RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. Why Everyone Benefits When Male Leaders Mentor Women
   (14 Nov) Task & Purpose, By Andrea N. Goldstein
   A new book by two Naval Academy professors argues that men and women both benefit from mentoring across gender lines.

2. Army recruiter pleads guilty to sexting underage recruit
   (14 Dec) Army Times, By Charlsy Panzino
   An Army recruiter pleaded guilty Tuesday to sending sexual photos to an underage female recruit, according to The New Jersey Herald.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

3. Ranger School is Not a Leadership School
   (6 Dec) Modern War Institute, By John Spencer
   Ranger Instructors do not teach leadership. Leadership is not why the course was created and it is not why over half who try to complete it fail to do so.

4. Part 1: These women aspire to combat roles — now they’re training for them
   (8 Dec) PBS NewsHour Podcast
   Over the past several months, we have followed three female pioneers striving for these positions within the U.S. Marine Corps, considered the toughest of the services. Producer Dan Sagalyn and correspondent William Brangham have the first of two reports.

5. Part 2: Female Marine recruits at boot camp strive to meet the same standards as men
   (9 Dec) PBS NewsHour Podcast
   For generations combat jobs in the U.S. military were blocked to women, but not anymore. The question now is can women meet the same rigorous standards as the men in order to qualify for frontline jobs? William Brangham has the second story on women in combat roles.

   (9 Dec) PBS NewsHour, By Kassia Halcli
   President-elect Donald Trump’s pick to lead the Pentagon has repeatedly spoken out against allowing women to serve in military combat jobs, a contrast to new policies ordered by outgoing Defense Secretary Ashton Carter.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

7. The US Navy Hopes a Reporting App Can Reduce Sexual Assault
   (10 Dec) Defense One, By Ananya Bhatnacharya
   A six-month, $150,000 pilot project is testing an app initially created to prevent campus gun violence.
8. **Army: Number of sexual misconduct allegations against senior leaders increases**  
*(15 Dec) Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor*  
Sexual misconduct and harassment allegations against senior Army leaders increased this year and more were substantiated than in 2015, according to a closely held report by the Army Inspector General.

**SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS**

9. **Face of Defense: Air Force Reunites Sisters**  
*(7 Dec) DoD News, By Air Force Airman 1st Class Daniel Snider*  
After eight years of separation, sisters-in-blood turned sisters-in-service are being reunited in the same unit here.