

## DEOMI NEWS LINKS, January 24, 2020

### SPECIAL: MLK

[FBI, which conducted surveillance on MLK, sees backlash after social media post](#) [Deena Zaru, *ABC News*, 21 Jan 2020]

*The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which once conducted targeted surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other activists during the civil rights movement, caused a firestorm on social media after posting a tribute honoring the iconic leader.*

### SPECIAL: HOLOCAUST

[Ask the ethicist: Is it OK to show Holocaust photos?](#) [OPINION][Paul Morrow (University of Dayton), *Military Times*, 24 Jan 2020]

*“For all the problems involved in exhibiting Holocaust photographs, ‘choosing not to look’ at such images is not the best answer. These photos expose inhumanity, it’s true. But they do so by displaying our shared humanity.”*

[Survivor stories spotlight Auschwitz liberation anniversary](#) [Aron Heller, *AP*, 21 Jan 2020]

*Seventy-five years after Auschwitz was liberated, Gluck is one of 75 Holocaust survivors featured in a commemorative photo project that Israel’s Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial produced along with award-winning German portrait photographer Martin Schoeller.*

### CULTURE

[How 17 Outsize Portraits Rattled a Small Southern Town](#) [Audra D. S. Burch, *The New York Times*, 19 Jan 2020]

*Newnan, Ga., decided to use art to help the community celebrate diversity and embrace change. Not everyone was ready for what they saw.*

[Navy’s newest aircraft carrier named in honor of African American hero](#) [Carl Prine, *Navy Times*, 21 Jan 2020][*See also: [1](#), [2](#)*]

*During an emotional Monday ceremony in Pearl Harbor, Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly honored the legacy of World War II hero Doris Miller by bestowing his name on a future aircraft carrier. It marks the first time a flattop has paid homage to an African American—a Navy Cross recipient and an enlisted service member—and it was decreed on a day set aside to remember the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his lifelong crusade to end racial discrimination across the United States.*

[OP-ED: Naming a future flattop after Doris Miller was right and just](#) [Capt. Lawrence Brennan (retired), *Navy Times*, 21 Jan 2020]

*A future U.S. Navy aircraft carrier will be named Doris Miller, the first African American sailor to receive the Navy Cross for heroism during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.*

[Hairy situation: US ambassador to South Korea faces criticism over his mustache](#) [Kim Gamel, *Stars and Stripes*, 17 Jan 2020]

*Some South Koreans associate Ambassador Harry Harris' mustache with Japanese colonial rule of the peninsula.*

## DIVERSITY

[First Woman Enters Japan's Submarine Academy](#) [Agence France Presse, *Military.com*, 23 Jan 2020]

*Risa Takenouchi, 26, entered the academy in the western region of Hiroshima along with about 20 men, after the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force overturned previous restrictions.*

[Utah bans conversion therapy for LGBTQ children](#) [Devan Cole, *CNN*, 22 Jan 2020]

*Utah is now the 19th state to outlaw conversion therapy for minors after a new rule from its governor went into effect late Tuesday.*

[Mormon school to allow same-sex partners in ballroom event](#) [Staff Reporter, Associated Press, 21 Jan 2020] [*See also*]

*Brigham Young University will allow same-sex couples to compete in a national ballroom dance competition hosted by the school, a move that goes against the institution's code against gay relationships, officials said.*

## HUMAN RELATIONS

[Navy Warns Mail-In DNA Kits Could Bring "Unwelcome" Family News](#) [Gina Harkins, *Military.com*, 23 Jan 2020]

*Military leaders have been sounding the alarm about security concerns over popular mail-in genetics kits, but the Navy is now warning sailors against using the tests for other reasons. "Some genetic tests inform participants of a network of likely siblings and parents," wrote Andrew Haeuptle, director of Navy Staff. "While in most cases this is good and interesting, in some situations this new information could negatively affect your family."*

[Freedom Ruck: 106 miles of sacrifice and service](#) [OPINION][Emily Peacock, *Military Times*, 24 Jan 2020]

*Gathered at the Virginia War Memorial early Jan. 7, a group of active duty service members, veterans, and family members embarked on a journey that pushed them far beyond their comfort zone, all in an effort to raise support and awareness for a cause that hits close to home. Freedom Ruck, as it's called, takes marchers approximately 106 miles from Richmond to the Arlington National Cemetery.*

## MISCELLANEOUS

[The Army kicks off a new way to pick critical commanders](#) [Todd South, *Army Times*, 23 Jan 2020][*See also*]

*The Army has found a wholesale method for measuring the leadership potential of more than 800 mid-career officers to see if they have what it takes to command a battalion of soldiers.*

[These are the standards for new government websites](#) [Jessie Bur, *Federal Times*, 22 Jan 2020]  
*Agencies now have a concrete map for designing and developing public-facing websites that comply with the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act, or 21st Century IDEA Act, as the General Services Administration's Technology Transformation Service released a set of web design standards for federal agencies Jan. 22.*

[Air Force hopes tablets could revolutionize basic training](#) [Stephanie Losey, *Air Force Times*, 22 Jan 2020]  
*Air Education and Training Command completed a pilot program Tuesday that could pave the way for all basic military training students to use tablet devices instead of textbooks.*

[Minnesota man exposed as commander of Nazi-led unit dies](#) [Amy Forliti, Steve Karnowski and Randy Herschaft, AP, 21 Jan 2020][[Reprint](#)]  
*A retired Minnesota carpenter whom The Associated Press exposed as a former commander of a Nazi-led unit accused of war atrocities has died. The records established that Karkoc was a commander in the SS-led Ukrainian Self Defense Legion, which attacked a Polish village where dozens of women and children were killed in 1944, then lied to American authorities to get into the U.S. after World War II. His family denied he was ever at the scene of the attack.*

[Korean military decides to discharge transgender soldier](#) [Hyung-Jin Kim, AP, 22 Jan 2020][[Reprint](#)]  
*South Korea's first known transgender soldier is pleading to be allowed to continue serving after the military decided to discharge her for undergoing gender reassignment surgery.*

[Here are the latest Navy retention numbers](#) [Courtney Mabeus, *Navy Times*, 21 Jan 2020]  
*In the face of a booming economy, the Navy kept about 74 percent of its enlistment eligible sailors during fiscal 2019, [figures released by the sea service](#) earlier this month show.*

[The Civil Servant Who Changes the Constitution](#) [Robonson Woodward-Burns, *The Atlantic*, 17 Jan 2020][[Reprint](#)]  
*One federal employee will determine whether the ERA gets added to America's founding document—the question is which authority he'll turn to for guidance.*

## **MISCONDUCT**

[“An Embarrassment to the Navy:” Modly Censures Chief Accused of Taking \\$10K in Gifts](#) [Gina Harkins, *Military.com*, 21 Jan 2020]  
*The Navy has issued another scathing letter of censure in connection with a massive corruption scandal [known as the “Fat Leonard” scandal], this time to a retired chief petty officer who allegedly signed off on invoices he knew were inflated and sought gifts worth more than \$10,000.*

[Jury: Ex-Guantanamo CO obstructed justice in death of civilian worker](#) [Courtney Mabeus, *Navy Times*, 17 Jan 2020][[See also](#)]  
*A federal jury in Jacksonville, Florida, on Friday [January 17] convicted the former commander of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on charges that he obstructed justice and made false statements in the wake of a civilian contractor's death at the base.*

## RACISM

[New Face of White Supremacy: Plots Expose Danger of the “Base”](#) [Neil MacFarquhar and Adam Goldman, *The New York Times*, 22 Jan 2020]

*The details that emerged in court and in documents from active cases in three other states—Georgia, Wisconsin and New Jersey—unveiled a disturbing new face of white supremacy. The Base illustrates what law enforcement officials and extremism experts describe as an expanding threat, particularly from adherents who cluster in small cells organized under the auspices of a larger group that spreads violent ideology.*

[Coast Guard officer accused of terror plot asks for leniency](#) [Michael Kunzelman, AP, 21 Jan 2020][[Reprint](#)]

*Federal prosecutors are recommending a 25-year prison sentence for a Coast Guard lieutenant accused of stockpiling guns and targeting Supreme Court justices, prominent Democrats and TV journalists for attacks inspired by racist killers.*

[Former soldier with neo-Nazi ties planned to bring assault rifle to Virginia gun rights rally](#)

[Meghann Myers, *Military Times*, 18 Jan 2020]

*An Army veteran and member of a Neo Nazi group is facing charges of harboring an illegal alien and illegally transporting weapons as part of a plot to smuggle a Canadian army reservist down to a gun rights rally in Virginia.*

## RELIGION

[VA Proposes End to Obama-Era Policy for Faith-Based Groups](#) [Dorothy Mills-Gregg, *Military.com*, 23 Jan 2020]

*The Department of Veterans Affairs wants to eliminate a rule requiring faith-based organizations to find secular alternatives for veterans who refuse help because of the groups’ religious nature. The proposed change has been published in the [Federal Register](#).*

[Pope appoints Latino as new archbishop of Philadelphia](#) [Philip Pulella, *Reuters*, 23 Jan 2020]

*Pope Francis on Thursday appointed Nelson Perez, the current Roman Catholic bishop of Cleveland, Ohio, to be the new archbishop of Philadelphia, the latest Latino to head a major U.S. archdiocese.*

[The real reason the Marine Corps is disallowing Shields of Strength’s Bible verse dog tags](#)

[OPINION][Chris Rodda, *Military Times*, 22 Jan 2020][[See also](#)]

*“This is in response to [Sunday’s commentary](#) by First Liberty Institute’s Mike Berry, who deceptively omits that the real issue with these Bible verse dog tags is that they have the official trademarked Marine Corps emblem on them, in violation of military trademark regulations.”*

[Anti-religion group seeks to deny troops inspirational dog tags](#) [OPINION][Mike Berry, *Military Times*, 19 Jan 2020]

*“In its latest attack on religious freedom in our military, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRF), actually seeks to undercut our troops’ spiritual readiness by denying them the ability to obtain replica dog tags with Bible verses inscribed on them.”*

## **SEXISM**

[“I wanted to prove them wrong”—How the first enlisted female Guard soldier to graduate Ranger School got it done](#) [Haley Britzky, *Task & Purpose*, 17 Jan 2020][[See also](#)]

*Farber was one of the first two enlisted women from the Guard to graduate from Ranger School and the very first from the Pennsylvania National Guard.*

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT/HARRASSMENT**

[Spirit Airlines passenger: Cabin crew didn't take my groping allegation seriously](#) [Trasa Baldas, *Detroit Free Press*, 23 Jan 2020]

*The FBI is investigating a Michigan woman’s claim that she was sexually assaulted aboard a Spirit Airlines flight by a man sitting next to her. The woman said the flight attendants took the alleged assault lightly—asking her to move her seat, but not making that same request of him.*

[Michigan state senator files sexual harassment complaint against male lawmaker, supports journalist’s claim](#) [Kelly McCarthy, *ABC News*, 21 Jan 2020]

*A female state senator from Michigan has come forward with a sexual harassment complaint against a male lawmaker in the wake of recent claims from a reporter regarding his conduct, to help show that “this behavior is a pattern.”*

[Wisconsin DOJ to review sexual assault investigations](#) [AP, 21 Jan 2020][[Reprint](#)]

*The Wisconsin Department of Justice plans to review a series of sexual assault investigations from the Wisconsin National Guard after a federal report found many were conducted improperly.*

[Tamara Campbell won’t stop advocating for justice for military survivors of domestic violence](#) [Adele Uphaus-Conner, *The Free Lance-Star (Fredericksburg, Va.)*, 17 Jan 2020][[Reprint](#)]

*Less than a year after a Marine Corps general decided that Tamara Campbell’s ex-husband could be released on probation instead of serving the full 11-year sentence imposed on him for numerous charges—including domestic violence against her—she is gearing up for another hearing that will determine if he has violated the terms of that probation... She said she still blames the Marine Corps for not holding her ex to full accountability for his actions.*

## **SUICIDE**

[Seeking the Military Suicide Solution Podcast, Episode 0: Introduction](#) [VIDEO][*Military Times*, Jan 15, 2020]

[Seeking the Military Suicide Solution Podcast, Episode 1: Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen, PREVENTS Task Force](#) [VIDEO][*Military Times*, Jan 15, 2020]

[Seeking the Military Suicide Solution Podcast, Episode 2: Dr. Craig J. Bryan](#) [VIDEO][*Military Times*, Jan 21, 2020]

*A new weekly podcast from Military Times examines the alarming rate of military and veterans suicide, offering new insights based on research and effective clinical and peer support practices in suicide prevention. Hosted by Duane France, a retired Army combat veteran, author and mental health counselor, and Shauna Springer, a psychologist, author and nationally recognized expert on initiatives to benefit the military community, the podcast aims to move beyond awareness to identify actionable strategies that can impact the rising suicide rate among service members, veterans, and their families.*

## **VETERANS**

[This veteran author never saw combat. He writes to comprehend this experience](#) [Todd South, *Army Times*, 20 Jan 2020]

*As the size and rate of combat deployments steadily declines, more and more troops face the likelihood that they can serve an entire enlistment or career without seeing combat. Paul Crenshaw weaves memories from his short time serving in the Arkansas Army National Guard in the early 1990s with the surrounding military culture that permeated his childhood and lingered beyond his service, while noting the impact of a nation at war for more than two decades.*

[Ground Broken for National POW/MIA Museum in Jacksonville](#) [Teresa Stepzinski, *The Florida Times-Union*, 18 Jan 2020]

*A standing-room-only crowd that including former prisoners of war, as well as the families of those missing in action and Gold Star families, wept, hugged and prayed during a solemn ceremony marking the groundbreaking for the estimated \$82 million National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum.*

[Guardsman fired from the Postal Service in 2000 for military service receives notice to return to work](#) [Dylan Gresik, *Army Times*, 9 Jan 2020]

*A nearly two-decades-long legal battle entered a new phase this week when a soldier received notice to return to his job with the U.S. Postal Service after being fired in 2000. Retired Sgt. Maj. Richard Erickson, a National Guard Special Forces veteran who was awarded a Purple Heart, was dismissed from his role as distribution clerk in Fort Myers, Florida, due to “excessive use of military leave.”*