



DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

WELLNESS

[Women veterans deserve equal care](#)

(17 Oct.) CNN, By Garry Augustine

A quarter-million U.S. women served in Iraq, Afghanistan and are returning to civilian life. They served in combat like men, but get less support than men do. Female vets go without health care, many are jobless, many are homeless. VA and DoD need to strengthen services for women, improve child care options.

[Sexual Assault Theater](#)

(17 Oct.) DoD News <video>

A group of service members at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea use theater to entertain and raise awareness about sexual assault.

[Tally of federal probes of colleges on sexual violence grows 50 percent since May](#)

(19 Oct.) The Washington Post, By Nick Anderson

“The number of federal investigations into how colleges handle sexual violence reports has jumped 50 percent in the past six months, reflecting a surge of recent discrimination claims and the difficulty of resolving high-profile cases that often drag on for years.”

[‘Devil’ Soldiers flip during training](#)

(21 Oct.) DVIDS <video>

‘Devil’ brigade Soldiers learned how to protect themselves from sexual assault during self-defense training.

ASSIGNMENTS

[U.S. Marines tap female execs for advice on growing women in ranks](#)

(19 Oct.) Reuters, By Andrea Shalal

“[General James] Amos began reaching out to female executives this spring as the Marine Corps grappled with decisions about opening ground combat roles to women, stamping out sexual assaults, and how the smallest military service could attract and retain more women.”

[4-Star General Commands Pacific Air Forces](#)

(19 Oct.) The Washington Times, By William Cole

Gen. Lori Robinson received a fourth star Thursday and became head of Pacific Air Forces, making her the first woman to lead the major air command.

[Virginia subs to get berthing changes for female crew](#)

(23 Oct.) Navy Times, By David Larter

The first Virginia-class attack subs to be integrated are the Virginia and Minnesota, which are slated to receive female officers in early 2015. Enlisted women will begin serving on the Ohio-class boomers as soon as 2016.

EXTRA

[U.S. must do more to reduce homelessness among female veterans](#)

(15 Oct.) LA Times, By Darlene Curley and William T. Bester

This snapshot of just one woman, one family, isolated and alone, is emblematic of a persistent national tragedy that is largely preventable and completely unacceptable.

Syrian Women Know How to Defeat ISIS

(17 Oct.) Time, By Kristin Williams and Michelle Barsa

“Listening to and implementing the ideas of women still living in Syria is key to weakening ISIS and stabilizing the region at large because, in many ways, they have a better track record laying the foundations for peace and democracy than any other group.”

Face of Defense: Captain Serves Nation Her Family Chose

(20 Oct.) DoD News, By Army Maj. Fredrick Williams

“The desire to serve the country that gave her family a better chance in life was one of the main reasons Capt. Susana Guerrero said she enlisted in the Army.”

'Women in War': Soldiers, pilots, spies - you name it, women do it

(21 Oct.) Fox News, by Hollie McKay

“When I joined the military in 1974, I was paid exactly the same as a man,” Gen. Angela Salinas, the longest-serving woman in the U.S. Marine Corps when she retired last year.

Committees Pass Bills to Help Female Veterans

(22 Oct.) NJTV News, By Christie Duffy

“Two Assembly committees convened Wednesday to hear issues from female vets. What they found? Women who come home to New Jersey after serving our country are not treated the same as their male counterparts.”

UPCOMING EVENT

The Empowerment Project -- Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things: The Women's Memorial Foundation and the National Women's History Museum are especially pleased to invite you to join them at the Women's Memorial for a special screening of *The Empowerment Project: Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things*, on Tuesday, October 28 at 5:30 PM. *Empowerment* is a documentary about contemporary inspirational women—many of whom you will recognize. Produced by Emmy Award winning filmmakers and producers Dana Michelle Cook and Sarah Moshman.