



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 24 September – 7 October 2016

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

1. **[Flag Officer Assignment.](#)** The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. (lower half) Shoshana S. Chatfield will be assigned as U.S. Pacific Command representative, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau; commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas; and commander, Joint Region Marianas, Guam. Chatfield is currently serving as deputy U.S. military representative to the NATO Military Committee, Brussels, Belgium.
2. **[Flag Officer Announcement.](#)** Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Navy Capt. Kelly A. Aeschbach for appointment to the grade of rear admiral (lower half), with assignment as chief of staff, Navy Information Warfare Forces, Suffolk, Virginia.
3. **[Flag Officer Assignments.](#)** Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignments:
 - Rear Adm. (lower half) Carol M. Lynch will be assigned as reserve deputy judge advocate general; and commander, Navy Legal Service Command, Washington, District of Columbia. Lynch most recently served as deputy force judge advocate, Navy Reserve Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.
 - Rear Adm. (lower half) Mary C. Riggs will be assigned as commander, Navy Reserve Expeditionary Medicine, Falls Church, Virginia. Riggs most recently served as deputy chief of staff, Navy Reserve, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command, Jacksonville, Florida.
4. **[Can testosterone boost combat performance? Pentagon studies hormone's role in fitness](#)**
(23 Sep) Military Times, By Patricia Kime
The Defense Department is studying whether a boost of testosterone can keep military muscle and brains operating in top form during long periods of combat.
5. **[Female Marine finishes Phase I of MARSOC training, but falls short of advancing to next phase](#)**
(23 Sep) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
A female Marine came close to passing the first phase of Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command training.
6. **[Navy scuttles sailors' enlisted rating titles in huge career shake-up](#)**
(29 Sep) Military Times, By Mark D. Faram
Sailors will no longer be identified by their job title, say, Fire Controlman 1st Class Joe Sailor, effective immediately. Instead, that would be Petty Officer 1st Class Joe Sailor.
7. **[Obama defends allowing women to serve in combat jobs](#)**
(29 Sep) Military Times, By Andrew Tilghman
The new policy is making the military stronger despite concerns about the impact on individual combat units' readiness and performance, the president said.
8. **[‘They put us through hell’: A Marine abused at boot camp explains why he spoke out](#)**
(29 Sep) Washington Post, By David Lamothe
Weaver was the first to step forward with allegations that have now spawned the biggest investigation at Parris Island in decades and prompted concerns among defense officials and lawmakers about how the service’s boot camps are run.

9. [Marine Corps rolls out fitness MOS, PME to make gunny & more](#)
(2 Oct) *Marine Corps Times*, By Charlsy Panzino
Blending male and female recruits more during boot camp.
10. [Tactical Vest Can Be Scaled Down Depending on Soldier Needs](#)
(4 Oct) *Army Times*, By Charlsy Panzino
A soldier might need to change the configuration of his or her tactical vest depending on the mission, and while it's not always necessary to wear a complete vest, more than just a plate carrier is sometimes needed.
11. [Marine Corps response to hazing allegations under review in Congress](#)
(5 Oct) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III
Lawmakers are looking into allegations of hazing and misconduct at the Marine Corps Parris Island training center but have not decided what action they'll take to ensure the problems are being addressed.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

12. [Naval Academy Hosts All-Day Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention Training](#)
(26 Sep) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity*, By Karen Parrish
On Sept. 19, the U.S. Naval Academy here hosted an all-day training event to strengthen how military and civilian communities work together to support service members who report sexual assault.
13. [Fanning: It's time to do a better job of preventing sexual assault](#)
(1 Oct) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers
Despite a push in recent years to tackle its sexual assault and harassment problem, the Army is still falling short of preventing crimes in the first place, Army Secretary Eric Fanning said this week.
14. [Start early to find good, affordable child care in your new location](#)
(3 Oct) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers
When service members leave the military, their transition affects the entire family — including the very youngest members.
15. [Fanning: Army child care under review](#)
(5 Oct) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers
Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning has ordered a “holistic review” of child care, after hearing concerns from soldiers and families across the Army.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

16. [How America's highest ranking woman in uniform, Lori Robinson, defied the odds to become head of U.S. Northern Command](#)
(2 Oct) *Colorado Springs Gazette*, By Tom Roeder
Lori Robinson wanted to be a teacher but didn't want to spend a fifth year hitting the books at the University of New Hampshire. She was tired of school, so she sought temporary refuge in an unexpected place -- the Air Force.
17. [Face of Defense: Young Woman From Iraq Becomes U.S. Citizen, Marine](#)
(3 Oct) *Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island*, By Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Aaron Bolser
Amanda H. Issa, a teenager when she moved to the United States with her family, referred to the Marines she saw in Mosul as heroes.
18. [Face of Defense: Guatemala Native Lives Dream as U.S. Soldier](#)
(4 Oct) *1st Mission Support Command*, By Army 2nd Lt. Christian Ferrer Rivera
Some people are faced with challenges to reach whatever dream they seek. For Army Spc. Lisseth Ivonne Mayen Hernandez, this was no different.