



DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

WELLNESS

[After a child's death, parents grapple with second guesses](#)

(31 Aug.) *The Washington Post*, By David S. Fallis and Amy Brittain

“A facility for military families had a waiting list of more than six months. They said they looked into another military program that provided subsidies for private day care but became frustrated by delays and gave up.”

[USS Germantown, Sasebo 'In A Much Better Place' After Leadership Changes](#)

(1 Sept.) *Stars and Stripes*, By Matthew M. Burke

Faced with rampant reports of sexual harassment and mistrust of the chain of command on the USS Germantown, Navy leaders turned to CDR Jason Leach for help.

[Smaller Military Hospitals Said to Put Patients at Risk](#)

(1 Sept.) *New York Times*, By Sharon LaFraniere and Andrew W. Lehren

“Compared with leading civilian hospitals, more than half of domestic military hospitals — including the five with the busiest maternity wards — performed poorly on one or more measures of harm to mothers or babies in 2011 and 2012.”

[Navy Retention Study Shows Sailor Distrust Of Senior Leadership](#)

(2 Sept.) *Seapower*, By Richard R. Burgess

“...the survey found that Sailors are most likely to leave uniformed service because of a perception of increasingly high operational tempo, poor work/life balance, low service-wide morale, declining pay and compensation...”

[V38 Blog: RAND Military Workplace Study](#)

(4 Sept.) *Navy Live Blog*, Admiral Michelle Howard

“As a leader, I believe that every Sailor deserves a responsible, professional and safe work environment.”

[DoD: It Takes Only One Person To Stop A Suicide](#)

(4 Sept.) *Navy Times*, By Patricia Kime

“First, female troops...die by suicide at rates much lower than male service members...”

ASSIGNMENTS

[Pitt researchers evaluate physical traits of female, male Marines](#)

(28 Aug.) *The Pitt News*, By Aileen Ryan

Pitt researchers are looking further into doubts that women can join men with their boots on the ground.

General Officer Assignments: Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, deputy commanding general for operations and chief of staff, Installation Management Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, to director, business operations, Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, Washington, District of Columbia.

EXTRA

New U.S. Ship News: R/V *Sally Ride* (T-AGOR 28), named for the first female astronaut, the Research Vessel *Sally Ride* is the second of two new research ships under construction by Dakota Creek Industries at Anacortes, Washington. Christened on Aug. 9, she'll be operated by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography when delivered in 2015.

The only female Adjutant General in the entire National Guard was elected as Chairwoman of the National Guard Association of the United States: On August 25, Major General Deborah Ashenurst, TAG for the Ohio National Guard, the only female Adjutant General in the entire National Guard, was elected as Chairwoman (a first) of the National Guard Association of the United

States. MG Ashenhurst oversees more than 17,000 Ohio Guard members, which includes the Army and Air Guard, the Ohio Military Reserve, and the Ohio Naval Militia. <Article link unavailable>

Women: From driving trucks to driving tanks

(2 Sept.) *DVIDS*

“Soldiers from various units, retirees and civilians attended the Women’s Equality Day [at Fort Hood], [on] Aug. 26, to observe the remembrance of the ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920 culminating many years of women struggling for the right to vote.”

Altamonte veterans event hosts pioneer female general

(3 Sept.) *Observer*, By *Brittini Larson*

“Wilma Vaught knew from a very young age that she liked to be in charge. But as a woman in the 1950s, even as a college graduate being in charge — of something other than the home — wasn’t something that was easily accomplished.”

Transgender SEAL is subject of CNN documentary

(4 Sept.) *The Hampton Roads Pilot*, By *Dianna Cahn*

“Ask Kristin Beck what it's like to be the only transgender Navy SEAL in the world and you get a deeply philosophical answer on living a conflicted life.”

Columbia student drags mattress with her everywhere until alleged rapist expelled

(4 Sept.) *Today News*, By *Eun Kyung Kim*

“...the Columbia University senior carries a twin-size dorm room mattress everywhere she goes. It’s her way of protesting the way the Ivy League school handles sexual assaults on campus.”

Woman Warrior honored at the White House

(4 Sept.) *Native American Times*, By *Karin Eagle*

“On Wednesday, Aug. 27, the White House honored The Champions of Change in Washington. Among those honorees was Mitchelene Big Man...is the President and Founder of Native American Women Warriors Organization (NAWW); the first ever recognized all Native American Women Color Guard.”