

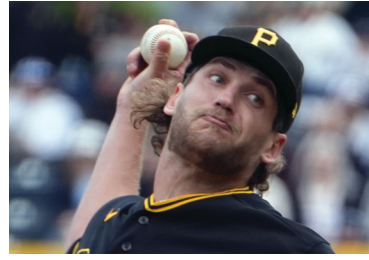
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Oil tankers sit at anchor offshore in the Strait of Hormuz off Bandar Abbas, Iran, on Saturday. U.S. forces defeated multiple Iranian attacks aimed at commercial vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, U.S. Central Command said.

Tricare still has billing, coverage challenges

BY ANNIE SCIACCA
The War Horse

Nearly every day for months, Lorelei Evans, a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, received a call or text from a doctor's office trying to collect on some of her family's \$86,000 in unpaid medical bills.

Almost weekly, she said, a bill showed up in the mail at her home in San Antonio.

Some of the notices were "friendly" reminders, but some were more ominous.

"This is your final notice," one of the letters warned, in big, red block font.

One of the notices, for a \$911 charge for her daughter's pediatrician, revealed the problem: Evans' insurance company had denied the claim because it needed more information about other insurance.

But Evans and her daughters do not have other health insurance besides the Tricare Reserve Select plan she gets through her military service.

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Fighting breaks out in Mideast

US military sinks 6 small boats as Iran launches 4 missiles at UAE

BY LARA KORTE
Stars and Stripes

U.S. forces have defeated multiple Iranian attacks aimed at commercial vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz, U.S. Central Command said Monday, the first show of force in the U.S. military's newest endeavor to restore traffic to the vital waterway.

Iran launched multiple cruise missiles, drones and small attack boats at the commercial ships and some U.S. Navy vessels, CENT-

COM Commander Adm. Brad Cooper told reporters. Apache and Seahawk helicopters were used to sink six small Iranian boats on Monday morning, he said.

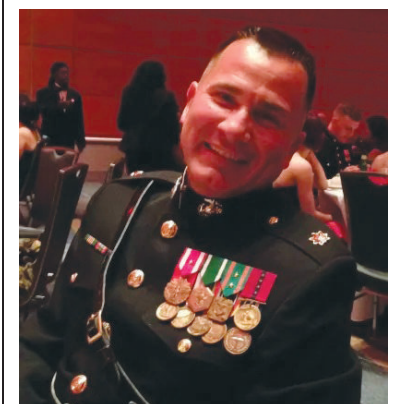
"U.S. forces are helping the international community in restoring the flow of global commerce," he said. "The [Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps], on the other hand, is doing everything it can to terrorize and threaten commercial shipping."

The U.S. Navy is providing cover for com-

mercial ships as part of Project Freedom, the latest effort announced by President Donald Trump on Sunday to protect vessels moving through the Strait of Hormuz and restore freedom of navigation.

Cooper, speaking to reporters Monday, said there are ships from 87 countries in the Persian Gulf seeking passage through the waterway, which has been virtually blocked by Iran

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DAVID KRACKLOW

Marine Corps veteran David Kraklow is dealing with the fallout from months of unpaid claims due to Tricare issues.