



## DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

### WELLNESS

#### [U.S. Naval Academy's Chief On Sexual Assault Prevention](#)

*(13 Feb.) Washington Post Blog, By Nick Anderson*

A Defense Department survey – which guaranteed respondents confidentiality – found that 44 percent of women at the academy perceived some form of sexual harassment in 2013-14, compared to 9 percent of men. (About one fifth of midshipmen nowadays are female.)

#### [Pentagon: Sexual Assaults Are Down on Military College Campuses](#)

*(13 Feb.) Government Executive, By Kellie Lunny*

Sexual assault and harassment at the nation's military academies is declining, according to a new report from the Defense Department.

#### [Five Things You Need To Know About Retaliation](#)

*(13 Feb.) Navy Live Blog, By 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sailor Office*

The issue of retaliation, especially towards victims of sexual assault, has been in the news lately. Retaliation is a destructive behavior, and you can play a role in preventing and reporting it.

#### [Lawmakers Press Carter To Address Sexual Assault In The Military](#)

*(17 Feb.) Washington Times, By Jacqueline Klimas*

As Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter takes over a department plagued by budget cuts and increased threats to national security, lawmakers are urging him not to forget about the battle to end sexual assault within the military.

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### [Road Show Scouts Female Submariners](#)

*(12 Feb.) Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, By MC2 Joe Bishop*

The road show is spreading the word that the submarine force is now open to female enlisted Sailors from E-1 to E-8. Speakers discussed how junior female Sailors could convert to rates in the submarine force and the type of candidates the force is seeking. In addition, they provided an insight of the lifestyle aboard submarines.

#### [1st Woman To Run The Navy?](#)

*(13 Feb.) San Diego Union-Tribune, By Jeanette Steele*

Her rise in ranks is a somewhat astonishing ascent. When women were first admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy in the mid-1970s – and Howard was in one of the first classes – some male students blatantly told them, “You shouldn't be here,” according to several accounts.

#### [Women In Combat: Can They Do It?](#)

*(14 Feb.) San Diego Union-Tribune, By Gretel C. Kovach*

Results of the research, and parallel efforts by other branches of the armed forces and Special Operations Command, will help determine whether the military opens all direct ground-combat jobs – snipers, infantry riflemen, Navy SEALs – to women for the first time in U.S. history.

#### [Women in ground combat: Can they do it?](#)

*(14 Feb.) San Diego Union Tribune, By Gretel C. Kovach*

A.J. Burn, president of the Oceanside-based 1st Marine Division Association, said he has mixed feelings but is probably more open to the idea of women in combat than most of the group's 8,000 or so members. Many of these Marine veterans served during World War II and later years when married women were forcibly discharged from military service if they became pregnant.

#### [Global comparison of women in combat](#)

*(14 Feb.) San Diego Union Tribune, By Gretel C. Kovach*

Wide range of policies on women in military combat jobs.

**Flag Officer Announcements:**

- Navy Reserve Rear Adm. (lower half) Christina M. Alvarado has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Alvarado is currently serving as deputy commander, Navy Medicine East, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- Navy Reserve Capt. Katherine A. McCabe has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). McCabe is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve Chief of Naval Operations, N1, Navy Total Force, Arlington, Virginia.

**General Officer Announcement:**

- Air Force Lt.Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski has been nominated for appointment to the rank of general and for assignment as commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Pawlikowski is currently serving as military deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.

**EXTRA**

**Jimmy Carter: Women's rights the fight of my life**

*(15 Feb.) CNN, Greg Botelho*

There are so many wrongs to right. Yet among them, Carter is putting one ahead of all others: Violence and injustice against girls and women. "This is going to be the highest priority for the rest of my life," he said this week.

**VA reaches out to sexual trauma survivors via Facebook**

*(16 Feb.) Stars and Stripes, By Emily Wax-Thibodeaux*

The female veterans on the "Women Veterans for Equality in our VA System" Facebook group couldn't believe what they saw. But there it was: a Department of Veterans Affairs military sexual trauma (MST) coordinator personally assigned to helping them, answering questions directly and guiding them through what many say is an emotionally harrowing and complicated financial benefits process.

**Lying in the military is common, Army War College study says**

*(18 Feb.) The Washington Post, By Dan Lamothe*

The study, released Tuesday, was conducted by retired Army officers and current War College professors Leonard Wong and Stephen J. Gerras. They found that untruthfulness is "surprisingly common in the U.S. military even though members of the profession are loath to admit it."

**Military Martians? 2 service members make Mars One cut**

*(18 Feb.) Navy Times, By Kevin Lilley*

Two service members who saw the Air Force as a potential path to space exploration may yet reach their goal, though they wouldn't fly for NASA ... and they would not be flying round-trip. California Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Carmen Paul... among the 100 hopefuls who made the latest cut for Mars One, a privately funded enterprise that hopes to land a four-person team on the red planet in 2025.