



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 11-24 June 2016

DACOWITS IN THE NEWS

1. [New DACOWITS Chair Announced](#)

(15 Jun) No. NR-212-16

The Department of Defense announced that effective today, retired Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger, U.S. Air Force, will serve as the chairperson of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). She succeeds retired Lt. Gen. Frances C. Wilson, U.S. Marine Corps, of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

2. [Retired Air Force General Becomes DACOWITS Chairperson](#)

(15 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity

Retired Air Force Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger takes office today as the chairperson of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

3. [Pentagon's Up-Or-Out Reforms The Right Move](#)

(10 Jun) Military Times, By Naveed Jamali

Like many other fellow military officers, I waited eagerly Thursday to hear the specifics of Secretary of Defense Ash Carter's proposal to revamp the military promotion system. For me, his announcement comes while I am choosing my next assignment and asking the age old question: Do I want a traditional assignment to stay competitive or a cool one that suits my interests and abilities?

4. [Face of Defense: Air Guard Recruiter Matches Right People to Right Units](#)

(13 Jun) DoD News, By Air Force Staff Sgt. Lealan Buehrer

In her two short years with the unit, Blasko has earned her place with the best of Peoria's wing. She has recruited 63 airmen to date, earned state and regional recruiting awards in her first year, and was the unit's top recruiter in 2015. However, for Blasko, it's not about the numbers -- it's about making long-lasting connections in order to better the organization.

5. [Married soldiers stand to lose in NDAA](#)

(21 Jun) The Hill, By Jessica D. Grassetti

BAH cuts would disproportionately affect junior enlisted and female service members. As such, the proposed policy is regressive in two ways and discriminatory by gender.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

6. [General Officer Assignment](#). The chief of staff, Air Force announced the following assignment: Maj. Gen. Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall, assistant deputy chief of staff, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to director, operations and military deputy, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Springfield, Virginia.

7. [General Officer Announcement](#). Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Maj. Gen. VeraLinn Jamieson for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general, and for assignment as deputy chief of staff, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia. Jamieson is currently serving as deputy commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, U.S. Strategic Command, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, District

of Columbia.

8. [**New York National Guard Female Soldier meeting Artillery gunline challenge**](#)
(8 Jun) *New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs*, By Eric Durr
Sgt 1st Class Lewis Swartz told her that women could join the field artillery and serve as a cannon crew member. Diaz decided that was the job for her.
9. [**With Women In Combat, Taking The 'Man' Out Of Job Titles**](#)
(9 Jun) *Associated Press*, By Jennifer McDermott
Engineman? Yeoman? Not so fast. Now that women will be allowed to serve in all combat jobs, the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are dropping "man" from some of their job titles to make them inclusive and gender-neutral.
10. [**Heartbroken Dad Demands Change In Navy SEAL Training After Son's Death**](#)
(10 Jun) *NBC News*, By Ken Dilanian and Mike Hixenbaugh
Steve DeBianco flew out to California two months ago to check on how his son was doing in basic Navy SEAL training. He left a couple of days later, feeling reassured.
11. [**Doonan first female wing commander of 102nd Intelligence Wing**](#)
(11 Jun) *Cape Cod Times*, By George Brennan
Doonan, 49, became the first female wing commander in the history of the 102nd Intelligence Wing, which began as the 318th Fighter Group in 1942.
12. [**Marines install infantry officer to lead Parris Island boot camp after a wave of scandal**](#)
(11 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Gina Harkins and Andrew deGrandpre
A new general took the helm of one of the military's most legendary training bases Friday, just days after it was rocked by a string of high-profile firings following a recruit's death there.
13. [**I try to remain androgynous': Transgender troops in limbo as Pentagon debates policy**](#)
(12 Jun) *Military Times*, By Andrew Tilghman
Lindsey Muller spent most of her 16-year Army career as a man named Ryan. About two years ago, the UH-64 Apache Longbow pilot changed her name, started taking female hormones and underwent what the 34-year-old describes as "female puberty."
14. [**Congress Still Sending Mixed Signals on Women in the Draft**](#)
(13 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By Travis J. Tritten
Despite key votes in Congress, it remained unclear Friday whether the United States is closer to a historic move requiring women to register for the military draft.
15. [**Navy Expands Review Of Gender-Specific Job Titles**](#)
(14 Jun) *Military.Com*, By Hope Hedge Seck
The Navy is calling on senior service leaders to assist in a wide-ranging review of enlisted job titles, or ratings, designed to eliminate gender-specific language and provide clarity.
16. [**Senate Votes To Require Women To Register For The Draft**](#)
(15 Jun) *New York Times*, By Jennifer Steinhauer
In the latest and perhaps decisive battle over the role of women in the military, Congress is embroiled in an increasingly intense debate over whether they should have to register for the draft when they turn 18.
17. [**Senate passes defense bill including women in draft**](#)
(14 Jun) *Politico*, By Jeremy Herb and Connor O'Brien
The Senate on Tuesday passed a sweeping defense policy bill that includes among its many Pentagon reforms a provision requiring women to register for the draft.
18. [**The Marine Corps' first-ever female artillery officers are headed to the fleet**](#)
(16 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Two women made history on Wednesday by becoming the Marine Corps' first female field artillery officers.

19. [**The Army Under Secretary On How Women Fit Into The Army's Future**](#)
(16 Jun) Task & Purpose, By James Clark
We caught up with Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy after he spoke at the 29th annual Joint Women's Leadership Symposium in Arlington, Virginia, on the topic of leading with purpose and impacting the future.
20. [**Women In The Defense Sector Impressed By How Far They've Come**](#)
(16 Jun) National Defense, By Sandra I. Erwin
A woman is now closer to the presidency than any other before. And there has been speculation for years that a Hillary Clinton administration also could make history if she selects a woman to run the Pentagon.
21. [**All Marines to undergo 2-day training as women join combat units**](#)
(16 Jun) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
The Marine Corps is requiring that all leathernecks complete two days of training on the service's gender-integration plan as women take on new roles in ground combat units.
22. [**The Few, the Proud, the Physically Fit**](#)
(21 Jun) Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor
New physical standards established so women can compete for combat posts in the Marine Corps have weeded out many of the female hopefuls. But they're also disqualifying some men, according to data obtained by The Associated Press.
23. [**Do You Have What It Takes to Be a Marine?**](#)
(21 Jun) Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor
Getting into a combat job requires recruits to pass a new set of physical standards that were put into place as part of the move to allow women to compete for frontline posts. How do you measure up?
24. [**Pentagon close to repealing transgender ban**](#)
(21 Jun) USA Today, By Tom Vanden Brook
A Pentagon policy allowing transgender troops to serve openly is in the final stages of approval and is expected to be released within weeks, according to Defense Department sources.
25. [**Diversity Makes Military Stronger, DoD Panel Says**](#)
(22 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Lisa Ferdinando
Diversity in the military makes the force stronger, top Defense Department officials said at a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender panel discussion here today.
26. [**Female Marine poolee to ship to boot camp with infantry contract later this year**](#)
(22 Jun) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
A 19-year-old just became the first woman to enlist in the Marine Corps with a contract to train for the infantry.
27. [**Why Servicewomen Should Be Allowed To Keep Their Skirts**](#)
(23 Jun) Task and Purpose, By Andrea N. Goldstein
Navy leadership is imposing masculine dress uniform changes on its servicewomen that no one wants.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

28. [**7 shocking \(and sad\) statistics on women in the military**](#)
(27 May) Fusion, By Laura Feinstein
But as we honor fallen service members this Memorial Day, let's also remember that living veterans, especially women, are still struggling. Here are seven shocking—and, frankly, sad—facts everyone should know.
29. [**GOP objection kills Senate funding for military fertility program**](#)
(14 Jun) McClatchy, By Rob Hotakainen
Murray said she found the Republican plan to end the military fertility program buried on page 1,455 of the Senate's massive annual defense spending bill.

30. [CNP Gives Keynote Address At Joint Women's Leadership Symposium](#)
(15 Jun) Navy News Service, By Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs Office
 Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Robert P. Burke, closed out the 2016 Joint Women's Leadership Symposium (JWLS) June 15 as keynote speaker in Arlington, Virginia, and discussed many current issues for women in the Navy as well as several new personnel initiatives that are part of Sailor 2025.
31. [Air Force General Highlights Military Women at Summit](#)
(16 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Jim Garamone
 The American people need to know that the U.S. military is a true meritocracy that's open to all citizens who meet service standards, Air Force Gen. Lori J. Robinson said at the White House-sponsored United State of Women Summit here June 14.
32. [Army releases results of May courts-martial](#)
(20 Jun) Army Times, Staff Report
 The Army last week released 54 summaries of courts-martial that concluded in May. Names of soldiers who were acquitted of all charges were not provided.
33. [Marine charged in Naval Academy sexual misconduct case to face second court-martial](#)
(21 Jun) Washington Post, By John Woodrow Cox
 The military announced Tuesday that Marine Maj. Mark Thompson — who has long insisted he was falsely accused of having sex with two U.S. Naval Academy students — will face a court-martial on allegations that he repeatedly lied in an effort to prove his innocence.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

34. [Sapper like a Girl; 326th Sapper Eagle first female to finish competition](#)
(27 May) DVIDS, By Sgt. Samantha Stoffregen
 For the first time ever Army-wide, a female engineer not only finished all 50 hours of the competition this year, but finished in the top ten
35. [Pioneer for women in maintenance retires from Florida with 42 years of service](#)
(9 Jun) DVIDS, By Staff Sgt. Carmen Fleischmann
 When Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bonnie Robinson joined the Women's Army Corps on May 1, 1974 in Schenectady, New York, she was only 19 years old. She had no way of knowing that her career would span 42 years, taking her from New York to Florida and Iraq.
36. [Navy corpsman who saved neighbors to receive prestigious award](#)
(14 Jun) Navy Times, By Sam Fellman
 Chief Hospital Corpsman Jaclyn Place, who treated two of her neighbors' stab wounds while their attacker was on the loose, will receive the 2016 NCOA Vanguard award for the Navy.
37. [Face of Defense: Marine, Mother Wins at First Bodybuilding Competition](#)
(15 Jun) DoD News, By Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Robert L. Fisher III
 Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Annemarie E. Baker strikes a pose in the women's physique competition during the 2016 National Physique Committee Gran Prix Natural competition in Rockford, Ill. Women like Baker have proven bodybuilding competitions no longer belong exclusively to men, as more women -- and especially, mothers -- have started competing.
38. [Tribute to Women in Service \(Video\)](#)
(18 Jun) The United States Army Field Band
 In 2016, all MOS (Military Occupational Specialties) become open to women. The best qualified are now afforded the opportunity to serve. This video is a tribute to all of the servicewomen who paved the path to this historic time in our Army's history.
39. [Soldier's Personal Best in Discus Earns Gold at Warrior Games](#)
(18 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins
 Army veteran Sgt. Monica Southall awaits her turn to throw the shot put during the 2016 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., June 16, 2016.

40. [Coast Guard Leaders Recognized for Devotion to Duty](#)
(19 Jun) The Maritime Executive, By MarEx
 On Friday, the Sea Service Leadership Association recognized two promising U.S. Coast Guard leaders with awards for distinguished service. Lt. Cmdr. Heidi Koski was the recipient of the 2016 Capt. Dorothy Stratton Leadership Award and Petty Officer Second Class Ashley Cruz was the recipient of the 2016 MCPO Pearl Faurie Leadership Award.
41. [Army, Women Shine at Warrior Games Track Competition](#)
(21 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Amaani Lyle
 Five-time gold medalist Army veteran Capt. Kelly Elmlinger, who emerged victorious in 100-, 200-, 400-, 800- and 1,500-meter races category 3.0, said she strives to do her best in all competitions.

WOMEN VETERANS

42. [Civil War Doctor, First Woman to Win Congressional Medal of Honor, Only to Have it Taken Back](#)
(31 May) The Huffington Post, By Clay Haswell
 Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, an outspoken advocate for women's rights, was the first woman ever awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.
43. [Southwest Florida women veterans bring special meaning to Collier's 10th Honor flight](#)
(12 Jun) Naples Daily News, By Time Patterson and Shelby Reynolds
 Nevers and her daughter were two of the 66 female veterans from Collier and Lee counties, ranging in age from 24 to 95 — plus one service dog, Snowball — who joined Collier County's 10th Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on Saturday. Johnna Dettis, a board member for the Collier County Honor Flights group, said she nicknamed this trip of women veterans "The Perfect 10."
44. [Female Veteran Criticized for Using Veteran's Parking Space](#)
(14 Jun) Associated Press
 A Navy veteran in North Carolina who parked in a spot marked for veterans was surprised to find a note criticizing her when she returned.
45. [Secretary Mabus Names Destroyer after Pioneering United States Navy Nurse](#)
(14 Jun) No. NR-214-16
 During a ceremony to honor women who served in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in Arlington, Virginia, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced an Arleigh-Burke class destroyer, DDG 123, will be named Lenah H. Sutcliffe Higbee in honor of the pioneering U. S. Navy chief nurse, who served as the superintendent of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps during World War I and was the first female recipient of the Navy Cross.
46. [Mabus Names Arleigh Burke Destroyer After Higbee, First Woman Awarded Navy Cross](#)
(14 Jun) USNI News, By Otto Kreisher
 Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, who has been a strong advocate for increasing the numbers of and opportunities for women in the Navy and Marine Corps, announced today that a new Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer will be named for a trailblazing Navy nurse who was the first women ever awarded the Navy Cross.
47. ['Portrait of a Woman' Artwork Honors Military Women](#)
(16 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Jim Garamone
 Artist Steve Alpert thanks a Brownie Scout for helping him unveil the triptych "Portrait of a Woman" at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial located at the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery, Va., June 13, 2016.
48. [Twin Veteran sisters continue to serve](#)
(16 Jun) Vantage Point, By Steve Goetsch
 A rare opportunity for Army nurses
49. [Columbus Honor Flight plans first female-only trip](#)
(16 Jun) The Columbus Dispatch, By Holly Zachariah
 For the first time in its nine-year history, Columbus Honor Flight plans to take a plane full of only female veterans — 80 who served during WWII, Vietnam and Korea — to the nation's capital for free.

50. [**This is what a veteran looks like: Female vets still struggle for visibility — even as we get closer to adding women to the draft**](#)

(17 Jun) Salon, By Mary Elizabeth Williams

A sexist note left on a female Navy veteran's dashboard sparks open discussion about overlooked women who serve.

51. [**Navy Vet Says She Got Apology Note after Parking in Vets-Only Space**](#)

(22 Jun) Fox News

The veteran who got an anonymous note slamming her for parking in a "veterans only" parking space in North Carolina said she finally received a note of apology, and posted it online.