



## DACOWITS: Articles of Interest

### WELLNESS

#### [Gillibrand Determined To Force Change In Military Justice System, But It's An Uphill Battle](#)

(5 Jan.) *Stars and Stripes*, By Jennifer Hlad

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's legislative efforts to remove prosecutorial authority from commanders in most serious crimes failed last year, but the Democrat from New York will reintroduce her bill during the new session of Congress, which begins today.

#### [Submariners In Video Scandal Face 'Significant' Penalties](#)

(8 Jan.) *Associated Press*, By Michael Melia

Sailors involved in the secret video recording of female officers in the dressing area of a U.S. Navy submarine will face "significant penalties," the admiral in charge of the submarine force said Thursday.

#### [Deadline lifted for new mothers to take Marine PFT, CFT](#)

(8 Jan.) *Marine Corps Times*, By Derrick Perkins

The Corps previously mandated women take the tests within six months of returning to full duty after giving birth. But officials with Training and Education Command changed the policy Tuesday, telling new or soon-to-be mothers that they must wait at least six months before attempting either test.

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### [Women in "Steel" Battalion make history](#)

(8 Dec.) *Army.Mil*

By opening up military occupational specialties that were once only available to men, female Soldiers were now able to fill the ranks of certain combat units throughout the Army.

#### [Vice Admiral: Navy Should Expand Sabbatical Program](#)

(2 Jan.) *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot*, By Mike Hixenbaugh

"[Vice Admiral Moran] believes sailors should be allowed to leave the Navy for a few years – to have kids, go back to college, travel or just take a break – then return to service at the same rank and on the same career path. The Navy was initially the only service branch to launch a career intermission program. The Air Force, Army and Marine Corps are each in the process of implementing their own pilot programs. Women leave the service at a rate twice that of men, and the desire to start a family is the most reported reason."

#### [Services Continue Strong Recruiting Through November 2014](#)

(6 Jan.) *DoD News*

All four active services met or exceeded their numerical accession goals for fiscal year 2015 through November 2014, Defense Department officials announced today.

#### [Army Looking at New MOS-Specific PT Tests](#)

(6 Jan.) *Military.Com News*, By Matthew Cox

The U.S. Army wants to create specific physical fitness tests aimed at ensuring that soldiers can meet the physical challenges of their jobs in wartime.

#### [Naval Leadership In The Age Of Superdeployments](#)

(8 Jan.) *War on the Rocks*, By Jimmy Drennan

In March 2011, USS BATAAN set sail for a nearly 11-month deployment, four months ahead of schedule – the longest Navy deployment in 40 years. Historically deployments average around six months. A major trend in U.S. Naval Operations: deployments are getting longer and more unpredictable.

**Naval Academy Chief: Character, Fitness Key**

*(8 Jan.) San Diego Union-Tribune*

Q: What was the role of women in the Navy at that point? A lot different from it is today? A: "...we've come a long way. The class of 2018, over 25 percent of the class is women. That's about 300 out of about 1,191 freshman."

**Navy Boot Camp Mulls No Longer Shaving Recruits' Heads**

*(8 Jan.) Navy Times, By Mark Faram*

"Women taking part in a three-month pilot program at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, and Officer Training Command Newport, Rhode Island, will not be required to get their hair shortened. The pilot will bring the Navy in line with the other services, none of which require women to get their hair cut as part of recruit training."

**EXTRA**

**Military's Preschool Program Considered A National Model**

*(1 Jan.) NRR.Org, By Lourdes Garcia-Navarro and Kavitha Cardoza*

"There are two million children of U.S. military servicemen and women. And by many accounts the military has long done a good job of helping with their education, especially in preschool."

**Campus sex assault is on the rise because too many women go to college**

*(6 Jan.) Salon News, By Luke Brinker*

Conservative icon Phyllis Schlafly is worried that college campuses are populated by too many women, a phenomenon she insinuated has contributed to increased sexual assault on campus.

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