



THE RISE OF
THE MILITARY
WELFARE STATE



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Since the end of the draft, the U.S. Army has prided itself on its patriotic volunteers who heed the call to “Be All That You Can Be.” But beneath the recruitment slogans, the army promised volunteers something more tangible: a social safety net including medical and dental care, education, child care, financial counseling, housing assistance, legal services, and other privileges that had long been reserved for career soldiers. While the United States dismantled its civilian welfare system in the 1980s and 1990s, army benefits continued to expand. *The Rise of the Military Welfare State* examines how the U.S. Army’s extension of benefits to enlisted men and women created a military welfare system of unprecedented size and scope.

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