DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

ARTICLES OF INTEREST: 13–26 August 2016

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. **Marines looks for a few more good women in recruiting drive**
   (13 Aug) Yahoo News Digest
   Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller says he wants to increase the number of women in the Corps to 1 in 10, and recruiters are turning to girl’s high school sports teams to find candidates who may be able to meet the Corps’ rigorous physical standards, including for the front-line combat jobs now open to women.

2. **For young enlisted troops, new opportunities to qualify for joint assignments**
   (15 Aug) Military Times, By Andrew Tilghman
   The Pentagon is expanding joint military education programs to younger noncommissioned officers, a move that aims to better equip them to serve in the roughly 8,800 joint enlisted jobs across today’s force.

3. **Officer Photos No Longer Required For Navy Promotion Boards**
   (23 Aug) Navy Times, By Mark D. Faram
   The full-length photo in khakis is once again out of style.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

4. **Female Marine can't complete Infantry Officer Course; no more women now enrolled**
   (12 Aug) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
   A female Marine officer who was dropped from the Infantry Officer Course in April has failed the course on her second try.

5. **Paxton: Women will be successful in infantry units**
   (14 Aug) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
   Gen. John “Jay” Paxton Jr. is leaving the Marine Corps as the service is beginning to allow women into the infantry and other jobs to serve in jobs that during his decades in uniform had been restricted to men.

6. **The Marines are conducting a test that could drastically change how combat troops deploy**
   (15 Aug) Marine Corps Times, By Gidget Fuentes
   The future Marine Corps fighting force is taking shape in the desert this summer with the start of an 18-month experiment that could transform the basic infantry unit into a deadlier revolutionized team.

7. **One of two female Marines remains in MARSOC training**
   (16 Aug) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
   Of the two enlisted female Marines who recently entered training to become Raiders, one remains in the first phase of Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command training.

8. **South America Defense Conference Examines Military's Role**
   (18 Aug) U.S. Southern Command, By Jose Ruiz
   Global peacekeeping operations, transregional threat networks and the integration of women in military service were on the agenda for military leaders from South America, the United States and Canada, who concluded two days of meetings today at the historic center of Uruguay’s capital city for the annual South America Defense Conference.
WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

9. **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Beset By Sexual Misconduct**  
   *(15 Aug) Washington Post, By Lisa Rein*  
   Surveys reveal harassment and assault, but few cases are reported

10. **Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates Meet to Discuss Challenges for Victims**  
    *(16 Aug) DoD News, By Terri Moon Cronk*  
    Defense Department Family Advocacy Program manager Kathy Robertson and program analyst Melvina Thornton present an update at the kickoff of the first DoD-wide Family Advocacy Program training session at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 9, 2016.

11. **DoD Promotes Suicide Prevention Through Work With Media, Other Groups**  
    *(16 Aug) DoD News, Defense Media Activity*  
    The Defense Department is working with media, nongovernmental organizations and the federal sector to focus on suicide prevention.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

12. **Face of Defense: Soldiers Who Grew Up Together Find Success**  
    *(12 Aug) 24th Press Camp Headquarters, By Army Sgt. Jessica Littlejohn*  
    Army Sgts. Maj. Kenya L. Berry and Tara J. Haywood, both Milledgeville, Georgia natives, stand together at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, June 17, 2016. Berry and Haywood are lifelong friends and both honor graduates of Class 66 of the Sergeants Major Course at USASMA.

13. **Service Members, Veteran Earn Appointments as White House Fellows**  
    *(22 Aug) From a White House News Release*  
    Five service members and a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are among 16 men and women appointed to the 2016-2017 class of White House Fellows, the President's Commission on White House Fellowships announced today.