



DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

WELLNESS

[Corps offers more money for off-base child care](#)

(15 Nov.) Marine Corps Times, By James K. Sanborn

While budgetary pressure has forced the Marine Corps to reduce on-base child care services, officials have managed to expand the assistance it offers families who commute some distance to work.

CCDBG Reauthorization: On 19 November, the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 (S.1086) was signed into law. For the first time in two decades, the Child Care and Development Block Grant was reauthorized and revised to include general provisions to improve the quality of child care nationwide.

[New Factor In Campus Sexual Assault Cases: Counsel For The Accused](#)

(20 Nov.) New York Times, By Ariel Kaminer

Invoking Title IX, the federal gender-equality statute that is typically used to protect the rights of female students, he sued Columbia, saying his client had been “discriminated against on the basis of his male sex.”

[A Rape on Campus: A Brutal Assault and Struggle for Justice at UVA](#)

(19 Nov.) Rolling Stone, By Sabrina Rubin Erdely

“The University of Virginia is one of the 86 schools now under federal investigation...[and] is one of only 12 schools under a sweeping investigation known as “compliance review”: a proactive probe launched by the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights itself, triggered by concerns about deep-rooted issues. Before Jackie left for college, her [father] a Vietnam vet and retired military contractor...lectured her about avoiding the perils of the social scene...”

[Face of Defense: Soldier Balances Army Duty With Motherhood](#)

(20 Nov.) Defense News, By Army Sgt. William Howard

Balancing duties as a soldier and a mother of three, one of whom is a special needs child, is just one of the challenges Army Sgt. Shanna Rodriguez has faced in her life.

[Male Military Rape](#)

GQ Magazine

According to the Pentagon, 38 military men are sexually assaulted every single day. These are the stories you never hear—because the culprits almost always go free, the survivors rarely speak, and no one in the military or Congress has done enough to stop it.

ASSIGNMENTS

Announcement of Change to Assignment Policy ([MARADMIN 589/14](#)): As of 31 July 2014, the required Congressional notification period has been satisfied and additional opportunities for assignment are available to female marines.

[Benning chooses female observers, advisers for possible integrated Ranger School](#)

(16 Nov.) Ledger-Enquirer, By Ben Wright

Fort Benning officials cleared a hurdle last week with the selection of 31 female soldiers to serve as observers and advisers for a possible one-time Ranger School Assessment that would include female Ranger candidates training alongside male soldiers.

[31 women chosen for Ranger Course assessment](#)

(17 Nov.) Army Times Staff Report

The Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade chose 20 NCOs and 11 officers as observers and advisers for the assessment, according to a Facebook post on Monday by the Maneuver Center of Excellence at the post in Georgia.

[Hagel Says Putting Women In Combat Jobs Is Important, But Not Easy](#)

(18 Nov.) Navy Times, By Andrew Tilghman

"We want to maximize all of our abilities, all of our talent, from all of our people in this country. It's the right thing to do," [Defense Secretary Chuck] Hagel told about 200 Marines. "We are a country...that believes strongly that every individual deserves the same opportunities — if you are capable and you qualify and you can do the job. We're not going to lower standards."

[Guantánamo prosecutors: Prison needs female guards touching, moving ex-CIA captives](#)

(18 Nov.) Miami Herald, By Carol Rosenberg

The attorneys invoke the U.S. Supreme Court's recent Hobby Lobby religious rights decision in their bid to get the judge to order the prison to return to the practice of not having female guards touch the captives. Prison commanders say there was no policy prohibiting it, but it is possible that duty assignments in past rotations happened to include only men.

[BU freshman aspires to be first female Army Ranger](#)

(18 Nov.) Baylor Lariat, By Rebecca Fiedler

"I would feel almost guilty for those men because I would be the one throwing off the dynamic of the unit," [freshman Sara Lacroix] said. "Maybe guilty is the wrong word, but I think it's a lot to ask of them." Lacroix said she disputes the stereotype, however, that women are all physically weaker than men, and can't run as fast or shoot as accurately as men.

[Air Force Moves to Open 7 Combat Jobs to Women](#)

(18 Nov.) Military News, By Matthew Cox

The U.S. Air Force's top official wants to make male-only, direct-combat related jobs open to female airmen by the spring of 2016. [Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee] James said the Air Force is working on establishing gender-neutral standards for the positions and opening them to whoever is qualified.

[Services Look to New Ways to Recruit, Retain Personnel](#)

(19 Nov.) DoD News, By Jim Garamone

All the services are looking at different ways to attract and retain the best recruits for the military, and that may include some form of interrupted service, the chief of naval personnel said here today.

EXTRA

[How a female US Army colonel tamed the males-only Egyptian Army](#)

(11 Nov.) Colonel Jill Morgenthaler

When I first met the general, he was very upset that I had been assigned to him. He told me bluntly as I stood before him, "Lieutenant Colonel Morgenthaler, I don't work with women." Then, he looked past me, right at my deputy and said, "I will deal with Major Healy instead."

[Why do so many female veterans struggle to find work?](#)

(13 Nov.) CNN, By Kelly Wallace <video>

The unemployment rate for female veterans who have been discharged since September 11, 2001, was 9.3% in 2013, versus about 8% for male vets, according to a report from the Disabled American Veterans. "Women veterans are still having a harder time finding jobs than their male counterparts," first lady Michelle Obama said at a White House event.

[Here's Why Women in Combat Units is a Bad Idea](#)

(18 Nov.) Charlie Mike Veterans Blog, By Anna Simons

"Three problems plague the debate over whether all combat units should finally be opened to women. The first is that every sentient adult knows what happens when you mix healthy young men and women together..."

[Reassessing Army Size](#)

(19 Nov.) DVIDS <video>

Army Chief GEN Ray Odierno said developments around the world over the last year are forcing defense leaders to reassess plans to decrease the size of the Army.

[Navy May Allow Sailors To Take A Break From The Military](#)

(19 Nov.) Defense One, By Marcus Weisgerber

This would allow sailors to get a college degree, start a family, get a job and "see what the world's like on the other side," [Chief of Navy Personnel, Vice Adm. William] Moran said. The Navy could then have an "on ramp" to bring these sailors back into the military.