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WELLNESS

[Lawyer: Lax Rules Preceded Submarine Shower Videos](#)

(31 Jan.) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers

A dozen male sailors are waiting to see whether they'll be charged for recording, distributing or not reporting videos of their female shipmates in a submarine's shower changing area for over a year. And one suspect's attorney is building a defense based, at least in part, on the contention that personal electronics rules aboard a sub are muddy and unevenly enforced.

[NCIS Probes Alleged Illegal Filming In Women's Bathroom On Carrier John C. Stennis](#)

(1 Feb.) *Navy Times*, By David Larter and Mark D. Faram

A lieutenant embarked for training on board the Bremerton, Washington-based carrier John C. Stennis is under investigation for allegedly trying to record women inside the female officers' bathroom.

ASSIGNMENTS

[More female drill sergeants help change cadence at Fort Leonard Wood](#)

(25 Jan.) *Stars and Stripes*, By Jesse Bogan

"[Drill Sergeant, Megan Slone] is among nearly 500 female drill sergeants nationwide — twice as many as in 2007 — who are part of a push to not only integrate military leadership, but to ensure that men in the ranks respect the authority of women."

[Group Seeks Data On Gender Targets Of U.S. Service Academies](#)

(3 Feb.) *Associated Press*, By Michael Melia

A lawsuit filed Tuesday by plaintiffs including an advocacy group for female service members is pressing the Pentagon for information on gender targets and recruiting policies at U.S. service academies, where enrollment remains overwhelming male.

[Task force studies women in ground combat positions](#)

(3 Feb.) *Jacksonville Daily News*, By Adelina Colbert

The task force, established in the summer of 2014 and based out of Camp Lejeune, is part of a Marine Corps initiative to study whether female Marines are capable of performing in ground combat positions and units.

EXTRA

[Female snipers face discrimination](#)

(1 Feb.) *Red & Black*, By Katie Davis

Despite [American Sniper's] spectacular reviews, there is one aspect that no one could possibly praise in this movie: diversity. During the movie, Kyle can be seen in battle with his fellow military members; but there are no female snipers in the film.

[Obama Budget Pushes Paid Parental Leave](#)

(2 Feb.) *Government Executive*, By Kellie Lunny

House Democrats last week reintroduced legislation that would give new federal parents six weeks of paid leave. Earlier this month, Obama signed an executive order allowing feds to use up to six weeks of paid sick leave up front to care for a new child. Now, federal workers can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave through the 1993 Family Leave Act, or tap their accrued sick and annual leave to avoid three months without a paycheck.

[In Live Call-In Show, Navy Personnel Officials Talk Hair](#)

(3 Feb.) *Stars and Stripes*, By Jennifer Hlad

"The issue," [Fleet Beldo] said, "is that dreadlocks are harder to maintain. If I have a twist hairstyle and it's not in regulation, I can fix it immediately. That's not the case with dreadlocks. With dreadlocks, the hair fuses together and the only solution would be to cut it."