

DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

WELLNESS

The Military's Rough Justice on Sexual Assault

(26 Nov.) New York Times, By Robert Draper

"Col. Don Christensen, the chief prosecutor of the United States Air Force, sat in economy class on a flight to Venice and studied the folder of the sexual-assault case that would ultimately end his career."

AF chief prosecutor leaves service for victims advocacy group

(26 Nov.) Air Force Times, By Kristin Davis

"The Air Force's former chief prosecutor, who won a sexual assault conviction against an F-16 pilot that was later overturned by a three-star general, is leaving the military for high-profile victims advocacy group Protect Our Defenders."

Service Members Raise Awareness for National Adoption Month

(28 Nov.) DVIDS < video>

"An adoption event is held in Naples to raise awareness for National Adoption Month."

VA Expands Eligibility for VA Health Care Related to Military Sexual Trauma

(1 Dec.) Veteran Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), under authority from the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("VACAA"), today announced expanded eligibility for Veterans in need of mental health care due to sexual assault or sexual harassment that occurred during their military service. This trauma is commonly known as military sexual trauma (MST).

Gillibrand Seeks Another Vote On Military's Handling Of Sexual Assault Cases

(3 Dec.) New York Times, By Jeremy W. Peters and Emmarie Huetteman

A renewed push to have Congress take another look at the way sexual assault is handled in the armed forces is complicating efforts to pass a huge defense bill, threatening a signature piece of bipartisan legislation that needs approval before the end of the year.

ASSIGNMENTS

Once Again ... A Moment Ripe For Change

(Dec. 2014) Proceedings Magazine, By VADM Bill Moran

Listening to our Fleet, including women who are leaving the Navy at double the rate of men, often encourages us to make better business decisions about our return on investment, with an approach that does not challenge the realities of nature.

EXTRA

New National Model? Long-term Housing for Female Veterans in Southern California

(30 Nov.) Epoch Times, By Sarah Le

"The organization is currently compiling a list of women who are interested in the housing, and will soon begin the occupancy permit and application processes. It said it will accept males who are heads of households, but only if not enough females qualify, which is not expected to happen."