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## Wannabe protectors pose security threat, DOD says

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WASHINGTON — The Army has warned its recruiters to treat the gun-toting civilians gathering at centers across the country in the wake of the Chattanooga, Tenn., shooting as a security threat.

Soldiers should avoid anyone standing outside the recruiting centers attempting to offer protection and report them to local law enforcement and the command if they feel threatened, according to a U.S. Army Recruiting Command policy letter issued Monday.

Armed citizens — some associated with activist groups and militias — were standing vigil outside recruiting centers in Wisconsin, Georgia, Tennessee, Idaho and elsewhere this week, saying they want to provide protection to servicemembers barred from carrying firearms on duty. Four Marines and a sailor were killed by Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez, a 24-year-old native of Kuwait who grew up in Tennessee, during an attack last Thursday on a strip mall recruiting center and a Navy facility that is being investigated as an act of terrorism.

Abdulazeez fired into the front of the recruiting station but there were no casualties. The five servicemembers were killed during an attack on the Navy Operational Support Center.

A Navy officer and a Marine reportedly fired at the gunman, although it is unclear why they were armed. It is against

Defense Department policy for anyone other than military police or law enforcement to carry weapons on federal property.

“I’m sure the citizens mean well, but we cannot assume this in every case and we do not want to advocate this behavior,” according to the Army Command Operations Center-Security Division letter, which was authenticated by the service.

Recruiters were ordered not to interact or acknowledge the armed civilians, who have been greeted by a mix of concern, indifference and gratitude by the public.

“If questioned by these alleged concerned citizens, be polite, professional and terminate the conversation immediately and report the incident to local law enforcement,” the command advised.

As the incidents crop up around the country, police could be asked to confront the civilians with guns on the Army’s behalf.

“Ensure your recruiters clearly articulate to local police the civilian may be armed and in possession of a conceal/carry permit,” it told the centers.

The command said recruiters should also immediately fill out an Army security report.

Kelli Bland, a spokeswoman for Army Recruiting Command, said the service has been increasing vigilance following the Chattanooga shooting and that local residents can help in other ways.

“Local communities can support our security by reporting suspicious activity, particularly around recruiting centers,”

Bland wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

Concerned citizens began gathering at the centers shortly after the shooting in Tennessee, and governors in some states ordered recruiters to armories or to be armed for protection against potential terrorist attacks. Congress has also pushed for the Defense Department to lift its current policy.

The founder and president of Oath Keepers, a Constitution activist group based in Las Vegas, issued a national call Tuesday to guard centers, while members were already guarding centers in Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma, president Stewart Rhodes told The Associated Press.

Rhodes told the news service it’s “absolutely insane” that recruiters aren’t allowed to be armed.

“They’re sitting ducks,” Rhodes said Tuesday. “They’d be better off if they were walking down the streets of Baghdad, because at least in Baghdad, they could move. Here, they’re stationary.”

In Lewiston, Idaho, three men with a group known as “3 percenters” — a national alliance with members who prepare “for any situation, man-made or natural” — were standing watch outside a recruiting office this week, the TNS wire service reported.

“They supported us, and now we’re here showing them that we support them,” said Matt Dillard, of Clarkston, Idaho, who was among the men.

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## Marines joined the fight after Tenn. shooting

*The Associated Press*

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — When a gunman’s car crashed through the gates at the Marine-Navy facility in Chattanooga, Marines went room to room to get their colleagues to safety. Some then ran back into the fight.

“I can tell you that our Marines reacted the way you would expect,” Maj. Gen. Paul W. Brier, commanding general of the 4th Marine Division, said during a news conference Wednesday.

For the first time, officials provided a rough timeline of what happened at the second facility attacked by Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez last week.

The 24-year-old gunman had opened fire on the first facility, a recruiting office, from his rented, silver Mustang convertible and never got out.

He then went to a joint Marine-Navy facility about 7 miles away.

When Abdulazeez first crashed through the gates in the Mustang, 20 Marines and two Navy corpsman were there inspecting their equipment after a training mission in California, Brier said.

When the shooting began, the troops went room to room to get others to safety and then some returned to the fight. Ed Reinhold, the FBI’s special agent in charge in Knoxville, told the press conference that two weapons found at the scene belonged to servicemembers. The military will investigate whether they were authorized to have those weapons.

Brier would not elaborate on how the troops engaged Abdulazeez.

When asked if anyone may have been hit by friendly fire, Reinhold said preliminary reports indicate all five servicemembers were killed by bullets from the same gun.

Abdulazeez shot the first servicemember inside the building, Reinhold said, then moved through the building shooting at people he encountered. He came out through the back, continuing to shoot. In all, four servicemembers were killed outside the building in the motor pool area.

Abdulazeez also died after a gunfight with Chattanooga police. The entire attack lasted no more than five minutes, Reinhold said.

The FBI also said that the gunman acted alone without help from anyone else, and investigators are treating him as a “home-grown violent extremist.” It is too early to determine whether Abdulazeez was “radicalized” before the attacks at two military sites, Reinhold said.

# GAO: Use Special Forces less

Tampa Tribune

TAMPA, Fla. — At any given moment, thousands of special operators are on duty across the globe. But maybe they don't all need to be, suggests a new report by the Government Accountability Office that calls on military leaders to determine whether conventional forces can take on more jobs traditionally performed by Navy SEALs, Army Green Berets and Rangers, and by Marine and Air Force special operators.

Released last week, the 72-page report comes as Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. is addressing this high rate of deployment and the strain it places on commandos who saw a record number of suicides in their ranks three years ago.

The GAO is also recommending greater transparency in how much money the military services spend on SOCOM. A lack of clarity, the report said, is making it harder to properly manage forces and funds.

Tuesday afternoon, SOCOM spokesman Ken McGraw said the command hasn't reviewed the report and had no comment. The Pentagon did not respond to an email seeking comment, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff referred to responses from the Pentagon already included in the report.

The report refers to testi-

mony from top defense officials before Congress this year that special operations forces "have sustained unprecedented levels of stress during the preceding few years." Specifically, according to testimony from Army Gen. Joseph Votel, SOCOM commander, "the high pace of deployments has resulted in both increased suicide incidents among the force and effects on operational readiness and retention due to a lack of predictability."

U.S. military doctrine calls for an increased reliance on the skills the operators bring to the table — light presence, quick reaction, the ability to train and advise. The GAO recommends that the Joint Chiefs of Staff step in to help decide when conventional forces can fill the bill.

The Pentagon, according to the report, has fallen short in considering regional Army troops, for example, as an alternative to slow the high pace of deployments by special operations forces.

"Opportunities may exist to better balance the workload across the force because the activities assigned to SOF can be similar to the types of activities assigned to conventional forces," according to the report. "Conventional forces have been expanding their capabilities to meet the demand for missions that have traditionally been

given to SOF."

As examples, the report cites stability operations, security force assistance, civil security, and repairing key infrastructure.

In the report, the Pentagon responded by saying its Global Force Management system does take into account the question of whether conventional forces are better suited for a mission and that a current review of the system is looking further into the question.

The GAO report also looks at funding for special operations forces, recommending that the undersecretary of defense, in consultation with the military service secretaries and SOCOM, develop ways to track and report funding for special operations.

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, SOCOM funding for special operations has more than tripled, from \$3.1 billion in fiscal 2001 to about \$9.8 billion in fiscal 2014. However, those figures may fall far short of actual funding because they do not include about \$8 billion SOCOM receives annually from the services, the GAO report says.

In its response, the Pentagon said it does clearly state how much funding the services provide for special operations but added that it would review its tracking and reporting methods.

# Odierno faults US in Islamic State rise

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Outgoing Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno told Fox News that the U.S. could have prevented the rise of the Islamic State group if it had remained fully engaged in Iraq rather than remove all its troops at the end of 2011.

"If we had stayed a little more engaged, I think maybe it might have been prevented," Odierno said in an interview Tuesday. "I've always believed the United States played the role of honest broker between all the groups and when we pulled ourselves out, we lost that role."

President Barack Obama's decision to withdraw all American troops at the end of 2011 has come under fire before from critics in Congress and the media. Odierno's criticism is noteworthy because he served longer in Iraq than any other U.S. general and commanded all U.S. and coalition forces there from 2008 until 2010. He is weeks away from retirement after 39 years in uniform.

"It's frustrating to watch it," Odierno said. "I go back to the work we did in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 and we got it to a place that was really good. Violence was low, the economy was growing, politics looked like it was heading in the right direction."

In 2009, Odierno recommended maintaining 30,000-35,000 U.S. troops after the end of 2011 in a training and advisory role but the White House rejected the recommendation after the Iraqis turned down American demands that remaining forces be shielded from prosecution or lawsuits.

When fighters from the Islamic State, also known by acronyms ISIS and ISIL, swarmed across northern and western Iraq last year, the White House did not seek Odierno's advice directly despite his years of service in Iraq.

# Many military jobs still exclude women

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Stars and Stripes

Less than a year from an integration deadline, nearly a quarter-million positions remain closed to women in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines as of March, along with 25,700 positions still closed to women by the U.S. Special Operations Command, according to Government Accountability Office data.

The four services have opened up 91,000 positions for women

since January 2013, when the secretary of defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff rescinded a 1994 rule that prohibited women from being assigned to certain ground combat units.

Regardless of the prohibition, more than 800 women have been wounded and 130 have died while deployed to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001.

The Department of Defense has required the services to integrate women into the re-

maining closed positions by the beginning of next year, but the department has no plans to monitor progress after that date, the GAO said.

The services and SOCOM are conducting studies to "identify and mitigate potential integration challenges" in areas such as unit cohesion, women's health, facilities modifications, equipment, uniforms and "interest in serving," the GAO said Monday.

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# Jordan explains return to Clips

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — DeAndre Jordan thought the Dallas Mavericks offered everything he wanted, including a fresh start and a starring role.

Then Jordan thought about it some more, and the craziest free-agent recruitment story in recent NBA history ended with him back on the Los Angeles Clippers.

"When free agency started, this whole fiasco was not my intent," Jordan said Tuesday.

Jordan celebrated his 27th birthday at Staples Center with the Clippers, proudly holding up the revamped version of his familiar No. 6 jersey alongside new teammates Paul Pierce and Josh Smith.

Yet Jordan realizes he nearly derailed the Clippers' title hopes and definitely disrupted Dallas' retooling plans by backing out of his verbal commitment. The two-time NBA rebounding champion changed his mind after days of existential angst and a frantic trip to Houston by the Clippers' leaders to sit out the final hours of the signing moratorium together.

Jordan knows he picked an awfully weird way to stick with the same team, but he regretted the decision to join the Mavs shortly after making it.

"Originally with Dallas, I thought I wanted change," Jordan said. "I wanted a bigger role and more responsibility, and I was ready to embrace and accept that challenge. But [when] I got by myself and I was able to think about everything that just happened, I realized that being with the Clippers was the best decision for me."

Jordan has spent his entire seven-year career with the Clippers, who have made four straight playoff appearances for the first time. After decades of incompetence, they've become one of the NBA's elite teams with Jordan, Chris Paul and Blake Griffin leading the way under coach Doc Rivers.

"I really thought about being on one team for my entire career," said Jordan, who agreed to a four-year, \$87.6 million deal to return. "That was really important to me. I've been here, and the past few seasons I've had have been pretty successful. I also feel like personally, I know the city. I know the fans. I'm used to the city of L.A., and I love it here."

With four straight winning seasons and a growing fan base, the Clippers have shaken off their lamentable history under Donald Sterling and opened a prosperous new era under billionaire owner Steve Ballmer.

The Clippers also retooled their roster after their second-round playoff exit this spring — even if it would have meant much less if the big man had left a hole in the middle. Instead, Jordan was all smiles at Staples Center alongside fellow returnee Austin Rivers and five new teammates: Pierce, Smith, Wesley Johnson, Cole Aldrich and rookie Branden Dawson.

"First of all, he never left," Rivers said. "I keep hearing that he came back. He never left. He talked about it, but he came back. I tell DJ all the time, you should be celebrated for making the right decision. I think he had that right to do that. It has happened before. It happens in business all the time, and the difference is, what we do is public, so everybody gets a chance to talk about it."

Jordan realizes he left plenty of angry fans back in his home state. Mavericks owner

Mark Cuban has dismissed the apology posted on Jordan's Twitter account.

"We make decisions in life, and when you go back and change your mind on them, I feel like the only thing you can do is man up and apologize for it," Jordan said. "And that's what I did. I can't speak for Mark or anybody else."

Jordan has led the league in rebounding and field-goal percentage for two straight years, yet his initial logic for leaving the Clippers suggests he occasionally feels overlooked in the shadow of his two All-Star teammates. Still, he scoffed at the idea he has a fractured relationship with Paul.

"I love Chris," Jordan said. "When Chris got here, he changed the culture of our team. He helped me out in so many ways on and off the floor, just becoming a better player and a student of the game. I know it may look (like an argument) on the floor because we're both emotional and vocal players. But when it comes down to it, we're criticizing each other because we want what's best for the team."

Rivers and Jordan both laughed at the memory of July 8, which the Clippers' leaders spent holed up in Jordan's home before he could sign his deal. Griffin kept fans entertained by tweeting photos of a chair wedged under the knob on Jordan's front door, or a tent in the backyard at the supposed siege.

"It wasn't a hostage situation," Jordan said with a grin. "I feel like I'm a pretty big guy, and I don't think they could lock me inside my own house."

"Oh no, we could lock him up," Rivers interjected. "If we wanted to, that would have happened."

# Titans, Mariota finalize agreement

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota signed with the Tennessee Titans on Tuesday, becoming the last of the NFL's first-round draft picks to finalize his deal.

The former Oregon quarterback is expected to start immediately, with the timing of the contract keeping the No. 2 overall pick on track to open the season Sept. 13 at Tampa Bay against Jameis Winston — the No. 1 overall selection from the draft.

The Titans started three quarterbacks while going 2-14 in coach Ken Whisenhunt's debut season. They were so excited about adding Mariota that Whisenhunt began tweaking his offense to fit the quarterback's skills weeks before the draft.

"I am very grateful and honored to have this opportunity," Mariota said in a statement. "I look forward to the future with my teammates, and I'm truly excited to be part of this team."

Mariota left Oregon after his redshirt junior season. In 2014, the 6-foot-4 222-pounder from Hawaii directed the most efficient offense in the country and led all quarterbacks with a 90.9 rating. Mariota threw for 4,454 yards and 42 touchdowns, while rushing for 770 yards and 15 scores. He was only intercepted four times last season.

That combination of size, mobility and efficiency prompted the Titans to make him their third quarterback drafted within the first eight selections since 2006, and a franchise with only one winning record in the past six seasons has been busy selling Mariota since the moment he was announced as their newest player.

But the timing of Mariota's contract caused a bit of apprehension for fans of the team. Whether or not the Titans would have Mariota signed in time for the first practice of camp July 31 had been a hot topic on talk radio the past few weeks.

In other NFL news:

■ Offensive tackle Wayne Hunter's chance to revive his career with the Buffalo Bills didn't last long.

The Bills announced they released Hunter on Tuesday, three weeks after signing him. The move came a little over a week before Buffalo players begin reporting to training camp in suburban Rochester.

The 6-foot-5, 318-pound player had been out of football since being released by the St. Louis Rams following the 2012 season. Hunter was selected in the third round of the 2003 draft by Seattle, and also spent four seasons with the Jets in a stint that overlapped new Bills coach Rex Ryan's tenure in New York.

# For Pierce, time was right for move

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Paul Pierce loved the Los Angeles Lakers growing up. They practiced in his Inglewood High gym, just a quick turn on Manchester Boulevard from their home at the Forum. Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal would go on to give Pierce his nickname, dubbing him "The Truth" after a 42-point game in 2001 by the then-Boston Celtics star.

Pierce's experiences with his hometown Clippers were, uh, different.

"They gave away tickets, the Inglewood YMCA," Pierce recalled Tuesday, "to go to a lot of Clippers games."

In 1992, the Clippers made the playoffs but their starting point guard, Doc Rivers, didn't make much of an impression on a 14-year-old Pierce.

"Not at the time," Pierce said with a chuckle.

Funny how things can change. Pierce is coming home to finish a Hall of Fame career with the Clippers by his own choosing, reuniting the 10-time All-Star with Rivers seven years after the coach and his small forward teamed to win an NBA title with the Celtics.

"Things really happen for a reason," Pierce said during a media conference at Staples Center. "I think this is the right

timing. Perfect opportunity here today. And I'm glad to say I'm a Clipper."

Pierce took roughly half the salary he would have received to return to the Washington Wizards, accepting a three-year, \$10.5 million contract from the Clippers earlier this month.

He said one thing would remain constant from his time with the Wizards: his role. Pierce will be a complementary player to stars Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan, cognizant that his steadying voice in the locker room could be just as valuable as his play on the team's redesigned home court.

"I'm not here to be the man; I'm here to help in any way I can," said Pierce, who will turn 38 in October. "I understand this is Chris's, Blake's and DeAndre's team."

The Clippers tried to engineer a Pierce homecoming last year but committed their primary financial tool — the midlevel exception — to Spencer Hawes, a bust in his one season with the team.

The lure of a championship-caliber roster and a Rivers reunion was enough to land Pierce this time around. Sort of.

"Doc wasn't really influential," Pierce deadpanned, before making a reference to a onetime Celtics teammate and current Clippers assistant coach. "It was more Sam Cassell than anybody."

It also won't hurt having Patrick Roy around. Roy was Pierce's high school coach and the reason Pierce is the most famous basketball player to come out of Inglewood and not Crenshaw High. Pierce briefly attended Crenshaw as a sophomore before receiving a call from Roy, the new varsity coach at Inglewood.

"When I got the job I called his mom, I called him up (and) I said, 'What are you doing? You've got to come back home,'" Roy said Tuesday. "And the next week he was back home."

Pierce, an Oakland native who moved to Southern California as a child, starred at Inglewood and at Kansas before the Celtics drafted him 10th overall in 1998.

But he never neglected his roots. He gladly paid about \$32,000 for a room equipped with flat-screen televisions and computers at Inglewood High for the basketball team that Roy described as nicer than the Chick Hearn pressroom inside Staples Center.

Pierce also sits on the bench at Inglewood whenever he can and speaks to players via speakerphone before big games. His presence only figures to increase as the local hero who came home to fashion a Hollywood ending.

"I guess my biggest concern," Pierce said, "is probably tickets."



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# Questions remain for Big 12

The Associated Press

DALLAS — TCU has gone from Big 12 newcomer to preseason favorite after only three seasons, eight-time champion Oklahoma has an unprecedented title drought for coach Bob Stoops and West Virginia finally feels experienced in the conference.

Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury still has to settle on a starting quarterback, the position he played for the Red Raiders, former Oklahoma State quarterback Mike Gundy had an early unveiling of his new starter and 24th-year Kansas State coach Bill Snyder has seven quarterbacks on his roster.

While Baylor goes for a third consecutive Big 12 title, Iowa State didn't win a conference game last season. David Beaty makes his head coaching debut at Kansas and Charlie Strong wants a winning record after a 6-7 start to his Texas tenure.

With practice only a couple of weeks away, a few things to ponder while waiting for the first games Sept. 3:

**Outside the league:** Baylor, Kansas State and Oklahoma State are the Big 12

teams that won't play a non-conference game against a team from another of the Power Five conferences.

Texas plays its opener at Notre Dame and has a home game against California, while TCU starts the season at Minnesota.

"We're actually working on our schedule to maybe make it look better to the public and help us, if it does come down to that, but I've never met a good loss or met a bad win," said Baylor coach Art Briles, whose team shared the Big 12 title with TCU last season after winning it outright in 2013.

**Strong influence:** In his first season, Charlie Strong dismissed or suspended several Texas players for disciplinary reasons. Now he's excited about the goal to build a team — "You just have to get everyone on board," he said.

The Longhorns won the league's last national championship a decade ago, but their last Big 12 title was in 2009.

"So much was made last season about the suspensions," Strong said. "They were given plenty of opportunities to do what was asked of them."

**Are you experienced?** Dana Holgorsen,

whose 2011 debut at West Virginia came a year before the Mountaineers joined the Big 12, said he has potentially the best depth of any team he has been involved with in more than two decades coaching.

Nine offensive and 10 defensive starters are among 44 returning lettermen.

WVU is 11-16 in Big 12 games since entering the league.

**QBs north of Red River:** Oklahoma State took the redshirt off highly touted freshman quarterback Mason Rudolph in the 11th game last season, then he helped direct a big comeback in the regular-season Bedlam finale for an overtime win at Oklahoma that got the Cowboys eligible for a bowl game they won.

Stoops, whose Sooners have gone consecutive seasons without a Big 12 title for the first time in his 16 seasons, disputes those who assume transfer Baker Mayfield is already the starting quarterback over returning junior starter Trevor Knight. Stoops instead describes a tight battle.

"I know it's popular for everyone to act like a certain guy has already got the job," Stoops said. "That couldn't be further from the truth."

# Seminoles correcting behavior

The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — With off-field issues overshadowing his program once again, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said Tuesday the Seminoles are "stepping up" their process of educating players about domestic violence and other issues.

Speaking during the Atlantic Coast Conference's preseason media days, Fisher said the program has started a four-step program to address problems and build on character-building exercises that have been part of FSU culture for years.

"It's like coaching," Fisher said. "What you learn: Don't take anything for granted. Try to cover as many things from A to Z as you possibly can to educate — don't do this, don't do that, don't do that — to make sure you address every issue out there."

"You wouldn't think you would have to say [don't hit a woman], but you do. And we'll continue to do that and we'll do it even in a greater force now to educate our guys about not doing it and how to avoid those situations totally. And hopefully they'll listen."

Fisher's comments came after a pair of high-profile allegations.

Running back Dalvin Cook has been suspended from the team indefinitely after it was alleged that he punched a woman outside a Tallahassee bar, which subsequently led to him being charged. That news came not long after freshman quarterback De'Andre Johnson was kicked off the team after video showed him punching a woman in the face in a bar.

"I don't think what's happening at Florida State is relative to Florida State," Fisher said. "It's happening all over this country. We get more attention of it because of the success of our program and I understand it. That's part of winning. That's part of being one of the top programs in America and I accept that responsibility and our players have to accept that responsibility. ... But we have to continue to work on the problems we have."

Johnson was not expected to be a key contributor for the Seminoles in 2015, but Cook is considered one of the top running backs in America. He set a FSU freshman record with 1,008 yards last season on 170 carries, with eight touchdowns.

Fisher said he could not comment on the Cook case specifically until the legal process plays out and facts are revealed, though he did say he has not considered dismissing Cook from the team at this point.

"It's a shame that we had the instance we had," Fisher said, referring to Johnson. "The young man was a tremendous guy. Never been in trouble in his life, but he made a bad choice."

Fisher spent roughly the first 20 minutes of his hourlong interview session with print reporters at the ACC Kickoff event answering questions about off-field issues.

He said FSU recently had a five-hour seminar focused on domestic violence, including role-playing exercises.

"We spend over 40 days a year on different, varying things from drugs, alcohol, those things," Fisher said. "But again, when you see that that's not enough, you continue to improve and expand what you have for your kids."

Those incidents follow the Jameis Winston saga, which had the quarterback who won the Heisman Trophy and led FSU to a national championship as a freshman accused by a fellow student of rape.

# Schwarber's two-homer game lifts Cubs

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Kyle Schwarber grew up cheering for the Cincinnati Reds at Great American Ball Park, hoping to someday get a chance to be there as a major leaguer. With two swings, he outdid them all.

The rookie catcher hit a tying two-run homer in the ninth inning, then completed yet another big night at Great American with a solo shot in the 13th, rallying the Chicago Cubs to a 5-4 victory on Tuesday.

Schwarber's homer off Nate Adcock (1-2) gave the rookie his first two-homer game, right in the ballpark where he attended games as a youth.

"It was a great feeling all-around," he said, with shaving cream from the team's clubhouse celebration in his left ear.

Schwarber, who had four hits Tuesday, grew up in nearby Middletown, Ohio, and was called up for six games last month. He hit his first homer in Cleveland. He finally got to play at Great American in the All-Star Futures game nine days ago and won the MVP award with a two-run triple.

Schwarber, the fourth overall draft pick last year, doubled home a run Tuesday and then tied it with his 424-foot homer in the ninth off J.J. Hoover.

**Yankees 3, Orioles 2:** Little-used Brendan Ryan hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the sixth inning, helping host New York get the win.

Alex Rodriguez hit a sacrifice fly off Wei-Yin Chen (4-6), and Chase Headley added an RBI double as New York moved 10 games over .500 (51-41) for the first time since Sept. 13, 2013.

**Royals 3, Pirates 1:** Jarrod Dyson hit a two-run single in the eighth inning to lead host Kansas City to the victory.

Dyson scored later in the inning on Alcides Escobar's single, and the Royals won for the 11th time in 14 games.

**Astros 8, Red Sox 3:** Chris Carter hit a two-run homer, rookie Carlos Correa drove in two runs and host Houston handed Boston its sixth straight loss.

Rookie Vince Velasquez (1-1) pitched six innings of three-run ball for his first career win in his seventh major league start. He was recalled from Double-A

Corpus Christi on Tuesday.

**Mariners 11, Tigers 9:** Franklin Gutierrez's pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning sent visiting Seattle to the win.

The Tigers had come back from a 5-1 deficit and led 8-6 when Neftali Feliz (1-3) allowed five runs in the eighth. Feliz, who was picked up by Detroit on July 11 after refusing a minor league assignment from Texas, allowed a run on a wild pitch before giving up Gutierrez's opposite-field drive.

**Cardinals 8, White Sox 5:** Matt Holliday hit his sixth career grand slam, powering Michael Wacha and St. Louis to the road win.

Holliday homered for the first time since May 12. He returned last Friday after missing 31 games because of a strained right quadriceps.

**Braves 4, Dodgers 3:** Chris Johnson drove in two runs for host Atlanta, and Alex Wood overcame control problems on a hot night.

The Braves, who had lost seven of nine overall, improved to 18-6 at home in games decided by two runs or fewer.

**Mets 7, Nationals 2:** Pinch-hitter Eric Campbell put his team ahead with his two-run single in the seventh inning, leading visiting New York to the victory.

Fresh off his dominant display in the All-Star Game a week ago, Jacob deGrom (10-6) allowed two runs and three hits in six innings. He struck out eight in his first win over the division-rival Nationals in four tries.

**Rays 1, Phillies 0:** Nathan Karns homered and pitched five innings for host Tampa Bay, ruining the major league debut of Philadelphia's Aaron Nola.

Karns (5-5) allowed three hits and walked two, helping the Rays win for just the third time in their last 13 road games. It was just the sixth time in baseball history that an American League pitcher homered in a 1-0 game.

**Brewers 8, Indians 1:** Matt Garza pitched six shutout innings for host Milwaukee in his return from the disabled list, and Jean Segura hit a two-run homer

for his first extra-base hit in more than six weeks.

Garza (5-10) scattered six hits, walked two and struck out four.

**Marlins 3, Diamondbacks 0:** Mat Latos allowed four hits through seven innings in his third straight strong start and visiting Miami snapped a four-game losing streak.

Michael Morse homered off Jeremy Hellickson (6-6) in the Diamondbacks' seventh loss in their last eight games. Adeiny Hechavarria and Christian Yelich each had an RBI single.

**Giants 9, Padres 3:** Rookie Chris Heston took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and Hector Sanchez hit an impressive grand slam for one of three of visiting San Francisco's home runs.

Heston, who no-hit the New York Mets on June 9, allowed one hit and faced just two over the minimum in 7 1/3 innings. He received a standing ovation from the many Giants fans in the stands above the third-base dugout when he was pulled by manager Bruce Bochy after issuing a one-out walk in the seventh. He struck out six and walked two.

**Blue Jays 7, Athletics 1:** Russell Martin, Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion homered to power visiting Toronto.

Martin hit a three-run shot to chase former Blue Jays right-hander Kendall Graveman (6-6) in the sixth. Bautista and Encarnacion each connected for a solo shot.

**Angels 7, Twins 0:** Matt Shoemaker pitched six innings of two-hit ball for his first home win of the season in nine tries, batterymate Chris Iannetta had a homer and four RBIs, and host Los Angeles got its season-high sixth straight victory.

The AL West-leading Angels overcame three baserunning blunders while maintaining their two-game lead over Houston, a team they trailed by seven games on May 4.

**Rangers 9, Rockies 0:** Shin-Soo Choo hit for the cycle, Matt Harrison earned his first win in 14 months and visiting Texas routed Colorado.

Delino DeShields had a career-high four hits and Prince Fielder homered for the Rangers.