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WELLNESS

[Former Army Sexual Assaults Prosecutor Found Guilty of Rape](#)

(27 Jan.) *Military Headlines*, By Michael Biesecker

A former U.S. Army prosecutor who oversaw sexual-assault cases has been found guilty on rape charges following a six-day court-martial at Fort Bragg, military officials said Monday.

[Germantown command master chief pleads guilty to prostitute procurement conspiracy](#)

(28 Jan.) *Stars and Stripes*, By Erik Slavin

The former command master chief of the USS Germantown admitted Wednesday at a court-martial that he oversaw a prostitution research ring operated by four senior chief petty officers aboard the ship.

[DoD Launches Child Care Website to Ease Moving Transitions](#)

(28 Jan.) *DoD News*, By Terri Moon Cronk

As military families move frequently and face a host of concerns, finding child care can be one of the greatest challenges, Barbara Thompson, director of military community and policy's office of family policy/children and youth/special needs, said.

[Local Sailor Finds Support With Navy Wounded Warrior](#)

(29 Jan.) *Independence (MO) Examiner*

Baughner, a Navy Reservist, was deployed to Bahrain in 2013 when she began experiencing debilitating back pain. After [being] medically separated...Baughner enrolled in Navy Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor, the Navy and Coast Guard's support program for seriously wounded, ill and injured service members and their families.

ASSIGNMENTS

[Female soldiers say orders barring them from escorting Gitmo detainees are unfair to women](#)

(26 Jan.) *Star Tribune National*, By David Dishneau

Some female guards at the Guantanamo Bay prison have filed equal opportunity complaints challenging court orders barring them from jobs that would require touching detainees while escorting them to hearings and attorney-client meetings, a military judge said Monday.

EXTRA

[The gender gap in political ambition starts at an amazingly young age](#)

(19 Jan.) *The Washington Post*, By John Sides

If you want to increase the number of women in elective office in the United States, perhaps the biggest problem is the well-documented gender gap in political ambition. When women run, they tend to do about as well as men. But they aren't as likely as men to want to run in the first place.

[The mysterious absence of women from Middle East policy debates](#)

(20 Jan.) *The Washington Post*, By Tamara Cofman Wittes and Marc Lynch

Last year, six leading Washington think tanks presented more than 150 events on the Middle East that included not a single woman speaker. Fewer than one-quarter of all the speakers at the 232 events at those think tanks recorded in our newly compiled data-set were women. How is it possible that in 2014, not a single woman could be found to speak at 65 percent of these influential and high-profile D.C. events?

County native to compete in Ms. Veteran America contest

(22 Jan.) The Dispatch, By Sharon Myers

“...former U.S. Marine Stephanie Schroeder is stepping out of her combat boots and into a pair of Jimmy Choo shoes to compete in the Ms. Veteran America competition.”

The 20-week abortion ban that fell flat in Congress is likely to advance in state legislatures

(23 Jan.) The Washington Post, By Reid Wilson

“Protecting a woman from the health risks associated with a late term abortion as well protecting the interests of an unborn child who is so far developed as to feel pain is supported by a vast majority of Americans and is supportable under the law.”

Admiral Speaks On Women As Leaders

(24 Jan.) Philadelphia Inquirer, By John Moritz

[Admiral] Howard, who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1982 and was the first African American woman to command a Navy ship, said she had been on the job only three days before the Maersk Alabama was hijacked.