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WELLNESS

[Service Academies, Too, Should Have to Publicly Report Sexual Assaults](#)

(29 Oct.) *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, By K. Denise Rucker Krepp

“Last week the Department of Education issued new rules requiring colleges to provide training to students and employees on how to prevent sexual assault on campuses. I hope the federal government also begins taking responsibility to prevent the sexual assaults that occur at the five federal service academies, instead of continuing to hide them.”

[Female to Female Soldiers Learn to Cope](#)

(10 Nov.) *DVIDs* <video>

Female to Female is a new program in Vincenza, Italy that aims to not only build camaraderie but also give women the skills to deal with difficult situations.

[First woman to lead American Legion says military should ‘stop sweeping’ sexual assaults ‘under the rug’](#)

(11 Nov.) *The Washington Post*, By Emily Wax-Thibodeaux

Verna Jones [an attorney and Army veteran] wants to push for more “accountability and consequences,” especially when it comes to the sexual harassment and military sexual trauma experienced by many female veterans.

[Campus sexual assault charges carry dangers for boys as well](#)

(11 Nov.) *The Washington Post*, By Ruth Marcus

The line between consensual sex and sexual assault is not always comfortably clear. Especially, when alcohol is involved. Yet the new insistence that women must not be shamed into silence and that consent must be evident threatens to edge too far the other way, turning young men who may have misread a sexual situation into accused rapists.

[Boxer Skipper Harassed, Bullied Crew](#)

(12 Nov.) *San Diego Union-Tribune*, By Jeanette Steele

He tried to advise female crew members about birth control and how to deal with their husbands and boyfriends, and occasionally put his hand on a woman’s back or hip as he passed. But Brown had problems with other Boxer females, as well. He also reportedly said women who have abortions can come back to the ship if they are good sailors.

[Too Many Military, Veteran Families Struggling Financially](#)

(13 Nov.) *San Diego Union-Tribune*, By Tony Teravainen

Bluntly put, younger military families in the lower ranks are continuing to battle to survive financially to meet basic food and other needs. Adm. William Owens summed up the situation succinctly when he was vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. “We cannot expect service members to lay their lives on the line when back home their families have to rely on food stamps to make ends meet,” he said. Stunningly, Adm. Owens made that statement way back in 1994, two decades ago.

ASSIGNMENTS

[Female Soldiers Training for Chance to Tackle Ranger Course](#)

(6 Nov.) *Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer*, By Drew Brooks

Female soldiers on Fort Bragg are undergoing grueling training this month in hopes of being among the first women to tackle one of the Army's toughest tests.

[The ‘Brass Ceiling’ Is Still Alive And Well In The U.S. Military](#)

(12 Nov.) *Defense One*, By Greg Jacob

“Working with women might not sound like that big of a deal, but in the Marines it is. The U.S. military is the largest employer in the nation to have institutionalized gender discrimination through policies that deny women the opportunity to compete for jobs that they are otherwise qualified for. Any lingering doubts I may have had about women serving in combat jobs were completely erased during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.”

EXTRA

Cornell honors veterans, sacrifice at ceremony

(11 Nov.) ithaca journal, By Matthew Hayes

“To get where she — and the country — is today, [Admiral] Howard credited the pioneering work of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, who demanded equality in the face of injustice. Much like military veterans, Howard said a sense of duty and sacrifice animated the women to fight for a more inclusive nation.

Del City dedicates female veterans memorial

(11 Nov.) KOCO 5 News, By Rob Hughes <video>

New memorial honors women in all branches and national guard.

It Shouldn't Be This Hard To Be A Female Veteran In America

(11 Nov.) The Huffington Post, By Eleanor Goldberg

The number of women serving in the U.S. military has increased dramatically in recent years, yet the services they need upon returning home are not keeping up with the unprecedented demand.

Obama Withdraws Controversial Navy Nominee

(13 Nov.) Politico, By Austin Wright

Selected last year to succeed Bob Work as undersecretary of the Navy, [Jo Ann] Rooney flubbed her confirmation hearing by taking a stance on sexual assault in the military that a number of senators – and several victims’ advocacy groups – found offensive.