



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 6-19 May 2017

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Military Children Step in Their Parents' Boots](#)

(11 May) 325th Fighter Wing, By Senior Airman Sergio A. Gamboa

The 325th Force Support Squadron and the base Family Readiness Center gave military children the opportunity to experience what their parents go through when they deploy overseas during the annual Jr. Raptor deployment experience event held May 6 at the Tyndall Youth Center and Silver Flag Field.

2. [New recruiting ad: Marines want women with 'fighting spirit'](#)

(12 May) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol

Most Marine Corps recruiting commercials have not shown female Marines fighting – until now.

3. [Marines Release First-Ever Ad Spotlighting Woman In Combat Position](#)

(12 May) NPR, By Camila Domonoske

The Marine Corps has released a recruiting ad that, for the first time, focuses on a female Marine in combat.

4. [Army ups retention bonuses across all eligible MOSs](#)

(15 May) Army Times, By Meghann Myers

Less than a week after the Army released its latest selective retention bonuses, the service has sweetened the deal with more money across the board.

5. [Face of Defense: Dual-Military Couple Tackles Challenges](#)

(16 May) 60th Air Mobility Wing

Dual-military marriages -- a service member married to another service member -- are becoming more common, with the highest percentage of these couples being in the Air Force, according to a 2008 Defense Department study on military families.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

6. [Study looks at ongoing Army, Marine efforts to lighten body armor, troop load](#)

(14 May) Army Times, By Todd South

The Army and Marine Corps continue to work together to try and reduce the weight of troops' body armor, according to a recent government study.

7. [Army uniform updates: Badges OK on either side of ACU, pants for women in dress blues](#)

(15 May) Army Times, By Meghann Myers

New uniform changes have been authorized for soldiers who have earned multiple identification badges, as well as for women who'd like an alternative to the uniform skirt at social functions.

8. [Flag Officer Assignment](#)

(16 May) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-178-17)

Acting Secretary of the Navy Sean Stackley and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. (lower half) Tina A. Davidson will be assigned additional duties as director of the Nurse Corps, Washington, District of Columbia. Davidson is currently serving as director, Medical Resources, Plans, and Policy Division, N0931, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia.

9. [Service Personnel Chiefs Testify on Military Posture on Capitol Hill](#)
(18 May) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Terri Moon Cronk
The Army is committed to giving all soldiers the opportunity to serve in any military occupation, as long as they meet the standards, he said, noting that all occupations are open to women. "Women serve in every battalion in the active Army," McConville said.
10. [Jim Mattis faces a difficult decision on the military's transgender policy](#)
(17 May) Military Times, By Andrew deGrandpre, Meghan Myers and Stephen Losey
The Pentagon is prepared to implement a new policy clearing the way for transgender men and women to join the armed forces, Military Times has learned, but final approval rests with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who could endorse, revise, delay or even abandon it.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

11. [Female cadets testify about being sexually assaulted at their service academies](#)
(2 May) Stars & Stripes, By Tara Copp
West Point cadets Ariana Bullard and Stephanie Gross were in Gross's dormitory at the U.S. Military Academy when a fellow male cadet, who was drunk, burst into the room.
12. [Five Marines punished in connection with nude photo sharing scandal](#)
(5 May) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
Five Marines have been administratively punished in connection with the investigations into the Marines United Facebook group, said Corps spokesman Maj. Clark Carpenter.
13. [Revenge Porn Is Now Grounds For Getting Kicked Out Of The Marine Corps](#)
(11 May) BuzzFeed, By Claudia Koerner
In the aftermath of the revenge porn scandal that rocked the military, Marines caught posting a nude photo without a person's consent can now be kicked out of the corps.
14. [Modern Motherhood Has Economists Worried](#)
(12 May) Bloomberg, By Ben Steverman
A better balance between work and family could boost the world economy.
15. [The Gender Pay Gap Is Largely Because of Motherhood](#)
(13 May) New York Times, By Claire Cain Miller
To achieve greater pay equality, social scientists say — other than women avoiding marriage and children — changes would have to take place in workplaces and public policy that applied to both men and women. Examples could be companies putting less priority on long hours and face time, and the government providing subsidized child care and moderate-length parental leave.
16. [Posting nudes online without consent will now get you kicked out of the Navy](#)
(16 May) Navy Times, By David B. Larter
The Navy has implemented a zero-tolerance policy for sharing nude photos of coworkers online without consent — a nonsense stance reminiscent of its strict policy on drug use.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

17. [Soldier in Alaska charged with killing her newborn to plead guilty to manslaughter](#)
(5 May) Army Times, By Rachael Kalinyak
Army Spc. Ashley Ard pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder charges in 2013 after she allegedly left her newborn daughter at a park in Eagle River, north of Anchorage. Now the Alaska Dispatch News reports that Ard, who has since married and taken the name Brown, will plead guilty to manslaughter.
18. [Face of Defense: Former Basic Training Instructor Continues to Lead Airmen](#)
(9 May) 6th Air Mobility Wing, By Air Force Airman 1st Class Mariette Adams
Air Force Staff Sgt. Jessica Fairchild, center, is a former military training instructor and an individual protective equipment supervisor assigned to the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

WOMEN VETERANS

20. [Heather Wilson sworn in as 24th Air Force secretary](#)

(16 May) Air Force Times, By Stephen Losey

Heather Wilson, a former representative from New Mexico and Air Force Academy graduate, was sworn in Tuesday as the 24th secretary of the Air Force.

21. [Homeless Women Veterans Are Veterans With An Important Difference](#)

(16 May) The Huffington Post, By Lily Casura

Women veterans are the fastest-growing demographic of homeless veterans, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.