



ARMY RESILIENCE DIRECTORATE

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ARD Newsletter Submissions

We are now accepting submissions for the December 2022 issue of the *ARD Community Link* newsletter. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 22. The focus is Readiness and People. We are seeking high-resolution photos and articles of up to 400 words with one or two photos. In the caption, please describe the event pictured, the title, the full names and ranks of people in the photo (if applicable), and the date the photo was taken. Please send your submissions or questions to the editor, Tara Davis, at tara.davis@mat-inc.net.

SHARP Resources for Commanders

The Army Resilience Directorate website provides commanders with SHARP resources and information, including the SAPR Toolkit, education and leader development, training and links that access sexual harassment, sexual assault and victim support resources from the DOD, government and nonprofit organizations. <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/sharp/pages/Resources-for-Commanders.html>

DOD Men's SAPR Campaign

The DOD Men's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) campaign focuses on male service members who experience sexual assault. It addresses the personal impact of this crime and the negative effects it has on readiness and unit cohesion. The campaign also provides SAPR professionals and victims of sexual assault with vital education and access to important resources. For more information click here: <https://www.sapr.mil/mens-sapr-campaign>

The Army's **Step Up for Your Brother** campaign encourages leaders to create an environment where sexual violence is not tolerated. Men are less likely to report incidents or seek help, often fearing the stigma attached to male sexual harassment and sexual assault. To stop the cycle and build a culture of prevention, the campaign provides resources to help Soldiers be part of the solution. Download materials here:

https://marcomcentral.app.pti.com/Ironmark/ARDMaterials/addToCart.aspx?uigroup_id=591698&product_id=313&node_id=3274558

The **ARD Lethal Means Safety** microsite has resources to reduce access to lethal means and to assist suicide prevention efforts, along with awareness materials for organizational use.

Click here: <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/Lethal-Means/LMS-Home.html>

Lethal Means Safety Communication materials are available.

Register for a free Products on Demand account here:

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<https://marcomcentral.app.pti.com/Ironmark/ARDmaterials>

Follow the link New Users – Click Here to Register and fill out and submit the form. The materials are free, and some are also available for digital download.

Suicide Prevention Resources for Commanders

Commanders and unit leaders can find suicide prevention resources on the Army Resilience Directorate website, including suicide prevention handbooks for leaders at all levels, Leaders Suicide Prevention Safe Messaging Guide, Defense Suicide Prevention Office Family Guide: Supporting Military Families in Crisis, public service announcements/videos and postvention guides and tool kits for active and reserve units and leaders. To access these resources, visit <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/suicide-prevention/pages/LeaderResources.html>

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ARTICLE: 60 Junior ROTC Instructors Accused of Sexual Misconduct in Past Five Years, Investigation Finds

SYNOPSIS: Sixty instructors in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps have been accused of sexual misconduct against high school cadets in the last five years. Accusations against 58 of these instructors were substantiated by local law enforcement or school officials, according to the report from the House Oversight Committee's majority staff.

REPORTER: Rebecca Kheel, *Military.com*

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/11/16/60-junior-rotc-instructors-accused-of-sexual-misconduct-past-five-years-investigation-finds.html>

ARTICLE: Netflix's 'I Am Vanessa Guillén' Celebrates the Movement That Sprang from Army Soldier's Tragic Murder

SYNOPSIS: Christine Wegener applies a straightforward style to tell the story of Vanessa Guillén's life and death, and how her family survived sorrow and used it to galvanize a movement.

REPORTER: Cary Darling, *Houston Chronicle*

<https://preview.houstonchronicle.com/movies-tv/netflix-s-i-am-vanessa-guillen-celebrates-the-17583405>

VIDEO: Four Soldiers in Alaska Died By Suicide in One Month Despite Surge in Mental Health Help

SYNOPSIS: In May, the Army sent more than 40 counselors and chaplains to Alaska after reports that Soldiers with suicidal issues had waited weeks for appointments with mental health providers. In 2021,

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17 Soldiers died by suicide, including eight over four months as winter descended on the state, daylight shortened and despair deepened.

REPORTER: Tom Vanden Brook, *USA Today*

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2022/11/14/suicide-alaska-soldiers-army-counselors/8301434001/>

VIDEO: Leadership on Multiple Fronts

SYNOPSIS: The U.S. Army employs over one million people around the world. From the standpoint of a distributed workforce, the armed services are a lot like U.S. companies; there are recruitment and retention challenges and there is a new focus on mental health. We will speak with Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth about leading during difficult times, how she is tackling recruitment and retention, and why more Veterans in the workforce is better for business.

REPORTER: Morgan Brennan, *CNBC*

<https://www.cnbc.com/video/2022/11/11/leadership-on-multiple-fronts.html>

ARTICLE: Groups Call on Congress to Designate National Warrior Call Day

SYNOPSIS: National Warrior Call Day is meant to honor Veterans who participated in an effort to support U.S. service members; to raise awareness of efforts to prevent suicide; and to serve as a reminder to Americans that they should show appreciation for Veterans and service members and help those who are struggling.

REPORTER: Bethany Blankley, *Newspress*

<https://newspress.com/groups-call-on-congress-to-designate-national-warrior-call-day/>

ARTICLE: BJACH Nurse Raises Awareness About Men's Health, Grows Mustache

SYNOPSIS: Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital encourages Soldiers and civilians at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Louisiana, to grow a mustache this November to raise awareness about prostate and testicular cancers, mental health and suicide prevention for men.

REPORTER: Jean Graves, *Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital*

<https://bayne-jones.tricare.mil/News-Gallery/Articles/Article/3219829/bjach-nurse-raises-awareness-about-mens-health-grows-mustache>

ARTICLE: Hawaii Army National Guard Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) Certification Training 2022

SYNOPSIS: Eleven Soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) graduated from the Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) course, Pearl City, Hawaii. The UPL Certification Training includes instruction on drug testing procedures and illicit drug use prevention. During the training, Soldiers learned about drug testing, responsibilities, policies, forms, referral processes, rehabilitation programs, prevention education activities and separation procedures.

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REPORTER: Spc. Mariah-Alexsandra Manandic-Kapu, *DVIDS*

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/433324/hawaii-army-national-guard-unit-prevention-leader-upl-certification-training-2022>

ARTICLE: Army Public Health, Finance Experts Offer Strategies to Cope With #1 Stressor of Military Families

SYNOPSIS: During the month of November, the DOD celebrates the Month of the Military Family. While Families are the backbone of our fighting force, recent reports show that some military Families are struggling. The 2021 Health of the Army Family report, published by the Army Public Health Center, cites financial stress as the number one stressor for military spouses.

REPORTER: Douglas Holl, *DVIDS*

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/433207/army-public-health-finance-experts-offer-strategies-cope-with-1-stressor-military-families>

VIDEO: Military Recruitment Down as Fewer Young Americans Enlist, are Qualified to Serve

SYNOPSIS: During a Senate hearing Army leadership warned that 23 percent of Americans ages 17–24 are qualified to serve. "The top disqualifiers for service are obesity, addiction, conduct, test scores, and medical and behavioral health conditions," Lt. Gen. Douglass Stitt of the U.S. Army told senators.

REPORTER: Jenn Schanz, *WXYZ*

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/military-recruitment-down-as-fewer-young-americans-enlist-are-qualified-to-serve>