatari-gifted VC-25B aircraft. Kendall argued that the Trump administration has a history of retaliating against critics. "As my mother taught me years ago, you stand up to bullies," Kendall said. Mark Zaid, a national security attorney whose security clearance was revoked in March 2025, said Kendall had hired him to work the case. The Trump administration attempted to subpoena New York Times reporters last month, following a report on security concerns surrounding the VC-25B, but withdrew the subpoenas after a judge criticized attorneys for sloppy legal work.

SOCIAL MEDIA

SUMMARY: Air Force social media posts included coverage of the Operation Iron Covenant exercise at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and an article on the publication of two foundational open systems architecture technical standards. Space Force social media posts included an article on the 535th Training Squadron, Space Delta 1, receiving the Texas Air & Space Forces Association's Unit of the Year award and a feature article on Sgt. Morgan Thompson, a Military Training Instructor with the 535th.

• Air Force on Facebook: Posts included coverage of the Operation Iron Covenant exercise at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Total engagement was 826 reactions, 33 comments and 108 shares.
• Air Force on X: Posts included an article on two foundational open systems architecture technical standards released recently. Total engagement was 20 replies, 96 reposts and 545 likes.
• Air Force on Instagram: Posts included a photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Cardo of a heritage flight over the AirVenture at Oshkosh, Wis. Total engagement was about 13,700 likes and 62 comments.
• Space Force on Facebook: Posts included an article on the 535th Training Squadron, Space Delta 1, receiving the Texas Air & Space Forces Association's Unit of the Year award, and a feature on Sgt. Morgan Thompson, a Military Training Instructor with the 535th. Total engagement was 147 reactions, seven comments and eight shares.
• Space Force on Instagram: Posts included a photo of a Falcon 9 launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif. Total engagement was 353 likes and five comments.

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