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NGB Public Affairs Update

TODAY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR

• War Secretary Pete Hegseth has no public or media events on his schedule.
• Deputy Secretary Steve Feinberg has no public or media events on his schedule.
• Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Dan Caine has no public or media events on his schedule.
• Vice Chairman Marine Corps Gen. Christopher Mahoney has no public or media events on his schedule.
• Chief, National Guard Bureau Air Force Gen. Steven S. Nordhaus is traveling.

Military-Wide News

Newsweek - July 24, 2026

Pentagon Blames Troop Deaths Disappearing From Site on 'Data Disruption'

The number of U.S. service members killed during the war in Iran was lowered from 18 to 14 on Thursday, with the Department of Defense's acting press secretary, Joel Valdez, saying the change was due to "temporary data disruptions."
#Pentagon, #Parnell#Pentagon, #Parnell

The New York Times - July 23, 2026

Number of U.S. Troop Deaths in Iran War Appears Lower on Pentagon Website

troops' injuries. The last major ***Pentagon*** briefing on the war was in early May. The ***Defense Department*** has said that disclosing Iranian#Hegseth, #Pentagon, #Defense Department, #Parnell#Hegseth, #Pentagon, #Defense Department, #Parnell

Fox News Channel - July 23, 2026

Congress split on Iran War Powers Resolution, Senate blocks House measure

Three military officials said that one reason behind the change was that the Trump administration decided to remove four service members killed this past weekend from the list — three in Jordan and one in northern Iraq — because their deaths occurred after President Trump declared a cease-fire in the war in April.
#Pentagon#Pentagon

The New York Times - July 23, 2026

Senators Ask Hegseth to Fully Account for U.S. Troops Killed or Wounded in Iran

Democrats on the Senate Armed Services Committee urged Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on Thursday to provide "a full and accurate accounting" of all U.S. troops killed or wounded in the Iran war.
#Hegseth, #Pentagon, #Defense Department#Hegseth, #Pentagon, #Defense Department

Task & Purpose - July 23, 2026

Dorms for 5,200 enlisted medical students to be demolished due to 'foundational defects'

Because the "foundational defects" with the dormitories cannot be fixed through regular repairs, the buildings will be demolished, a base spokesperson said.
#Defense Department, #Pentagon#Defense Department, #Pentagon

The Hill - July 23, 2026

US Navy restricting press access to sailors' service history

The U.S. Navy will no longer release service history information for sailors, ending the decades-long practice to address what officials describe as security threats and harassment concerns.
#Pentagon, #Hegseth#Pentagon, #Hegseth

The Hill - July 23, 2026

Coast Guard should get a leader like other military branches, GOP senators say

The Coast Guard Leadership Modernization Act would establish a secretary of the U.S. Coast Guard, mirroring a position across all other branches of the armed forces.
#Pentagon, #Hegseth#Pentagon, #Hegseth

Task & Purpose - July 23, 2026

The US is in another asymmetric war in the Middle East
The Post 9/11 wars have shown the limits of America's military might against insurgents, terrorist groups, and other enemies that fight in the shadows instead of in force-on-force battles.
#Hegseth, #Pentagon#Hegseth, #Pentagon

Military.com - July 23, 2026
House Lawmakers Vow To 'Fight' Against NDAA's US-Israel Defense Integration Provision
House lawmakers plan to "fight" against a proposal to extend U.S.-Israel military cooperation that was passed in the annual defense spending bill.
#Department of Defense, #DOD, #Pentagon#Department of Defense, #DOD, #Pentagon

Stars and Stripes - July 23, 2026
AI sped up US forces' airfield planning after Spain said no to helping in Iran war
When Spain blocked its airspace and bases to U.S. aircraft supporting attacks on Iran this spring, planners turned to artificial intelligence to seek alternate airfields.
but some media outlets reported that tankers were tracked heading to ***Ramstein Air Base*** in Germany and elsewhere. The wherewithal to rapidly#Air Force Base, #Air Base, #Ramstein#Air Force Base, #Air Base, #Ramstein

National Guard News

Military Africa - July 22, 2026
Ivory Coast and Pennsylvania Guard move defense partnership into field training
The Pennsylvania National Guard (PANG) and the Armed Forces of Côte d'Ivoire (FACI) have taken their new State Partnership Program (SPP) agreement from the signing table to the training ground. The agreement was officially signed on July 15, 2026, in Abidjan. An Ivorian military delegation traveled to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, in late June 2026 for the first joint engagement since the two forces formalized the partnership in Philadelphia on June 25.
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Stars and Stripes - July 24, 2026
US, partner nations sink 2 decommissioned American warships during RIMPAC
Among the participants were the Kentucky National Guard's 623rd Field Artillery Regiment and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, who fired a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, from the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands on Kauai.
#National Guard#National Guard

Army News

Military.com - July 24, 2026
Army Officially Activates New Psychological Operations Unit for Africa
The Army has activated a new psychological operations company focused on Africa, expanding the military's ability to influence foreign audiences as terrorist organizations and governments compete for support across the continent.
#Defense Department#Defense Department

Stars and Stripes - July 24, 2026
US, South Korea split on target date for wartime command transfer
South Korea is eager to set a target date for assuming wartime command of allied forces on the Korean Peninsula, while the United States insists the transfer should remain tied to military readiness, according to recent statements and media reports.
#soldier#soldier

Army Times - July 23, 2026
In a suicide crisis, eligible veterans can go to any ER for free. Nearly 50,000 already have.
The COMPACT Act allows eligible veterans and certain former service members to receive Veterans Affairs-funded emergency suicide crisis care at VA and community hospitals, even if they aren't enrolled in VA healthcare
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Air Force News

Air Force Times - July 23, 2026

Colonel takes helm at Nevada air base wing as unit's first female commander

The 99th supports more than 10,000 personnel assigned to the Air Force Warfare Center, five wings and 52 tenant units on base. The unit provides installation support, like operational testing, tactics development and training in air, space and cyberspace.

#Air Base, #air base#Air Base, #air base

Air Force Times - July 23, 2026

F-15EX drops bombs from an operational unit for the first time

In early May, the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Wing loaded practice bombs onto its F-15EX Eagle IIs at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and dropped them on the range. The training marks the first time an operational unit has employed the Eagle II's air-to-ground capabilities.

#Air National Guard, #Air Force Base#Air National Guard, #Air Force Base

Stars and Stripes - July 23, 2026

Bev. Sent. 26-4: 8FW Airmen conduct tactical combat casualty care

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Samantha Lane, 8th Operational Support Squadron airfield management craftsman, applies a tourniquet to a simulated casualty during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-4 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 22, 2026. By testing emergency response and mission generation capabilities, the exercise was designed to prepare personnel to execute duties under contested conditions.

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SpaceNews - July 24, 2026

Air Force takes over troubled military GPS receiver program

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center will oversee development, integration and sustainment of equipment used to access the military's encrypted GPS signal

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