

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
Oversight Hearing – Quality of Life in the Military
February 28, 2023
Chairman John R. Carter
Opening Statement**

Good morning. Welcome.

Today's hearing is on the quality of life for our enlisted soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, guardians, and their families.

The five witnesses at the table represent the highest enlisted level of leadership for their respective branches.

This is the first time since 2019 that we've had all of the senior enlisted leaders together to testify on quality-of-life issues. They are truly an impressive group.

This hearing is a great opportunity to identify areas where we can do more to help our service members and their families.

It is also an opportunity to discuss the important connection between facilities, readiness, and quality of life.

Investing in infrastructure bolsters the military's ability to train and fight, while also ensuring our service members and their families are taken care of at home, every day.

And now I would like to recognize Ms. Wasserman Schultz for her opening remarks.