



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 27 August – 9 September 2016

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Force of the Future Aims to Increase Military's Geographic Diversity](#)

(24 Aug) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Jim Garamone

Defense Secretary Ash Carter has said many times that the majority of enlisted military recruits come from just six states and that he would like to see a more diverse recruitment pool. Some of his Force of the Future proposals are aimed at this issue.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

2. [Marines to rename some courses as 'man' is dropped from job titles](#)

(26 Aug) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol

The Marine Corps will begin using gender-neutral titles for 19 of its jobs starting Oct. 1, and some of the courses leathernecks take to earn those titles will also be updated.

3. [This transgender man is about to enlist in the Army. Here's his story](#)

(27 Aug) Military Times, By Iacapo Luzi

Christine Downs enlisted in the U.S. military three years ago, but she was forced to withdraw after injuring her knees. Today, Downs is ready to try again — as a transgender man named Logan.

4. ['No reason we can't do this' – Army general visits Sacramento to bring women into front-line jobs](#)

(29 Aug) Sacramento Bee, By Adam Ashton

It's too late for her to carve a career in the infantry, but Martin today as deputy commander of Army recruiting is laying a foundation for other women to succeed in military positions that remained closed to female soldiers even as they fought and died in recent wars. Her work follows a December order from Defense Secretary Ash Carter that signaled the Pentagon's intent to open all positions – including Special Operations, submarines and the infantry – to female candidates.

5. [Female NCO tries out for Army's elite 75th Ranger Regiment](#)

(1 Sep) Army Times, By Michelle Tan

As the Army continues to integrate women into combat arms jobs, the 75th Ranger Regiment has seen its first female soldier attempt to join its ranks.

6. [High-Ranking Military Women Gather At Naval Academy To Speak On Experiences, Hardships](#)

(8 Sep) Annapolis Capital Gazette, By Meredith Newman

When Wilma Vaught was in the Air Force in the 1950s, women were prohibited to rank higher than a lieutenant colonel.

7. [Marines find culture of hazing, abuse at boot camp after recruit's death at Parris Island](#)

(8 Sep) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol

Multiple investigations into the death of a Muslim military recruit at the Marine Corps' fabled Parris Island training center have uncovered a troubling pattern of mistreatment, and officials are responding with a series of policy changes designed to improve accountability and prevent future missteps.

8. [The Marines wants to start fielding new gear faster than ever](#)

(8 Sep) Marine Corps Times, By Lance M. Bacon

Marines are being asked to test out tons of cool new gear and share ideas on ways the Corps can fill gaps — and a rapid equipping force is being stood up to field the new gear right away.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

9. [Retired AMC head Gen. Lichte accused of sexual assault](#)
(26 Aug) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
A retired four-star general, who at one point was head of Air Mobility Command, is being investigated for the alleged sexual assault of a female colonel who was under his command.
10. [Navy Targets Sailor Bullies As Hazing Reports Drop](#)
(28 Aug) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers
Since it began tracking reports in 2012, the Navy has defined hazing as any behavior that is cruel, abusive, oppressive, humiliating, demeaning or harmful.
11. [Army releases verdicts from July courts-martial](#)
(30 Aug) *Army Times*
The Army on Monday released the results of 28 courts-martial that concluded in July. Names of soldiers who were acquitted of all charges were not provided.
12. [DoD Urges Participation in Active-Duty Workplace, Gender-Relations Survey](#)
(31 Aug) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity*, By Cheryl Pellerin
More than 750,000 service members have the opportunity to shape what the Defense Department knows about sexual assault in its ranks by taking the 2016 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey, Defense Department spokesman Eric Pahon said today.
13. [Tailhook Scandal Set Stage For Gender Equality Fight](#)
(1 Sep) *San Diego Union-Tribune*, By Robert L. Beck
Navy Tailhookers will soon rendezvous in Reno for their 60th annual meeting. But it was 25 years ago in Las Vegas when a very controversial Tailhook took place. That September 1991 “celebration” dramatically impacted the careers and reputations of scores of officers and set the stage for the gender equality struggle that remains in today’s headlines. I was there. I am a Navy Tailhooker who believes the story and lessons learned need both visibility and perspective.
14. [‘Transformational Change’ Needed To Address Sexual Misconduct At Merchant Marine Academy](#)
(3 Sep) *Washington Post*, By Lisa Rein
Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has concluded that sexual harassment and assault and other misconduct at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy are so serious the school needs to hire a team of outside experts to address the campus culture, officials said this week.
15. [What Happens When A 4-Star General Is Accused Of Sexual Assault?](#)
(5 Sep) *Task & Purpose*, By Curtis Tate
According to military justice experts, there’s very little guidance on how to prosecute such high-ranking officers, and there are significant barriers to doing so.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

16. [Army twin sisters hope to represent US in Olympics](#)
(30 Aug) *Stars & Stripes*, By Michael S. Darnell
The journey of Caroline and Winrose Karunde began in a small village in Nyeri, Kenya. It has continued through Texas, into Germany, and will soon proceed through Washington. In that light, Tokyo doesn’t seem so far away to the two soldiers.
17. [Guard Soldier Sets Milestone as Female Engineer](#)
(2 Sep) *Joint Force Headquarters Mississippi*, By Army Staff Sgt. Michael Williams
Army Lt. Col. Joy Alexander is making a name for herself as she exceeds her own expectations in the Mississippi Army National Guard.

18. [Marine Accepts Grueling Tactical Athlete Challenge](#)

(7 Sep) Marine Corps Base Quantico, By Adele Uphaus-Conner

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Amanda Jenks, a cyber systems chief with Marine Forces Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Md., represented Marine Corps Base Quantico at the second annual High Intensity Tactical Training Tactical Athlete Championship, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Aug. 15-18, 2016. Jenks placed third overall among the 16 female Marines who participated in the competition.

WOMEN VETERANS

19. [Federal Agencies See No End In Sight For Veteran Homelessness](#)

(28 Aug) Stars and Stripes, By Nikki Wentling

Six year after President Obama set a goal of ending veteran homelessness by 2015, there were about 40,000 homeless veterans left to house.

20. [New Law Allows Female WWII Pilot to Be Inurned at Arlington](#)

(7 Sep) Associated Press

It took an act of Congress, but World War II pilot Elaine Harmon is finally being laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

21. [Naval Academy To Name Cyber Center For 'Mother Of Computing'](#)

(8 Sep) Annapolis Capital Gazette, By Meredith Newman

The Naval Academy will name its new cyber building after a Navy rear admiral seen as the "mother of computing" – making it the first building named for a woman at a major service academy, the academy announced Thursday.