



## Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 10-23 September 2016

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### DACOWITS IN THE NEWS

1. [New 2016 DACOWITS Members Announced](#)

*(13 Sep) DoD News, Immediate Release (No. NR-318-16)*

The Department of Defense announced today the induction of three new members to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

2. [How the Navy's top skippers learned to lead millennials](#)

*(10 Sep) Navy Times, By Meghann Myers*

Cmdrs. Gary Montalvo and Ken Kleinschnittger have a lot in common. They joined the Navy to give back and went to the Naval Academy. They've led commands in tight-knit communities. And they're recipients of the fleet's top leadership award.

3. [Marines to recognize top female high school athletes](#)

*(13 Sep) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol*

Marine recruiters will recognize outstanding female high school athletes under a new program that honors students who excel at sports and academics.

### EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

4. [More than 140 women will begin training for infantry and armor jobs in 2017](#)

*(12 Sep) Army Times, By Michelle Tan*

Calling all female noncommissioned officers: The Army wants you to consider transferring into combat arms jobs.

5. [First female soldier in Green Beret training fails to complete the course](#)

*(14 Sep) Washington Times, By Alex Quade*

During this week's "Land Navigation" phase of the training, she either withdrew voluntarily, was medically dropped or was administratively removed for not meeting standards, three sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity told The Times. Pending review boards, she may try again. Historically, 1-in-3 candidates pass the entire course.

6. [White House: 'Graphic' reports of violence against Marine recruits are 'disturbing'](#)

*(15 Sep) Washington Post, By Dan Lamothe*

The White House is aware of reports of violence against Marine Corps recruits by their drill instructors and is confident the service will hold those who were involved accountable for "any sort of misconduct," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Thursday.

7. [Army rolls out new fitness test for soldiers who want to switch MOSs](#)

*(18 Sep) Army Times, By Michelle Tan*

Soldiers who want to move into a more physically demanding military occupational specialty - such as infantry or armor - soon will be required to take a new test before they can even qualify for training.

8. [West Point women have a new, bloody requirement as the Army completes gender integration](#)  
(21 Sep) *Washington Post*, By Dan Lamothe  
Army cadets Kiana Stewart and DeAdre Harvey squared off in a boxing ring at the U.S. Military Academy this month, circling each other with their gloves up. Watching classmates already had suffered bloody noses, but the women stayed aggressive, bouncing on the balls of their feet while delivering the occasional jab.

## WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

9. [The U.S. military has a huge problem with obesity and it's only getting worse](#)  
(11 Sep) *Military Times*, By Andrew Tilghman  
Military women are more likely to be designated overweight or fat compared to military men. In 2015, 10.3 percent of military woman were flagged as overweight, compared to 7.3 percent of men. But that gender gap is shrinking as the rates of overweight males has increased more rapidly.
10. [A U.S. sailor delivered a baby at sea — in the middle of the ISIS war](#)  
(12 Sep) *Navy Times*, By David B. Larter  
The carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower's crew proved Sunday that they can simultaneously deliver ISIS airstrikes and babies.
11. [Naval Academy strengthens instructor screening after Marine is accused of sex with female midshipman](#)  
(12 Sep) *Washington Post*, By John Woodrow Cox  
The U.S. Naval Academy's superintendent announced Monday that the school will correct a flaw in its vetting process that allowed a Marine Corps officer to teach there after he had been investigated for allegedly having sex with a female midshipman.
12. [Two Members of Coast Guard Academy Face Court-Martial](#)  
(12 Sep) *The Day*, By  
Two members of the Coast Guard Academy Class of 2016 are facing court-martial proceedings after being charged in separate sexual assault cases.
13. [Disturbing details emerge in case of Navy commander accused of sex assault](#)  
(13 Sep) *Navy Times*, By David B. Larter  
A Navy commanding officer is accused of attempting to sexually assault a woman officer at her San Diego residence and was arrested while trying to flee the scene, according to new details released Tuesday by the San Diego police.
14. [Sailor's Surprise Birth While Deployed Was Rare, But it Wasn't a First](#)  
(15 Sep) *Virginian-Pilot*, By Brock Vergakis  
Word quickly spread around the world this week that a sailor gave birth aboard an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf, and for good reason.
15. [Navy fires squadron CO accused of trying to sexually assault female officer](#)  
(19 Sep) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers  
A week after his arrest on charges of attempting to rape a fellow Navy officer in San Diego, the commanding officer of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 has been removed from his post, according to a Naval Air Forces spokeswoman.
16. [Coast Guard Cadet Gets Year in Prison for Sex Assault](#)  
(19 Sep) *Associated Press*  
A Coast Guard cadet has been sentenced to a year in prison for sexual assault and dismissed from the service after being found guilty at a court-martial.

## SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

17. [Face of Defense: 'Mama Bear' Leads Security Forces With Unique Perspective](#)  
(14 Sep) *21st Space Wing*, By Air Force Airman 1st Class Dennis Hoffman  
Blind to any categorization, Air Force Lt. Col. Nicole Roberts, the 21st Security Forces Squadron commander, accelerated through the enlisted and officer ranks while relying on a personable leadership style she still uses to effectively lead her 214 airmen.

18. **[This Is The Future Of The Air Force Reserve](#)**

*(20 Sep) Task and Purpose, By Sarah Sicard*

Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller was just named commander of the Air Force Reserve. This is what she wants for its future.