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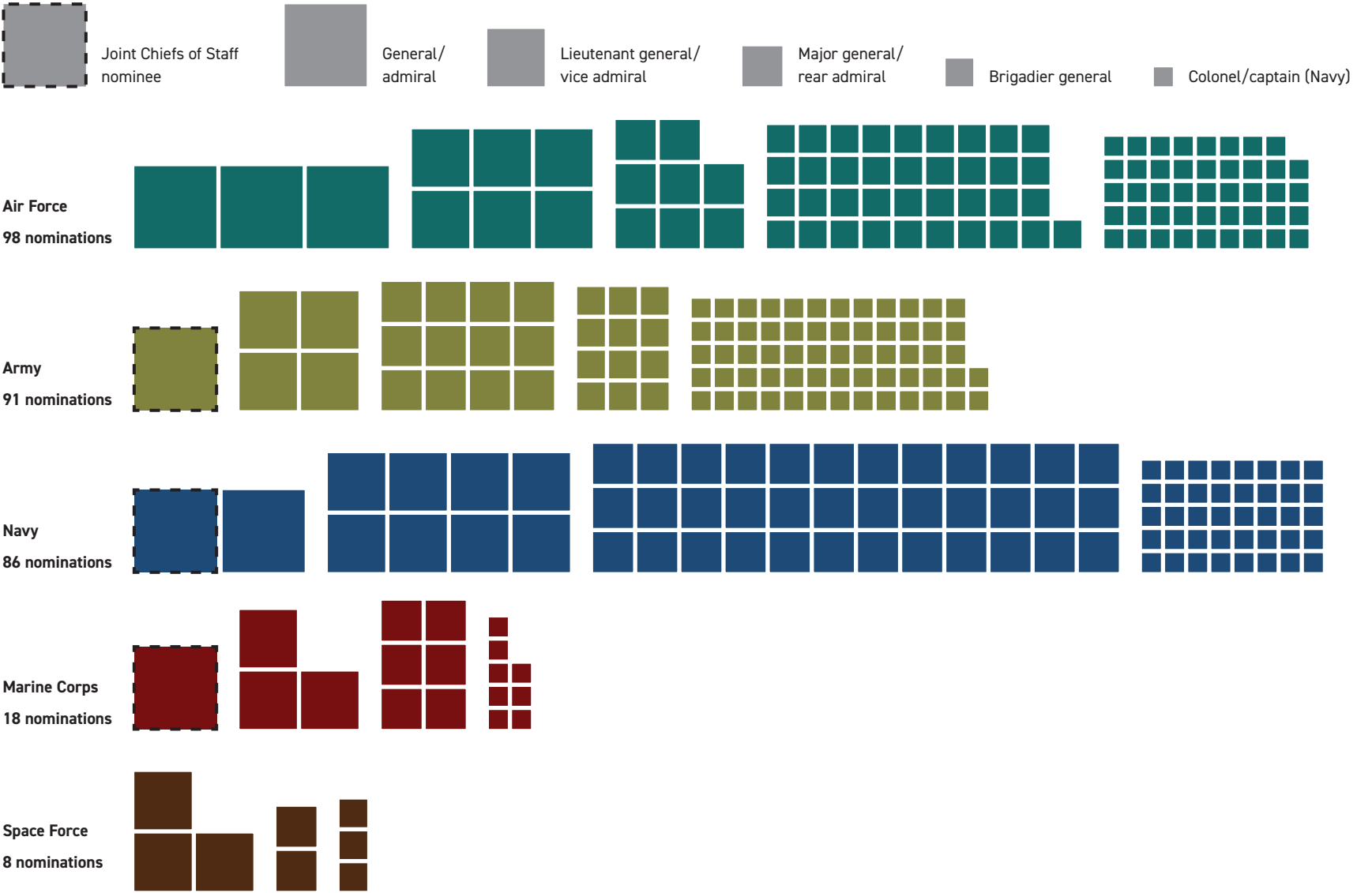
Stalled military nominations grow to over 300 after Tuberville's hold

The number of unconfirmed nominations for senior military officers has risen to 301 since Alabama Republican Sen. Tommy Tuberville announced earlier this year his plans to delay promotions in protest of the Pentagon's abortion policies. Traditionally, military nominations have been approved through unanimous consent in the Senate, but Tuberville has objected to moving those votes forward, halting any progress on nominations for senior officers.

The Department of Defense policies, issued last year, cover travel costs for troops who seek abortion access and allow up to 21 days of administrative leave for abortion or other reproductive care. Service members are also allowed up to 20 weeks before they must notify their commanders of pregnancy.

Air Force, Army and Navy waiting on most nominations

UNCONFIRMED NOMINATIONS FOR SENIOR OFFICERS PER MILITARY BRANCH

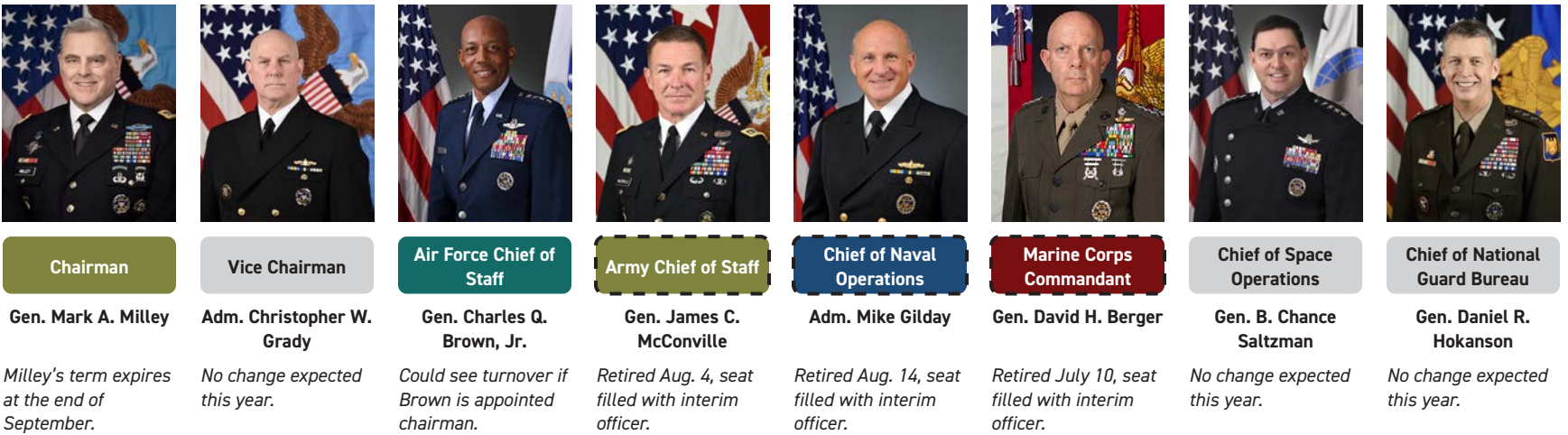


Note: Rear admiral for the Navy includes rear admiral upper half and rear admiral lower half.

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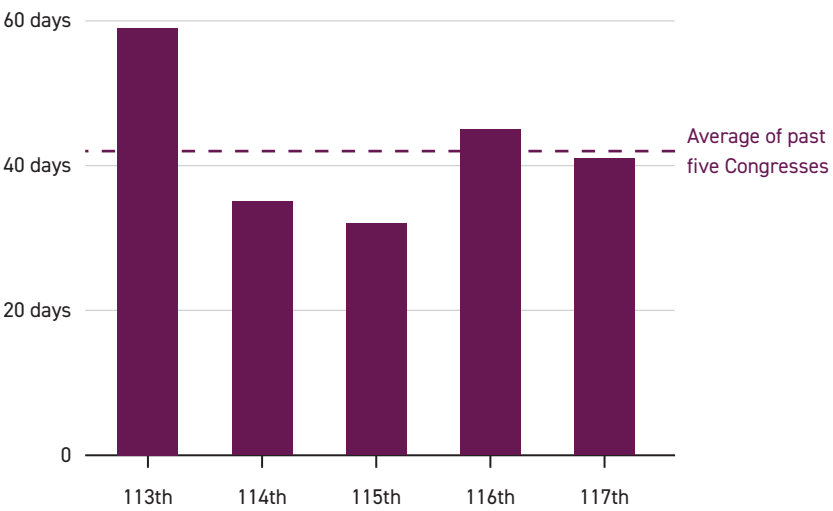
The Joint Chiefs of Staff are military leaders who provide counsel to the president and other executive offices on military matters.

This year, up to five of the eight seats in the Joint Chiefs of Staff can see turnover as current leaders retire. Since Tuberville announced his hold, three seats have been filled by interim officers with pending confirmations.



In previous Congresses, nominations have taken 42 days to be confirmed

AVERAGE DAYS FOR NOMINEES TO BE CONFIRMED PER CONGRESS



Nominations for senior officers have nearly doubled since February

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