



## Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 30 July – 12 August 2016

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### FORCE OF THE FUTURE

1. [Force of The Future Requires Commitment By All, Carter Says](#)

*(29 Jul) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Terri Moon Cronk*

The Force of the Future takes commitment by all service members to modernize the U.S. military and keep it strong, Defense Secretary Ash Carter told sailors yesterday at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois.

### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

2. [The millennials have taken over: A primer for the military's generational shift](#)

*(31 Jul) Army Times, By Kevin Lilley*

Are younger service members — so-called 'millennials,' born in 1980 or later — soft?

3. [Face of Defense: Air Force Couple Overcomes Challenges of Dual Service](#)

*(3 Aug) 92nd Air Refueling Wing, By Air Force Airman 1st Class Sean Campbell*

Both partners agree that communication, planning and resilience are keys to keeping a mil-to-mil marriage working in environments where their time and attention are in high demand.

### EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

4. [Flag Officer Assignment.](#) The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignment: Capt. Stephanie T. Keck, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy director, Operations and Intelligence Integration, Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency, Washington, District of Columbia. Keck is currently serving as strategic studies group fellow, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Newport, Rhode Island.

5. [West Point grad dies after hospitalization during Ranger School](#)

*(28 Jul) Army Times, By Kevin Lilley*

A 21-year-old officer fell ill during his first day of Ranger School on Monday and died Wednesday at a hospital near Fort Benning, according to a release from the Georgia installation.

6. [Decision Coming Soon on Navy Job Title Review, Mabus Says](#)

*(28 Jul) Military.com, By Hope Hedge Seck*

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said Thursday that he expects a review of Navy job titles to help sailors' careers, not only within the service, but also when they transition out into the civilian sector.

7. [SMA: Army needs female soldiers to step up for combat jobs](#)

*(1 Aug) Army Times, By Michelle Tan*

The Army's top enlisted leader says there are not enough female NCOs and officers looking to transfer to combat arms jobs.

8. [Navy Chief Becomes First Woman To Earn Silver Submarine Pin](#)

*(3 Aug) Navy Times, By David Larter*

For the first time, a woman has earned the silver dolphin pin that distinguishes a fully trainer submariner.

9. [1st Enlisted Female Sailor Gets Submarine Qualification](#)  
(3 Aug) Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor  
For the first time an enlisted female sailor has earned her submarine qualification, U.S. naval officials said, as she joined the growing number of women who are in the Navy's "silent service."
10. [Women, Peace And Security: Bringing Personal Experiences To RIMPAC](#)  
(6 Aug) Navy Live Blog, By Lt. Cmdr. Jacqueline Swinton, Judge Advocate General, Royal Australian Navy  
Among 1,650 Australian personnel deployed to Rim of the Pacific 2016, I am the judge advocate general for the Maritime Forces Component Commander, Commodore Mal Wise, Royal Australian Navy, and I lead a team of military lawyers from the U.S., Canada and Chile.
11. [Spooked by obesity trends, the U.S. military is redefining its basic fitness standards](#)  
(7 Aug) Military Times, By Andrew Tilghman  
For the first time in 14 years, the military is rewriting its body composition standards and the methods used to determine whether troops are too fat to serve.
12. [Enlisted Women Train for Duty on Kings Bay Sub](#)  
(7 Aug) The Brunswick News, By Gordon Jackson  
The U.S. Navy is currently training 38 women to be among the first enlisted women to serve aboard a submarine at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia.
13. [Sailors, Marines will be able to declare transgender status this fall](#)  
(8 Aug) Navy Times, By Meghann Myers  
Following the Defense Department's lifting of the ban on transgender service members in June, the Navy Department is preparing to provide medical and administrative support for transitioning sailors and Marines, train personnel on the particulars of serving in a transgender-inclusive force and, by next summer, accept transgender recruits into boot camp.
14. [What the U.S. Is Learning From How Israel Treats Transgender Soldiers](#)  
(9 Aug) Time, By Yardena Schwartz  
The two forces face different challenges; Israel has a conscript army, in which every man and woman is expected to serve a period of time in the military, while the U.S. has a volunteer army. But many of the issues are similar.
15. [Navy women to get more stylish uniform slacks](#)  
(10 Aug) Navy Times, By Meghann Myers  
For women chiefs and officers who have complained their khaki pants were outdated and unflattering, your voice has been heard.

## WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

16. [Serving in Silence: Sex Assault Retaliation Complaints Investigated](#)  
(28 Jul) NBC Washington, By Tisha Thompson, Rick Yarborough, Steve Jones and Jeff Piper  
The Department of Defense Inspector General announced Thursday it has launched a "sex assault reprisal unit," which will now investigate complaints of retaliation within the military following a report of sexual assault.
17. [DoD Substantiates Its First-Ever Sexual Assault Reprisal Case, But Victim Still Waiting For Relief](#)  
(29 Jul) WFED AM Radio Washington, By Jared Serbu  
In April of this year, the Defense Department inspector general's office substantiated a whistleblower reprisal claim by retired Lt. Col. Teresa James, a decorated Iraq war veteran.
18. [Troops encouraged to participate in DoD sexual assault survey](#)  
(1 Aug) Army Times, Staff Report  
The Defense Department wants to hear from you on issues such as sexual assault, sexual harassment and gender discrimination.
19. [Trial date set for former Naval Academy instructor in sexual misconduct case](#)  
(1 Aug) Washington Post, By Ann E. Marimow  
A week-long trial for Marine Maj. Mark A. Thompson — the former U.S. Naval Academy instructor who has insisted he was

falsely accused of having sex with two students — is scheduled to begin early next year.

20. [More charges filed against former Air Force academy cadet facing sexual assault court-martial](#)  
(5 Aug) *Colorado Springs Gazette*, By Tom Roeder  
A hearing Monday will air new charges against an Air Force Academy cadet facing court-martial for an alleged sexual assault.
21. [Former Anniston resident sentenced in cold-case sex crimes](#)  
(8 Aug) *Anniston Star*, By Kristen Fiscus  
When Cooper was arrested on the charges in Calhoun County he was serving 30 years at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for charges of sexual assault against female victims at Army bases in Washington and Germany, according to the news release.
22. [Restoring My Daughter's Honor](#)  
(9 Aug) *New York Times*, By Gary Noling  
When my daughter, Carri Leigh Goodwin, joined the Marine Corps in July 2007, she was a shy, quiet 18-year-old who loved reading and writing poetry. She joined the Marines to make me proud – I'm a former Marine – and to her surprise, she turned out to be good with a gun.

## SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

23. [Double duty: Twins attend basic training together at Fort Jackson](#)  
(27 Jul) *Army News*, By Demetria Mosley  
Pvt. Anabel Sanchez and Pvt. Liana Sanchez, both 23, of Alpha and Bravo companies, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, are identical twins who decided to serve their country through the Army National Guard.
24. [Undefeated USA Women's Basketball Team Beats China, 73-56](#)  
(29 Jul) *Army News Service*, By Gary Sheftick  
After losing to China by one point last year at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire's Women's Basketball Championship held in France, USA coach Army Lt. Col. William Johnson was determined that Team USA would stay on the ball at this year's tournament here.
25. [Fort Detrick Gets First Female Installation Commander](#)  
(1 Aug) *Task & Purpose*, By Sylvia Carignan  
Maj. Gen. Barbara Holcomb is coming to Fort Detrick as the first nurse to serve as commander of the medical command.
26. [Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson gets 4th year as Air Force Academy boss](#)  
(10 Aug) *Colorado Springs Gazette*, By Tom Roeder  
Air Force Academy superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson will spend an extra year on the job, the academy confirmed Wednesday.
27. [Female Sailor Recognized for Bravery During Iranian Detention Incident](#)  
(10 Aug) *Military.com*, By Hope Hedge Seck  
In the fallout from an embarrassing international incident in which two Navy riverine boats strayed into Iranian waters during a transit to Bahrain and were briefly captured, some half-dozen sailors have faced punishments, but one was recognized with a prestigious award for quick actions in the face of danger, Military.com has learned.
28. [Female Army colonel, Iraq War vet takes command at Fort Belvoir](#)  
(11 Aug) Associated Press  
An Army colonel who served two combat tours in Iraq is taking command at Fort Belvoir.

## WOMEN VETERANS

29. [Recognizing the Women Who Served in Vietnam](#)  
(19 Jul) *War History Online*  
More than 1000 women served in non-combat roles as line and staff officers and enlisted personnel in the US Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

30. [\*\*Congress's four female combat veterans are speaking up on military issues\*\*](#)

*(2 Aug) Washington Post's PowerPost, By Karoun Demirjian*

The foursome is hardly a sisterhood-in-arms – they are divided ideologically, and their interactions outside of the Armed Services committee rooms are relatively infrequent, although Gabbard and McSally belong to the same morning workout group. But in a short period of time, the women have become go-to authorities in a legislative arena traditionally dominated by men – and especially male veterans. And their experience in the male-dominated military has taught them important lessons about how to survive in Washington.

31. [\*\*Face of Defense: Former Reserve Captain Competes on 'American Tarzan'\*\*](#)

*(4 Aug) Army Reserve Medical Command, By Army Staff Sgt. Andrea Merritt*

While in college, she challenged herself further by joining the Army Reserve, serving as a combat medic and a flight nurse during her 14-year military career.