



## Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 19 November – 2 December 2016

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### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [General: Army struggles to meet goal of 80,000 recruits](#)

*(1 Dec) The Arizona Republic, By Emily Balli*

The U.S. Army is having trouble recruiting the 80,000 new soldiers it needs this fiscal year because most people don't meet the requirements to join or are misinformed about the military, according to its chief recruiter.

2. [Defense policy bill would bring the biggest organizational changes in 30 years](#)

*(2 Dec) Washington Examiner, By Jacqueline Klimas*

The changes in the compromise bill include reducing how long a member of the military must serve in a joint billet to advance.

### EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

3. [General Officer Announcement](#). Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nominations:

- Air Force Col. Patrice A. Melancon has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Melancon is currently serving as mobilization assistant to the director of civil engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Air Force Col. Ellen M. Moore has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Moore is currently serving as commander, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Air Force Reserve Command, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado.
- Air Force Col. Constance M. Von Hoffman has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Von Hoffman is currently serving as mobilization assistant to the commander, Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.
- Air Force Col. Kathleen M. Flarity has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Flarity is currently serving as mobilization assistant to the director, medical operations and research; and chief of the nurse corps, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Falls Church, Virginia.

4. [Congress drops plans to make women register for the draft](#)

*(29 Nov) Military Times, By Leo Shane III*

Lawmakers have officially dropped plans to make women register for the draft, instead opting for a review of the ongoing need for the Selective Service System.

5. [White House: Obama supports registering women for military draft](#)

*(1 Dec) USA Today, By Gregory Korte and Tom Vanden Brook*

President Obama supports requiring women to register for Selective Service when they turn 18 — becoming the first president to endorse universal draft registration since Jimmy Carter.

6. [13 women graduate from the Army's first integrated armor officer course](#)

*(1 Dec) Army Times Video Clip*

Thirteen female officers are among the 65 lieutenants to graduate from the Army's first integrated Armor Basic Officer Leader Course, the Maneuver Center of Excellence announced on Thursday.

## WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

7. [Should more troops become eligible for food stamps?](#)

*(28 Nov) San Diego Union-Tribune, By Carl Prine*

Susan Davis has introduced the Military Hunger Prevention Act in a bid to exempt the military's Basic Allowance for Housing — a central component of most troops' compensation — when determining eligibility for food stamps and 17 other federal food programs.

8. [Women in Canadian Military Report Widespread Sexual Assault](#)

*(28 Nov) New York Times, By Ian Austen*

More than a quarter of women in the Canadian military have been sexually assaulted during their careers but only 23 percent reported what happened, according to a survey by the government's statistical agency.

9. [New Air Force dress blue shirt, maternity ABU on the way](#)

*(1 Dec) Air Force Times, By Stephen Losey*

The Air Force plans to roll out an updated blue uniform shirt and a new and improved maternity Airman Battle Uniform in the coming months, officials said.

## WOMEN VETERANS

10. [America's only memorial to military women needs your help](#)

*(19 Nov) Army Times, By Charlsy Panzino*

The nation's only memorial for women in the military needs your help to keep serving the women it honors.