



DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

WELLNESS

[Two-star accused of sexual assault retires as one-star](#)

(3 Oct.) *Army Times*, By Kevin Lilley

“A general fired in March 2013 after allegations he sexually assaulted a female civilian adviser...”

[Official Discusses Tools to Boost Professionalism](#)

(3 Oct.) *DoD News*, By Amaani Lyle

“Some call it toxic leadership,” [Navy Rear Adm. Margaret “Peg” Klein] said, “but my opinion is that toxicity is a lack of leadership.”

[Jackey’s Journey: A glimpse into cancer, chemo, and courage](#)

(7 Oct.) *All Hands*, By Chief Jackey Smith

“I was asked to share my breast cancer journey a few weeks ago and I quickly agreed. However, as the deadline grew closer, I found myself putting off writing about my experience with this ugly disease called breast cancer. Showing this vulnerability isn’t comfortable for me.”

ASSIGNMENTS

[Three women pass Marine Corps endurance test, paving way for possible first female graduates of infantry school](#)

(3 Oct.) *The Washington Post*, By Dan Lamothe

Three female Marine Corps officers on Thursday passed the grueling combat endurance test that kicks off the service’s screening for infantry officers, paving the way for the first woman to potentially graduate from the program.

[Officials Describe Successes, Challenges of Women in Combat](#)

(3 Oct.) *DoD News*, By Amaani Lyle

“According to Navy Cmdr. Renee Squier, head of the Office of Women’s Policy for the Chief of Naval Personnel, plans are now in place to assign female enlisted sailors to the crews of ballistic missile submarines.”

[CMR Releases Interim Report on Marine Corps Research Findings: Where is the Case for Co-Ed Ground Combat?](#)

(3 Oct.) *Center for Military Readiness*, By Elaine Donnelly

“The Obama Administration expects the Marine Corps to find a way to assign women to ground combat units without lowering standards. In the independent view of CMR, quantitative research done so far indicates that these expectations cannot be met.”

[DoD Announces Recruiting and Retention Numbers for Fiscal 2014, Through August 2014](#)

(6 Oct.) *DoD News*

The Department of Defense announced recruiting and retention statistics for the active and reserve components for fiscal 2014, through August 2014.

[Navy And Marine Officials Discuss Integrating Women Into More Roles](#)

(6 Oct.) *U.S. Naval Institute News*, By John Grady

“[Because] we are very interested in morale,” Lt. Col. Michael Samarov said, the idea is to prove to other members of a squad that “the new member can do the job as well or better than the others. I think that will settle the issue” of placing women in positions and with units that had been previously closed to them.

EXTRA

[Active Army’s longest serving enlisted female Soldier to retire](#)

(2 Oct.) *Army News*, By Stephanie P. Abdullah

Command Sgt. Maj. Donna A. Brock is set to retire from the United States Army... [who currently] holds the honor of being the Army’s longest serving enlisted female Soldier still on active duty.

Here Are Five More Female Pilots Fox News Should Highlight

(3 Oct.) *Fortress America*, By Crispin Burke

"In the US military, women fly combat aircraft in every branch of the Armed Forces, a result of decades' worth of women proving themselves in the cockpit. Here are five female aviators—military and civilian—Fox News may also want to consider highlighting in the future."

Female heroes during first world war

(5 Oct.) *The News Gazette*, By Margo L. Dill

"Women Heroes of World War I" by Chicago author Kathryn J. Atwood is a great introduction to strong women and their historical stories...this book includes quotes, photos, diary excerpts and historical documents, along with a lively narrative, to relay the stories of 16 women from around the world who served their country in the early 1900s.

Michelle Obama Poses with Five Female Veterans for 'Redbook' November 2014

(7 Oct.) *Just Jared Online*

"Michelle Obama poses with...five female veterans out of the military, to raise awareness for veteran's issues in the November 2014 issue of *Redbook*."

Indiana University student runs 160 miles to honor fallen female veterans

(9 Oct.) *Fox 59 News*, By Dan Spehler

"...Indiana University graduate student Tricia Oxford will join a Navy captain in Virginia to run 160 miles in 160 hours to honor the 160 American women who have died serving their country in Iraq and Afghanistan."

A Phone Call Helped Navy's First Four-Star Woman Embrace Her Path

(10 Oct.) NPR

"Then in terms of what we do at sea, women are in this society. Women are in war. The question is "What role?" We have moved out in this country that the role we can have in war, in conflict, in combat, is beyond the support role. We're there."

UPCOMING EVENT

Valor Knows No Gender -- A Run to Remember: The Valor Run is a 160-mile run over 160 hours in commemoration of the 160 US military women who lost their lives while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The run is being held on Saturday, October 18, at the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial located in Arlington National Cemetery at 10:15 a.m. CAPT Nancy Lacore, US Navy Reserve, who herself served in Afghanistan from 2011-2012, will be completing this run in honor of these courageous women and as a testimony to their lives of sacrifice. You are invited to run/walk in tribute to these fallen women by joining CAPT Lacore in the final 1/3rd mile of Valor Run. To honor the fallen, 160 Tribute Ribbons, each with a fallen woman's picture, will be worn by runners and placed in the Memorial's Hall of Honor at the conclusion of the run. WIMSA is asking for a show of support at this special event, which honors our fallen women warriors. The ceremony will conclude with the cutting of the WIMSA 17th Anniversary cake.