



DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

WELLNESS

[A New Way to Pass](#)

(30 Sept.) *Defense Media Activity*, By Terrina Weatherspoon

Sailor creates new way for service members to mentor each other. As one of the only senior females on the watch floor, and as the mother of two, she seemed to be bombarded with Sailors seeking pregnancy and parenting advice.

[Midshipmen Speak Out Against Sexual Assault](#)

(30 Sept.) *Baltimore Sun*, By Matthew Hay Brown

Midshipmen at the Naval Academy have filmed a video pledging to fight sexual assault at the academy and in the Navy and Marine Corps. <[Video Clip](#)>

[U.S. Military Hospitals Are Ordered To Improve Care, Access And Safety](#)

(2 Oct.) *New York Times*, By Sharon Lafraniere and Andrew W. Lehren

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered the military on Wednesday to improve access to treatment, quality of care and patient safety at its hospitals and clinics, giving underperforming hospitals four to six weeks to show how they will address shortcomings.

[Leaders Detail Plans to Improve Military Health Care](#)

(2 Oct.) *DoD News*, By Terri Moon Cronk

Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work and other senior DoD leaders...outlined to reporters the findings of a review of military health care and the job that lies ahead to ensure access, safety and quality across the system.

[Seabee Base piloting 'bystander intervention training'](#)

(2 Oct.) *Biloxi Sun Herald*, By Patrick Ochs

In an effort to protect its sailors and better equip the community, the Seabee Base is rolling out a pilot program called "Bystander Intervention Training" that will help bartenders and servers identify when someone is getting out of hand or attempting to take advantage of another individual.

ASSIGNMENTS

[Flag Officer Assignment:](#) The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced on Sept. 24 the following assignment: Capt. Linda R. Wackerman, selected for the rank of rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as Reserve deputy director, Assessment Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, N81R, Washington, District of Columbia. Wackerman previously served as commander, Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer Program, Washington, District of Columbia.

[The Obama-Military Divide](#)

(29 Sept.) *Wall Street Journal*, By Seth Cropsey

Do senior U.S. military officers banish the thought of what would happen were ISIS to capture a female American pilot who landed safely after ejecting over enemy-held territory?

[Women in Ranger School: New details, application deadlines](#)

(29 Sept.) *Military Times*, By Michelle Tan

Female soldiers wishing to serve as observers/advisers have an accelerated deadline of Oct. 10.

[Mabus: Review Of Women Joining SEALs On Track](#)

(30 Sept.) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers

A U.S. Special Operations Command report on integrating women into the elite Navy SEAL community was due back in July, but officials aren't able to confirm whether it's been completed or when leadership will be briefed. "In my opinion, if people meet the qualifications, I don't think gender should matter," Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said in a meeting with reporters on Tuesday.

Navy Secretary: Time To Start Debate On Cost Of U.S. Nuclear Triad

(30 Sept.) Seapower, by Otto Kreisher

[SECNAV] addressed the controversial issue of opening more combat positions to women, noting that the only issue for the Navy is whether to open the Naval Special Warfare Command, which includes the elite Navy SEALs and the combatant crewmen who operate the craft that carry them into battle. “Women officers already are serving on ballistic missile submarines and will be added to attack subs in the future, and with the recent opening of the Riverine forces to women, special operations remains the only area still closed,” Mabus said.

Soldier’s unique position puts her with Army Reserve elite

(2 Oct.) DVIDS, By Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hamilton

Jones is a member of a select group charged with training the best of the best at the United States Army Drill Sergeant School.

EXTRA

The Unintended Consequence of Special Hiring Authorities for Vets: Fewer Women Hires

(26 Sept.) Government Executive, By Kellie Lunney

“The percentage of new female hires in agencies fell six points between 2000 and 2012, partly due to use of special hiring authorities, a new analysis reveals. [Additionally] a recent report...showed that, overall, the percentage of women in the federal workforce was declining...”

Project prepares 70 women for 2016 municipal elections

(29 Sept.) The Daily Star Lebanon

Seventy women are set to participate in 2016's municipal elections thanks to...the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), [who] worked with women to prepare them to run as mayor and break the male domination in local government.

A Community Set Apart

(30 Sept.) Navy Live Blog, By LTJG (Ret) Laura Root

“Last year, I attended the Warrior Games for the first time...worried about losing my career because I had been diagnosed with a type of muscular dystrophy...[fearing] I wouldn’t be able to relate...because I suffered from a serious illness, not a combat wound.”

UPCOMING EVENT

2014 Ms. Veteran America Competition: The 2014 Ms. Veteran America (MVA) competition will be held on the evening of Sunday, October 12th, at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, VA. MVA highlights the strength and courage of military women and reminds the nation that these women are also mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives. MVA also pays tribute to the women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Proceeds from the event go to support Final Salute, Inc., which provides housing to homeless female veterans and their children. The Founder and President, [Jaspen Boothe](#) (former Army CPT, who found herself homeless and battling cancer after Hurricane Katrina), was recognized two weeks ago by [Oprah](#), and was awarded earlier in 2014 as an “Unstoppable Mom” on *Live with Kelly and Michael* and declared a “[2013 CNN Hero](#).” Former DACOWITS Member, BG (Ret) Julia J. Cleckley, served on the Inaugural Board of Directors for Final Salute, Inc. [*Please Note: This is not a beauty pageant. Candidates range in age from 25-90 years old and span service in WWII to the Global War on Terror.*]