



DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

WELLNESS

[Active Duty Submariner Wins SCRA Custody Suit](#)

(28 Oct.) SCRA, By Roy L. Kaufmann

“Over the summer, Hindes' case caught the media's attention after a Michigan judge issued a bench warrant for his arrest in response for his failure to show up for a custody hearing. While this would normally be standard procedure, what was remarkable about this case is that Hindes was on active duty aboard a naval submarine at the time, making it impossible for him to attend the case.”

[Military Suicides Decline, But Continued Failures Hold Lessons For Future Wars](#)

(23 Nov.) Defense One, By Molly O'Toole

“Servicewomen tend to have a much lower suicide rate than their male counterparts. Though more than 280,000 women have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan... women remain a minority in the military... [and] face singular challenges in aspiring to a military career that often lead them to get out before serving as long, or earning as high a rank... while combat exposure tends to be associated with PTSD and other mental health issues, in general, women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan report worse mental and emotional health. [Additionally,] one in three military women has been sexually assaulted, contrasted with one in six civilian women.”

[Marine Corps Finds It Tough To Shut Down Sexist Facebook Groups](#)

(23 Nov.) NPR, By James Clark

“A veteran of the war in Afghanistan, [Katherine] Keleher soon became intimately familiar with unofficial Marine Facebook pages like [Just the Tip, of the Spear], which are forums for crude humor that often targets women. Female Marines are being openly harassed and denigrated on Facebook, in some cases by other active-duty Marines.”

[The Navy Takes Steps to Fight Sexual Assault](#)

(25 Nov.) DVIDS <video>

[Special and general courts-martial results for October 2014 announced](#)

(25 Nov.) Navy Times

The Navy has released results of special and general courts-martial for October 2014. The cases are listed by the Navy Region in which they were tried.

[Who Are You Talking To? Get to know your Victim Advocates](#)

(26 Nov.) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Terrina Weatherspoon

“To become a victim advocate, the first thing [Boatswain Mate Seaman] Parsons-Hang had to do was submit a special request chit to her chain of command. From there, her ship required her to participate in an interview with her command's program coordinator. Next she did a phone interview with the base Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC).”

ASSIGNMENTS

[Test run suggests women can meet Ranger standards](#)

(23 Nov.) USA Today, By Jim Michaels

“The results of a first-time experiment to expose a group of women to training similar to Ranger School suggests some can meet the standards of the Army's legendary course, which has barred female trainees for more than six decades.”

[Two female 3rd Brigade soldiers ready to accept Ranger challenge](#)

(23 Nov.) Killen Daily Herald, By Rose L. Thayer

“The Army announced in September it would accept applications from women interested in attending the 62-day Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. The school challenges service members of all occupational specialties, but primarily infantrymen, through three phases with scenarios and tasks meant to induce hunger, mental and physical fatigue and emotional stress.”

Women Sweat The Test to Show Marines They're Combat-Ready

(23 Nov.) *NPR*

“This experiment isn't just about what women are capable of. It's also about whether the Marines have the right standards - if pull-ups are the best measure of upper body strength, for example - so the experiment includes training exercises that test strength and shooting accuracy. Long hikes with heavy packs will test endurance.”

New sergeant major takes over at Parris Island

(23 Nov.) *The State, Staff Reports*

“Sgt. Maj. Angela Maness officially took over as new sergeant major at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island on Friday, according to a news release.”

Focus on Her Corps

(25 Nov.) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity <video>*

“Chaplain Rear Adm. Margaret Grun Kibben is a Presbyterian minister currently serving as the 26th Chief of Chaplains of the United States Navy. Formerly the 18th Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps (CHMC) and the Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the United States Navy, Adm. Kibben was the first female to hold each office. She was sworn in as Chief of Navy Chaplains on August 1, 2014 as the first female to serve as such.”

Integrated Task Force supported by researchers, corpsmen

(26 Nov.) *The Globe, By Cpl. Paul S. Martinez*

“Owing to its status as a detailed research project, the Ground Combat Element Integrated Task Force carries a more robust medical capability than most units in the Marine Corps. The Task Force Aid Station, University of Pittsburgh researchers and the unit's athletic trainer each play a key role in keeping Marines and sailors physically prepared for the rigors of their broad training.”

EXTRA

V.F.W. Goes Gender-Neutral, Recognizing Female Veterans

(21 Nov.) *The New York Times, By Richard A. Oppel, Jr.*

When the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States secured its congressional charter in 1936, “veterans” were usually men and the spouses of those who fell in battle were “widows.” That, of course, is now very different.

Double amputee Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth 'thrilled' after giving birth to baby girl Abigail

(21 Nov.) *Mail Online, By Steve Hopkins*

“Duckworth is the first disabled female veteran and the first female Asian American from Illinois to serve in the House. She is also one of five female veterans who lost limbs in Iraq and, coincidentally, four of them are pregnant or recently gave birth.”

First female Korean American AH-64 Apache helicopter pilot

(24 Nov.) *DVIDS, By Sgt. Jesse Smith*

“[1st Lt. Sarah] Jeon was asked to speak to a soon-to-be graduating class of female students...she is Korean American and she is the first female, Korean AH-64 Apache helicopter pilot. Jeon said she wanted to inspire the group to feel they could do anything they wanted to do and to further strengthen the U.S. and Republic of Korea alliance.”

Native American Navy Veteran Paved Way for Career Field, Honors Heritage

(26 Nov.) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins*

“Linda Old Horn-Purdy, retired Navy chief petty officer, from the Crow tribe, was one of the first females in the Navy to serve on a combatant ship. Her journey began on the Crow Agency reservation in Montana.”