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CITED SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Cited in the Minute Order of July 22, 2026 in Nicolas Talbott, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al., No. 1:25-cv-00240 (D.D.C.) (Reyes, J.)



Secretary of War Pete Hegseth ✓

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The High-T Department of War.



Video · 2:30 · thumbnail frame shown

Posted July 15, 2026 at 12:10 p.m. EDT (16:10 UTC)

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE CITED VIDEO

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, testosterone screening announcement, July 15, 2026. Running time 2:30.

How this transcript was made, and how to quote it

Transcribed from the video's audio on July 23, 2026 using OpenAI Whisper *large-v3* (English, temperature 0, beam size 5, best of 5, word-level timestamps). It is

verbatim and uncleaned

. Two disfluencies are preserved exactly as spoken, at 0:36 and 1:19, because removing a stutter silently alters a quotation. No passage required an inaudible or unclear marker. Speech ends at 2:26.6 and the remaining audio is silence, so nothing is missing. The speaker never states his own name in the recording, so the attribution rests on the posting account and on the first-person "today I'm authorizing," not on self-identification.

- 0:00 **SECRETARY HEGSETH:** At the Department of War, we have the most elite warriors on the face of the earth. Every single day, you are pushed to your absolute physical and mental limits to master the profession of arms. We demand your all, and you give it.
- 0:16 But while we invest heavily in our weapons systems, platforms, and gear, our most decisive tactical advantage will always be the individual warfighter.
- 0:26 We have a sacred duty to maintain that advantage, which is why we must constantly look for new ways to optimize your performance, your resilience, and your long-term health.
- 0:36 And to meet that commitment, today I'm authorizing a new screening program for testosterone deficiency for our service members, ensuring you have the right testosterone levels to operate at your absolute best. Because it's well-established science that, that as we age, testosterone levels often naturally drop.
- 1:00 Under the supervision of our world-class medical professionals, war fighters age 30 and older are gonna be tested annually as part of their periodic health assessment. It's a health assessment that happens every year. We're just adding this test. Those under 30 can voluntarily choose to get the test as well.
- 1:19 If treatment is recommended, it, it's entirely your choice to receive testosterone replacement therapy.
- 1:27 This initiative, it's not about artificial enhancement, it's about restoring and optimizing your natural capabilities, protecting your longevity, and ensuring you have the biological foundation required to sustain the fight.

- 1:43 We owe our warriors the absolute best medical care in the world, and this program delivers on that obligation.
- 1:50 Taking care of your long-term health means ensuring you remain strong, resilient, and capable, not just for your next deployment, but for the rest of your life, so you can thrive long after you take off the uniform.
- 2:02 As we know, the modern battlefield is brutal and unrelenting. It requires and demands maximum psychological and mental readiness. And by addressing these health markers early, we're keeping you on the leading edge of lethality and giving you the same level of support that you give this nation, the absolute best.
- 2:24 Godspeed, keep going, and God bless.

WHAT THE VIDEO DOES AND DOES NOT SAY

Age. Thirty. Stated twice, and it is not a close call in the audio. Screening is annual for age 30 and older, folded into the existing periodic health assessment. Those under 30 may request it.

Testing is not described as optional for the 30-and-older group. The distinction the announcement draws is between testing and treatment. Treatment is “entirely your choice” at any age. Testing for those 30 and older is stated as a fact of the program, “are gonna be tested annually,” with no opt-out mentioned. Describing the program as simply voluntary flattens that line.

Women are never mentioned. The words women, woman, female, sex and gender do not appear anywhere in the recording. The program is described only as applying to “our service members” and to “war fighters age 30 and older,” with no sex-based qualification stated either way.

“Operator Syndrome” is never spoken. The phrase does not appear in this video. Where that term is attributed to the July 15 announcement, it comes from somewhere other than this recording.

HOW THE COURT CITED IT. Judge Reyes cited this post as “Video by Secretary of War (@SecWar), X, The High-T Department of War (July 15, 2026), <https://x.com/SecWar/status/2077425458430230838/video/1?s=46>,” and took judicial notice of the annual testosterone screening program announced in it.

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