Abi’s Vigil

Last December, Abi Crider married the love of her life Riley, in a small ceremony in Winfield, Missouri when they were just 19 and 20 years old. This summer, Abi moved in with her husband at Camp Pendleton, only for him to deploy just one week later. It’s been about five months since Riley left and he won’t be home until March 2019. During this holiday season, she finds solace in celebrating the holidays by surrounding herself with the people she loves. Abi lives every day as if her husband will walk through the door and surprise her: throwing some of his clothing in with hers, hanging his uniform on the door.

Abi connects with Riley on FaceTime, left, and makes cookies with other young military wives on the weekend, above.
This ornament was a gift from Riley last year when they celebrated their first Christmas together. Abi also hung Riley’s tag on the ornament because it has a

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Abi retrieves her laundry from the dryer in the garage. She said she will occasionally wash Riley’s clothes along with hers because it makes her feel like he’s there with her.

Before going to bed, Abi reads a chapter from Stephen King’s “The Stand.” Both her and Riley are huge Stephen King fans and are trying to collect and read all of his books.