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WELLNESS

[Sexual Assault Prevention a Top Issue for Air Force](#)

(15 Jan.) DVIDS Video

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff General Mark Welsh say there is still room for improvement.

[Navy Close to Creating New Body Composition Standards](#)

(15 Jan.) Military.Com News, By Kris Osborn

The Navy is nearing completion on new Body Composition Assessment standards identifying height, weight and physical fitness requirements for sailors, senior service leaders said Jan. 14 at the Surface Navy Association symposium, Arlington, Virginia.

[SECDEF Speaks on Sexual Assault](#)

(16 Jan.) DVIDS Video

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel speaks about the progress made against sexual assault and what still needs to happen.

ASSIGNMENTS

[Female Soldiers Approved to Enter Ranger School in April](#)

(15 Jan.) Military Times, By Bryant Jordan

The Army in April will begin sending hand-picked female soldiers through its physically demanding Ranger school, where some may earn the Ranger tab as part of an overall military assessment of the fitness of women for the combat arms.

[Female Guardsman Tries to Blaze a Trail to Elite Army Rangers](#)

(19 Jan.) Chattanooga Times, By Kevin Hardy

Last week, [Patricia] Smith, 40, reported to Fort Benning, Ga., to begin the training process for the Army Rangers, one of the military's most elite combat units. Smith, a first lieutenant in the Tennessee Army National Guard, is among a couple of dozen women trying out the pre-Ranger School program for the first time as the Army considers if and how it might let women into one of its toughest combat groups.

[Enlisted women sought for sub duty in 2016](#)

(21 Jan.) Navy Times, By Mark D. Faram

Navy personnel officials outlined the plans and rules for female enlisted sailors, E-1 through E-8, to volunteer for the Silent Service, in three naval messages released Wednesday that make formal the next phase of the integration effort begun five years ago.

[FY16 Enlisted Women In Submarines E-6 and Below Rating Conversion Process](#)

[FY16 Enlisted Women In Submarines Chief Petty Officer Conversion](#)

[Opening Submarine Force Billets To Enlisted Women](#)

[As He Exits, Hagel Warns Of Limits To Military Power](#)

(22 Jan.) Stars and Stripes, By Jon Harper

When the former infantryman was asked if he had any concerns about women being integrated into ground combat units – a concept the services are experimenting with – he said: “Anyone who is qualified and capable and wants to do a job in the military should have the opportunity to do that. [But] we’re not going to lower standards ... No one wants that. [But] if you’re quality, you’re capable [and] you want to do it, you should have an opportunity.”

[Navy Recruiting Enlisted Women for Submarine Force](#)

(23 Jan.) *The Day*, By Julia Bergman

Navy officials have described the integration of female officers, who were first invited aboard ballistic missile submarines in 2010, as a smooth and successful process. But the service was dealt a blow when news broke in December that a dozen sailors were under investigation for secretly recording their female shipmates in the dressing area of the USS Wyoming, an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine based in Kings Bay, Ga. The Wyoming was one of the first submarines to which female officers were assigned in late 2011.

EXTRA

[She flew C-130 planes in Iraq. But Friday on ‘Shark Tank,’ she’s a veteran with a small-business dream.](#)

(16 Jan.) *Washington Post*, By Emily Wax-Thibodeaux

With troops from Iraq and Afghanistan returning home, the Obama administration along with everyone — from nonprofits to reality shows, such as ABC’s “Shark Tank” — is working to encourage and support veterans to start their own businesses.

[The Secret to Smart Groups: It's Women](#)

(18 Jan.) *Atlantic*, By Derek Thompson

A fleet of MIT studies finds that women are much better at knowing what their colleagues are really thinking. It's another reason to expect the gender wage gap to eventually flip.

[Female veteran shamed for parking in veterans-only spot](#)

(19 Jan.) WNCN

An Air Force veteran found a note on her car Friday criticizing her for parking in a veterans-only parking spot.

[When Women Become Terrorists](#)

(22 Jan.) *New York Times*, By Jayne Huckerby

“...the West’s inability to appreciate the role that women play in terror should come under the highest scrutiny.”

[First Female Four-Star Admiral Headlines Salute To America Luncheon](#)

(22 Jan.) *WFMZ TV Allentown* <[video clip](#)>

Admiral Michelle Howard, the Navy's first female four-star admiral, was the featured speaker during the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce's Salute to America luncheon at the Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland Thursday.