



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 8-21 October 2016

RELEASED REPORT

1. [Considerations for Integrating Women into Closed Occupations in U.S. Special Operations Forces](#)
(14 Oct) RAND Corporation, by Thomas S. Szayna, Eric V. Larson, Angela O'Mahony, et al.
The elimination of the Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule has opened to women some 15,500 special operations forces (SOF) positions. A RAND study helped to inform that decision and provides insight into the key factors surrounding the integration of women into SOF. The integration of women raises issues pertinent to the effectiveness of SOF teams, in terms of physical standards and ensuring readiness, cohesion, and morale.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

2. [A new Army pilot could change the way you get your next assignment](#)
(17 Oct) Army Times, By Michelle Tan
The Army is preparing to launch a pilot program that could fundamentally change the way the service manages its soldiers and matches people to their next assignments.
3. [The Pentagon's Virtuous Insurgency](#)
(19 Oct) War on the Rocks, By David Barno and Nora Bensahel
The military neither recognizes nor leverages junior enlisted talent.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

4. [Female combat soldier statue unveiled at Schofield Barracks](#)
(6 Oct) KITV Island News, By Lei Kaholokula
The statue is a tribute to all women warriors who have and continue to serve their country. The local artist behind the meaningful masterpiece says the sculpture stands side by side her brothers in arms is breaking barriers.
5. [The Navy had a plan to change rating titles — here's what might have been](#)
(9 Oct) Navy Times
The 21 ratings with the word "man" as a part of the rating title were reviewed by the working group. Here's a look at the options for each, had the Navy decided to keep rating titles and go the gender-neutral route.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

6. [NCO arrested, charged with murdering his soldier wife](#)
(7 Oct) Army Times, By Meghann Myers
A San Antonio-based soldier and his girlfriend have been arrested in Texas for the murder of the soldier's wife, a private first class, in Maryland last year.
7. [Five breastfeeding rooms open at Malmstrom Air Force Base](#)
(12 Oct) Air Force Times, By Charlsy Panzino
Thanks to efforts by two officers, mothers on Malmstrom Air Force Base now have cleaner, more comfortable environments to breastfeed or pump.

8. [**DoD Recognizes Innovative Initiatives to Prevent Sexual Assault**](#)
(17 Oct) DoD News, Defense Media Activity
The Defense Department honors this year's exceptional groups and individuals from each military component who developed innovative approaches to improve sexual assault prevention programs.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

9. [**History-Making Air Force General Isn't About 'Firsts'**](#)
(10 Oct) Military.com, By Oriana Pawlyk
Lt. Gen. Stayce Harris, a reserve pilot by trade, this year became the first female African-American to ever achieve the rank of lieutenant general for the Air Force, and earned the job of assistant vice chief of staff and director of the air staff for the service. She is also the first woman and the first reservist to return to active-duty to fill the position.
10. [**Face of Defense: Soldier Goes From Culture Shock to 'Heart of the Rock'**](#)
(12 Oct) 3rd Sustainment Brigade, By Army Sgt. Caitlyn C. Smoyer
After about three years in the United States, Ma decided to enlist in the Army to gain independence, continue her education and earn her citizenship.
11. [**Sailor dies aboard USS Ronald Reagan after brief illness**](#)
(12 Oct) Stars & Stripes
Seaman Danyelle Luckey, a personnel specialist on the Yokosuka-based aircraft carrier, died suddenly after a brief illness, Task Force 70 spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Kakiel said.
12. [**She fled Iraq with her family. Now she's a U.S. Marine.**](#)
(18 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Matthew L. Schehl
The offensive to retake Mosul from the Islamic State group officially kicked off Monday, but one new Marine has waged the battle for years.

WOMEN VETERANS

13. [**Veterans Affairs will begin covering IVF and adoption costs for wounded veterans**](#)
(6 Oct) The Washington Post, By Emily Wax-Thibodeaux
The Department of Veterans Affairs will begin covering costs for in vitro fertilization and adoptions for combat-wounded veterans struggling with infertility because of their injuries, giving thousands of young veteran families fresh hope at starting a family, advocates say.
14. [**Where Ball Gowns Meet Combat Boots, Ms. Veteran America Returns to D.C.**](#)
(12 Oct) DCist, By Lauran Landau
The goal is to provide housing for homeless women veterans and their children, while showcasing "The Women Beyond the Uniform."
15. [**'This is not a pageant, it's a movement'**](#)
(13 Oct) American Legion, By Andrea C. Dickerson
The Ms. Veteran America title and event was established five years ago as national grassroots effort to shine a spotlight on homelessness among the women veteran population.
16. [**More Women Veterans Living on the Streets, Including in Milwaukee**](#)
(17 Oct) NPR News in Milwaukee, By Bonnie Petrie
Female veterans are now the fastest-growing segment of America's homeless population.
17. [**Foundation to cover fertility-related expenses for some veterans**](#)
(18 Oct) Military Times, By Patricia Kime
Veterans whose injuries have caused infertility can now apply for reduced-cost fertility services and grants to cover related expenses under a new program administered by the Bob Woodruff Foundation.