



## DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

### WELLNESS

#### [What Women in the Military Need to Know About Breast Cancer](#)

(24 Oct.) *News & Views Health*, By Hallie Levine

Women in the military have a tremendous amount on their plate: Besides risking their lives in combat, they have to contend with post-traumatic stress disorder, exposure to hazardous chemicals, and even sexual assault and harassment by fellow soldiers or officers. But research shows they may have something even more disturbing to cope with: an increased risk of breast cancer.

#### [Local Food For The Military](#)

(27 Oct.) *New York Times*, By Eva M. Clayton

In big cities and small towns around the United States, people are embracing local agriculture, flocking to farmers' markets and flocking to "locavore" restaurants, reaping a wide range of nutritional, environmental and economic benefits. Yet one segment of the population is largely missing out on this bounty: the millions of members of the American military and their families.

#### [Preventing Domestic Violence](#)

(28 Oct.) *All Hands*, By Terrina Weatherspoon

Domestic abuse cuts across all religions, sexual orientations, age groups, and social classes (ranks). Abuse is preventable and is often treatable if addressed promptly. Through prevention, leaders can promote family resilience and mission readiness.

#### [Our Efforts To Prevent And Respond To Sexual Assault](#)

(28 Oct.) *Navy Live Blog*, By Rear Adm. Rick Snyder

There are no simple answers, no quick fixes, no easy solutions. Together we've made important strides, and as a team, we'll continue to change the Navy's culture to one that is intolerant of crimes like sexual assault and other destructive behaviors that hurt our readiness for warfighting.

#### [Maternity Leave In The United States Vs. The Rest Of The World](#)

(28 Oct.) *Buzzfeed*, By Branden Sueper

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### ASSIGNMENTS

#### [Three pioneering women in Marine infantry course are asked to leave. Why?](#)

(24 Oct.) *Christian Science Monitor*, By Anne Mulrine

The three women who qualified for the Marine Corps's Infantry Officers Course were physically disqualified last week. No woman has successfully completed the course.

#### [Transgender Military Members Are In A Precarious Position](#)

(28 Oct.) *Washington Post*, By Sandhya Somashekhar

"...widespread expectation that the Pentagon will lift the ban on transgender service, just as Congress three years ago repealed "don't ask, don't tell," the policy that barred gays from serving openly."

#### [Mission Accomplished? U.S. Marine Corps Might Lower Combat Standards For Women](#)

(29 Oct.) *IJR Review*, By Larry O'Connor

The first three women to successfully complete the Marine's Combat Endurance Test (CET) have been asked to leave the rigorous, infantry officers training course for failing to meet the physical standards required.

**EXTRA**

**Pinay Takes Helm Of U.S. Naval Command**

*(26 Oct.) Philippine Star, By Gina Tabonares-Reilly*

One of the few females holding a high-ranking position in the United States Navy is a Filipino. Bolivar came from humble beginnings, the second of four children. In 2001, she was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame and holds the distinction of being the first female commander of Navy Region Northwest.

**New survey to measure sailors' body shapes**

*(28 Oct.) Navy Times, By Mark D. Faram*

“U.S. Navy body dimensions were last measured in 1997 for males and 1988 for females,” [Capt. Robert] Gantt said in the news release. “So, updating sizing data in U. S. Navy patterns for uniforms and organizational clothing would help improve fit and comfort for sailors.”

**Women Who Make America: Women at War**

*2014 PBS Documentary <now viewable online>*

Women in War looks at American women’s increasing participation in war—from Vietnam to the present—as nurses, soldiers, journalists, diplomats and spies. Among those featured are Linda Bray, the first woman to lead troops into battle, and Valerie Plame Wilson, whose career was sabotaged after she was “outed” as a high-level spy.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**In A Heart Beat exhibit Opening at the Women's Memorial:** The much-anticipated *In a Heart Beat* exhibit by photographer Therese A. Hughes is scheduled to open at the Women's Memorial on Nov. 7 as part of their 2014 Veterans Day activities. Formerly known as *I Am A US Veteran: Women in War & Conflict*, the exhibit will reveal the strength, courage and humanity of 90 women who have served our country between WWII to the current Global War on Terror. The *In a Heart Beat* exhibit is part of a larger project and is the first public display for the project that is expanding to include 1,200 female veterans. Many of you are likely to be some of the more than 750 women from all ranks and all branches who have been interviewed and photographed to date as Therese worked to complete this years-long project. These compelling images and stories will appear in books and exhibits that are planned for production over the next two years. We hope you will mark your calendars to attend the exhibit opening at the Memorial.