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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 has no public or media events on his schedule.

Military-Wide News

Stars and Stripes - June 22, 2026

US airstrikes in Somalia return after brief pause

A new series of American airstrikes in Somalia ended a brief lull in recent attacks against Islamic militants battling the country's federal government, U.S. officials said. The U.S. military carried out airstrikes against al-Shabab on five different days last week in coordination with Somalia's government, according to statements from U.S. Africa Command. The strikes occurred in southern Somalia, mostly in the vicinity of Kismayo, a region where the al-Qaida affiliate has been active for many years. The flurry of attacks comes after a monthlong stretch of no reported airstrikes in Somalia, where AFRICOM's campaign has been on a record-breaking pace in 2026.

NPR - June 22, 2026

China hits back at U.S. sanctions restricting its exports to American defense firms

China on Monday announced sanctions on 10 American military-related companies in response to a recent U.S. move that bars some leading Chinese tech companies from defense contracts. The Commerce Ministry said that Chinese companies would be blocked from exporting "dual-use" items to the 10 companies, which include military drone makers and some involved in rare earth mining. Dual use refers to goods that can have military as well as non-military applications.

Fox News Channel - June 22, 2026

US military conducts strike on another vessel carrying alleged narco-traffickers, killing 2

The U.S. military on Sunday announced a lethal strike on another vessel in the Caribbean carrying alleged narco-traffickers, killing two people. The U.S. Southern Command said it conducted a "lethal kinetic strike on a vessel operated by Designated Terrorist Organizations" at the direction of the leader of the Southern Command, Gen. Francis L. Donovan of the Marine Corps. The military claimed, citing intelligence, that the vessel "was transiting along known narco-trafficking routes in the Caribbean and was engaged in narco-trafficking operations."

The Hill - June 21, 2026

House Democrat on Iran school bombing: 'We're going to push hard to get answers'

Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) on Sunday said lawmakers will "push hard" for answers behind the bombing that destroyed an Iranian girls school on the day U.S. and Israeli airstrikes first fell on the Middle Eastern country earlier this year. Crow accused the Trump administration of "slow rolling" answers about what happened at Shajareh Tayyebeh Elementary School in Minab, where more than 165 people, mostly children, were killed in an airstrike.

The Hill - June 21, 2026

Former Trump Defense secretary: 'I don't see that the president is always getting good advice'

Former Defense Secretary Mark Esper on Sunday said he doesn't think "that the president is always getting good advice" from his advisers. "Do you trust that the president is being given advice by people who think their loyalty is to the Constitution?" NBC News's Garrett Haake asked Esper — who served in President Trump's first term — during Esper's appearance on "Meet the Press." your article description or add opening text here.

Military.com - June 20, 2026

Fort Hood Sergeant Major Sentenced to 25 Years for Child Sexual Abuse

A senior non-commissioned officer stationed at Fort Hood has been sentenced to 25 years in prison after a military jury convicted him of raping and sexually abusing two children, concluding one of the most serious criminal cases prosecuted by the Army in recent years. Sgt. Maj. Victor M. Rivera, 49, a telecommunications operations chief assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Corps Signal Brigade, III Armored Corps, was sentenced June 12 by a military judge following his conviction at the Lawrence Williams

Judicial Center at Fort Hood, according to the Army.

National Guard News

Los Angeles Times - June 21, 2026

After a weekend of gun violence in Chicago, Trump renews call for military intervention

A spate of shootings in Chicago has led to seven deaths and at least 38 injuries since Friday evening, police say, prompting President Trump to renew his call for a military intervention in the nation's third-largest city.

CBS News - June 21, 2026

Violent Juneteenth weekend in Chicago catches attention of President Trump

It's been a violent weekend in Chicago so far this weekend. Multiple shootings have occurred across the city following a mass shooting on the South Side on Friday night. The violence caught the attention of President Donald Trump, who's frequently said he wants to send in the National Guard to help with crime in the city. The president took to social media early Sunday morning, saying in part, "Lots of killing going on in Chicago .... Why isn't Governor Pritzker calling me for help. I could make Chicago a safe city..."

Army News

Task & Purpose - June 21, 2026

Army forms new command to create a 'covering force' in the Pacific

The Army officially created a new kind of formation this past week, moving thousands of soldiers into a "multi-domain command." On Thursday, the Army formally created the 7th Infantry Division Multi-Domain Command – Pacific, merging the 1st Multi-Domain Task Force with the 7th Infantry Division. The new command is the first of its kind, taking a long-standing ground force and combining it with a relatively new formation focused on modern warfare tactics involving cyber and electronic warfare and the use of drones at scale.

Task & Purpose - June 20, 2026

Revolutionary War soldier identified after 246 years

Nearly 250 years after he died in the Battle of Camden, researchers identified Pvt. John Pumphrey as one of more than a dozen Continental Army John Does that were found near the battlefield. On Thursday, researchers in South Carolina announced that they confirmed the identity of one set of remains. Pumphrey, whose death was not recorded and whose identity was nearly lost to history, had been from a prominent Maryland family who enlisted in the Continental Army in his early teens. Given his service in the 7th Maryland Regiment, he is believed to have taken part in several campaigns in the nearly four years he fought in the Revolutionary War.

Air Force News

Military.com - June 20, 2026

President Donald Trump Unveils the New Air Force One, a Converted Qatari Jet

President Donald Trump on Friday showed off the new Air Force One, a formerly Qatari-owned jumbo jet that has been converted into the official U.S. presidential aircraft. The new aircraft eschews the Kennedy-era robin's egg blue exterior of the old plane for a bolder look, with the underbelly of the plane painted navy blue with a red stripe above it. The plane's left side, where the president boards, features the presidential seal, while the tail of the aircraft has a massive American flag on it.

Stars and Stripes - June 22, 2026

THAAD returns to home base in South Korea after temporary relocation, report says

All six Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile system launchers belonging to U.S. Forces Korea have returned to their home base in the southeastern county of Seongju, South Korea, according to a Yonhap News Agency report. The THAAD launchers were returned to the U.S. military installation in Seongju, roughly 134 miles southeast of Seoul, Yonhap reported Sunday, citing unnamed sources. The launchers were temporarily relocated in March to Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek amid heightened tensions in the Middle East, the agency reported.

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