



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 21 October – 7 November 2017

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [**Air Force could recall up to 1,000 retired pilots amid shortage, retention crisis**](#)
(21 Oct) Air Force Times, By Stephen Losey
The Air Force could bring back as many as 1,000 retired pilots for up to three years under a major expansion of a recall program, the White House announced Friday.
2. [**Marine Corps launches new surveys to know why Marines re-enlist — or not**](#)
(25 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
The Marine Corps is offering new surveys asking Marines why they joined the Corps, decided to re-enlist or ultimately decided to leave. Based on the responses, the Corps can make changes to how it recruits, promotes and retains Marines, officials said.
3. [**Re-up now: Army offers up to \\$12,000, plus bigger bonuses, to eligible soldiers**](#)
(26 Oct) Army Times, By Meghann Myers
Soldiers whose last day in the Army is coming up in the next 15 months could earn up to \$12,000 on top of a selective retention bonus if they re-up in the next several weeks.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

4. [**Early numbers show the Army's new fitness test is reducing injuries in basic training**](#)
(19 Oct) Army Times, By Meghann Myers
In the 10 months since the Army implemented an occupational fitness test for potential recruits, injury and drop-out rates are down at basic training.
5. [**Female Marine gets a second try to become a special operations Raider**](#)
(19 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
A female Marine will get a second crack at Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command in January.
6. [**Pentagon advocates requiring women to sign up for the military draft**](#)
(24 Oct) The Washington Times, By Rowan Scarborough
The Pentagon says the country should stick with mandatory registration for a military draft, and it advocates a requirement for women to sign up for the first time in the nation's history. The recommendations are contained in a Defense Department report to Congress that serves as a starting point for a commission examining military, national and public service.
7. [**Maryland becomes a battleground in transgender military ban fight**](#)
(25 Oct) Capital New Service via Associated Press, By Helen Parshall
As legislative and court battles rage over the question of whether transgender people are fit to serve in the military, two service members with ties to Maryland are at the heart of the fight.
8. [**Soldiers field-test the Army's newer, lighter body armor**](#)
(27 Oct) Army Times, By Kyle Rempfer
Soldiers at Fort Carson, Colorado, took the Army's new body armor into the field and put it to the test over a series of tasks from Oct. 16-20.

9. [Flag Officer Announcement](#)

(31 Oct) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-378-17)

Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Navy Rear Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti for appointment to the rank of vice admiral, and for assignment as commander, Sixth Fleet; commander, Task Force Six; commander, Striking and Support Forces NATO; deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa; and Joint Force Maritime Component commander Europe, Naples, Italy. Franchetti is currently serving as chief of staff, J5, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

10. [Military Women, Too, Should Serve Unmolested](#)

(18 Oct) *New York Times*, By Supriya Venkatesan

Misogyny, of course, is present in every other sector of society, but there is an important distinction in the military.

11. [It's Time To Address The Staggering Rate Of Suicide Among Servicewomen And Female Vets](#)

(24 Oct) *Task and Purpose*, By Kate Hendricks Thomas and Kyleanne Hunter

Female veterans have a 250% higher risk than civilian women for suicide, according to VA data, and women who do not use the VA services have seen a 98% increase in rates. For two female veterans who work with data for a living, the realization of how close we came to becoming part of this data is sobering.

12. [John Kelly said 'women were sacred.' That attitude perpetuates the military's culture of misogyny.](#)

(24 Oct) *The Washington Post*, By Kate Germano

For far too long, members of Congress, the public, and the media have placed male military general officers on a pedestal while overlooking their role in shaping the negative aspects of military culture. Generations of general officers like Kelly cultivated the exclusively male warrior Marine ideal at the exclusion of women.

13. [Nearly half of the women in America have been harassed on the job](#)

(30 Oct) *USA Today*

[Video Clip]

14. [The Few, The Proud: Women Marines define themselves.](#)

(2 Nov) *Washington Post*, By Elizabeth Chang

As we prepare to mark Veterans Day on Nov. 11, here are the stories of eight dedicated Marines.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

15. [Nine days ago, she pleaded to join the Marine Corps Marathon. Sunday, she came in first.](#)

(22 Oct) *The Washington Post*, By Dillon Mullan

Sarah Bishop, who served in the Air Force for four years and now works full-time as a director of business development for a construction company. "I hear people say all the time that woman can't have it all, but I think that's a bad mentality. Why not? If men can go and train for marathons and work full time, why can't women? We need to change that narrative."

16. [Oklahoma Servicewomen Remember Past, Celebrate Future](#)

(24 Oct) *Oklahoma Air National Guard, 137th Special Operations Wing*, By Air Force Staff Sgt. Kasey Phipps

Nearly 40 Oklahoma Air and Army National Guard women gathered here Oct. 21 with hundreds of active duty, retired and reserve service members from all branches of the military to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

17. [Workplace Violence Survivors Unite to Turn Tragedy Into Hope](#)

(24 Oct) *Brooke Army Medical Center*, By Elaine Sanchez

A little over a year ago, shortly after 5 p.m., Army 1st Lt. Katie Ann Blanchard was shutting down her computer for the day, eager to get home to her three young sons, when she saw him coming out of the corner of her eye.

18. [Face of Defense: Citizen-Soldier Helps Others in Dual Careers](#)

(26 Oct) *U.S. Army Reserve Command*, By Army Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Matson

Whether the situation is a child facing problems at home or in school, or a person who is displaced hundreds of miles from their home in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, Army Maj. Karean Troy is ready to help.

19. [Rear Adm. Lisa Franchetti Nominated to Lead U.S. 6th Fleet](#)

(31 Oct) USNI, By Ben Werner

Navy Rear Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti was nominated by President Trump for appointment to the rank of vice admiral, and assignment as commander, 6th Fleet, according to a statement from Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis. Franchetti is currently stationed at the Pentagon where she is the Chief of Staff of J-5, the joint staff which proposes strategies, plans, and policy recommendations to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

WOMEN VETERANS

20. [Colorado Homeless Female Veterans Undercounted, Underserved](#)

(20 Oct) Rocky Mountain PBS, By Marybel Gonzalez

The national number of female veterans who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless is increasing. Homeless female veterans face unique challenges that differ from their male counterparts. For example, one in four women report experiencing sexual harassment or assault while in service, according to VA. These incidents, known as military sexual trauma, has been linked to mental health conditions, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Both MST and PTSD are known risk-factors for homelessness.

21. [National memorial to female vets marks its 20th anniversary](#)

(21 Oct) Military Times, Staff Report

Roughly 3 million women have served in the U.S. military throughout its history, some going back to the Revolutionary War. A goal of the memorial is to have all 3 million included its official register, a database that includes facts about all of the individual women and their service.

22. [Female service members: 'We've touched every kind of service'](#)

(21 Oct) The Washington Post, By Tara Bahrapour

Women have been enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces since 1917, but it wasn't until 1997 that a memorial was erected for them. The arched semicircle and reflecting pool at the top of the road that leads to Arlington National Cemetery is still the only major national memorial honoring the 3 million women who have served.

23. [Women's military memorial marks 20th anniversary with tributes to those who broke ground](#)

(21 October) The Washington Post, By Tara Bahrapour

Retired Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger told the attendees, "The real objective is to have no more firsts, that the opportunities and successes of women in the armed forces become routine."