



**Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services**  
**Articles of Interest: 1-14 April 2017**

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## **EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION**

1. [Officer Army's highest ranking field artillery female](#)

*(30 Mar) Army.mil, By Ms. Marie Berbera (TRADOC)*

Marny Skindrud was promoted to lieutenant colonel Sept. 1, to become the highest ranking active-duty female field artillery officer in the Army.

2. [General Officer Assignments.](#)

*(3 Apr) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-119-17)*

The chief of staff, Air Force announces the assignments of the following general officers:

- Brig. Gen. Linda S. Hurry, director, Expeditionary Support, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, to commander, Defense Logistics Agency-Aviation, Richmond, Virginia.
- Col. Kristin E. Goodwin, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to commandant of cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Col. Leah G. Lauderback, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from senior military assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to director, CJ2, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Southwest Asia.
- Col. Donna D. Shipton, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from senior military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to program executive officer, Tankers, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

3. [Two women, the first since October 2015, graduate from Army Ranger school](#)

*(3 Apr) Army Times, By Meghann Myers*

Two female infantry officers completed the Army's rigorous Ranger School on Friday, along with 117 men, according to an Army spokesman.

4. [Advocates see more work ahead for integrating women in combat, military roles](#)

*(5 Apr) Military Times, By Leo Shane III*

Former Marine Corps Capt. Greg Jacob says when women entered his company, everyone's training scores went up.

5. [Stop lumping servicewomen and military wives in same category](#)

*(13 Apr) The San Diego Union-Tribune, By Kyleanne Hunter and Kate Germano*

Lumping military women and military spouses and families into the same category diminishes the service of women who have sworn an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States.

## **WELL-BEING & TREATMENT**

6. [Fort Bragg host for study to create new sexual assault prevention program](#)

*(31 Mar) The Fayetteville Observer, By Drew Brooks*

Fort Bragg will host a nearly \$3 million study aimed at creating a program that addresses sexual assault and high-risk alcohol use on military installations.

7. [Karen Pence emerges as the Trump administration's liaison to military women](#)  
(2 Apr) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III  
Sporting the Marine Corps necklace she wears to honor her son, Karen Pence roamed the vice president's mansion greeting guests and thanking them for the role they play in the military.
8. [Victim Advocates: Critical Members of Sexual Assault, Prevention Response](#)  
(4 Apr) *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower*, By Navy Seaman Krista DaCosta  
The Navy's Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Program, known as SAPR, not only seeks to prevent and respond to sexual assaults, but also is working to eliminate that crime from the ranks.
9. [Women taught at boot camp to endure sexual harassment from male Marines, veteran says](#)  
(5 Apr) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol  
As a Marine recruit at Parris Island, Erika Butner learned from her drill instructors that her supposed brothers in arms would treat her as one of three stereotypes.
10. [NCIS: 15 active-duty troops may have broken the law in 'Marines United' case](#)  
(7 Apr) *Marine Corps*, By Jeff Schogol  
Investigators have identified 15 active-duty service members who may have engaged in criminal activity related to the Marines United nude photo sharing scandal, the head of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service told reporters on Friday.
11. [It's Not Just Fox: Why Women Don't Report Sexual Harassment](#)  
(10 Apr) *New York Times*, By Claire Cain Miller  
Many victims, who are most often women, fear they will face disbelief, inaction, blame or societal and professional retaliation.
12. [Female Marines create a Facebook group to say 'Enough is enough'](#)  
(11 Apr) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol  
Lt. Col. Ann Bernard and her peers spent more than 20 years trying to ensure that the next generation of female Marines would be judged on merit, not gender. She said she thought all the hard work and contributions by female Marines would put the issue to rest. But recent allegations that Marines shared nude photos of female troops, veterans and civilians on the Marines United Facebook page, and even made rape and death threats against some of those women, prompted Bernard to do more, she said.
13. [Air Force Canine Comforts Sexual Assault Victims](#)  
(12 Apr) *354th Fighter Wing*, By Air Force Staff Sgt. Ashley Nicole Taylor  
Tessa, the Air Force's first sexual assault prevention and response K-9, is the most recent asset to the SAPR program.
14. [Now Hear this...Are There Just a Few Good Men?](#)  
(April 2017) *Proceedings Magazine*, By Kyleanne Hunter  
The prevalence of sexual-based abuse and gendered degradation is all-too common.

## SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

15. [Sailor re-enlists on 100-year anniversary of the first female Navy chief](#)  
(30 Mar) *Navy Times*, By Ashley Bunch  
Chief Petty Officer Kerris Taylor re-enlisted on her 20th year in the Navy. She was scheduled to re-enlist in October, but wanted to take the opportunity to recognize the first female Navy chief 100 years ago on March 25, 1917.
16. [Trailblazing Army Maj. Gen. Heidi Brown retires after 35 years](#)  
(4 Apr) *Associated Press*, By Daniel Burge  
For more than 35 years, El Pasoan and Army Maj. Gen. Heidi V. Brown has broken gender barriers and served as a role model during a history-making military career.
17. [Top Guns' first female artillery platoon leader to deploy](#)  
(6 Apr) *The Fort Campbell Courier*, By 1st Lt. Daniel Johnson, 2nd Brigade Combat Team  
First Lt. Austen Boroff was the only female Soldier in the battery when she took over first platoon, C Battery, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, last October in Iraq. Additionally, she is the first female in 1-320th FA Regt.'s history to lead an artillery platoon in a combat environment.

18. [Last WACs in Iowa Army National Guard Describe Military Memories](#)  
(6 Apr) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity*, By Army Sgt. Christie Smith  
Chief Warrant Officer 5 Marty Hupp, of Grimes, Iowa; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Cathy Hill, of Winterset, Iowa; and Staff Sgt. Carmen Davis, of Ankeny, Iowa, each enlisted as members of the Women's Army Corps in the late 1970s and have served in the Iowa Army National Guard.
19. [10 Must-Read Books About Women In The Military](#)  
(9 Apr) *Task & Purpose*, By Andrea N. Goldstein  
Women have served in every single armed conflict the United States has ever engaged in, but their contributions are typically missing from historical narratives. Despite women's contributions to national security throughout history, they are time and again overlooked by leadership even in the 21st century.
20. [Face of Defense: Three Sisters Serve in Different Guard Units](#)  
(10 Apr) *Massachusetts National Guard*, By Army Sgt. 1st Class Whitney Hughes  
"It's a little bit blown out of proportion, with women in the military, 'Can they be in war? can they not?' It's a person issue, not a gender issue," Finkel said. "It really shouldn't be surprising that three strong women want to serve their country."
21. [Face of Defense: Airman Balances Guard Service, Civilian Job](#)  
(12 Apr) *153rd Airlift Wing*, By Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Charles Delano  
Air Force Staff Sgt. Rebekah Miller stands in front of the Torrington police department in her police uniform, in Torrington, Wyo., March 10, 2017. Miller has been with the Wyoming Air National Guard for six years and is serving as a command post specialist. She has also been an officer with the Torrington police department for two years.
22. [Face of Defense: Army NCO Inspires Others to Succeed](#)  
(13 Apr) *U.S. Army Central*, By Army Sgt. Bethany Huff  
Army Sgt. Bryttany Gant, an awards noncommissioned officer for Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve here, said she doesn't consider herself to be anyone special, and simply strives to do the best job she can.

## WOMEN VETERANS

23. [Cervical Cancer Screening for Women Veterans More Important Than Non-Veterans](#)  
(25 Mar) *VA Press Release*  
While many Americans won't associate VA health care with cervical cancer screening, they should. Women are one of the fastest-growing VA populations, and there is increasing recognition that military service poses unique risks to women's reproductive health.
24. [Vet's Post-Army Career Highlights Resilience of Female Vets](#)  
(28 Mar) *DoD News*, By Katie Lange  
"We hear about women going into [Veterans Affairs hospitals], and male veteran patients assume they're just wives or daughters or sisters of veterans instead of being the veterans themselves," said Kayla Williams, the director of the Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Women Veterans. "Occasionally, even VA employees will ask if they're there with their husbands."
25. [Homeless Women Veterans Struggle to Be Seen](#)  
(2 Apr) *The Huffington Post*, By Lily Casura  
There are more than two million women veterans in the U.S. today, and women veterans who are homeless are the fastest-growing group of veteran homeless.
26. [Coming Out of the Shadows: Women Veterans and Homelessness](#)  
(2 Apr) *Healing Combat Trauma Blog*  
There are more than two million women veterans in the U.S., and a growing percentage of them are homeless. In fact, they're the fastest growing group of homeless veterans, a fact many people are not familiar with.
27. [Homeless Women Veterans Struggle to Be Seen](#)  
(2 Apr) *The Huffington Post*, By Lily Casura  
Ask women veterans who've experienced homelessness if they sense that they're invisible, and they'll tell you "yes," but add that the problem didn't start when they became homeless — it began when they first served in the military.

28. [\*\*Suicide among female veterans up 85%\*\*](#)  
*(3 Apr) KOLO 8 News, By Terri Russell*  
Since 9/11 it's not uncommon to see women in conflict areas around the world. Their numbers in the military have increased, and a new study shows their problems associated with war, too, have increased.
  
29. [\*\*In her own words: How a Marine veteran amputee conquered Mount Kilimanjaro for charity\*\*](#)  
*(4 Apr) Military Times, By Kirstie Ennis*  
Retired Marine Sgt. Kirstie Ennis climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in March as part of a fundraising effort for Waterboys.org, a nonprofit founded by NFL defensive end Chris Long that provides well water to African communities. Ennis became the first above-the-knee female amputee to make the climb, according to the group.
  
30. [\*\*'Served Like A Girl': New documentary tracks female veterans in a pageant with purpose\*\*](#)  
*(5 Apr) Military Times, By Kevin Lilley*  
One wounded warrior takes viewers of "Served Like A Girl" through the 2005 detonation that destroyed her Humvee in Iraq and cost her both legs below the knee, then leads a tour through a closet of high-reflection high heels.
  
31. [\*\*Down for the Count: Women Veterans Likely Underestimated in Federal Homelessness Figures\*\*](#)  
*(13 Apr) The Huffington Post, By Lily Casura*  
"Homeless women are something of a sociological mystery," wrote University of Virginia social scientist Ted Caplow, Ph.D. While he wasn't talking about homeless women veterans, he might as well have been.