



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 4-10 June 2016

SPECIAL EVENT

1. [Marine Corps hosting parade for leaders of women in combat review](#)

(8 Jun) *The Hill*, By Kristina Wong

The Marine Corps will host a parade at the iconic bronze Iwo Jima memorial in Arlington, Va., to highlight Navy personnel who led the Women in Service Review to integrate women into all combat jobs.

FORCE OF THE FUTURE

2. [Secretary of Defense Ash Carter Announces Additional Force of the Future Initiatives](#)

(9 Jun) *DoD Immediate Release* (No. NR-209-16)

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter today announced the third and fourth links of his Force of the Future initiatives focused on military and civilian personnel policies, outlining the most significant proposed changes to the military officer promotion system in decades and new flexibilities in civilian personnel policy, including a proposal for paid maternity and paternity leave for the civilian workforce.

3. [Carter Unveils Next Wave of Force of the Future Initiatives](#)

(9 Jun) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity*, By Cheryl Pellerin

Defense Secretary Ash Carter today announced the next steps in his Force of the Future

4. [The 4 big takeaways from Ash Carter's new push for military personnel reform](#)

(9 Jun) *Military Times*, By Andrew Tilghman

The plan to overhaul the military personnel system that Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced Thursday would end the "one-size-fits-all" promotion system for military officers and clear the way for far more diverse options in military career tracks.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

5. [Marine commander fired after recruit's death at boot camp](#)

(7 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Gina Harkins and Matthew L. Schehl

The commander of the Marine Corps' East Coast recruit training regiment has been removed from his job after an investigation into a recruit's death found instances in which proper policies and procedures were not followed.

6. [Officials: Pentagon to Unveil Plan to Adjust Promotion Rules](#)

(9 Jun) *Associated Press*, By Lolita C. Baldor

U.S. military troops may be able to sidestep the Pentagon's entrenched "up or out" promotion system under sweeping new proposals being unveiled Thursday, aimed at keeping high-tech experts or other specialists on the job, according to defense officials.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

7. [General Officer Announcement](#). Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Maj. Gen. Stayce D. Harris for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general, and for assignment as assistant vice chief of staff; and director, Air Staff, U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia. Harris is

currently serving as commander, 22d Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia.

8. [2 Fort Campbell soldiers receive Distinguished Flying Cross](#)
(3 Jun) *Associated Press*
Capt. Lindsay Gordon was awarded the cross on Wednesday for her actions while flying an AH-64 Apache helicopter during a mission in Afghanistan last December.
9. [Air Force secretary supports draft registration for women](#)
(3 Jun) *Associated Press*, By *Richard Lardner*
The Air Force's top civilian official said Friday she supports requiring young women to register for a potential military draft as Congress heads toward a divisive debate over whether to erase gender restrictions from Selective Service.
10. [In a military kitchen, female chefs show guts and glory](#)
(6 Jun) *Washington Post*, By *Kristen Hartke*
In an industry and military that are both male-dominated - surveys indicate that about 14 percent of executive chefs are women, roughly the same percentage of active duty military who are women - female chefs are beginning to make their mark.
11. [Lavaca woman becomes first female general in Arkansas Air National Guard](#)
(6 Jun) *Arkansas News*, By *Thomas Saccente*
Col. Tamhira Hutchins-Frye became the first female brigadier general with the Joint Force Headquarters for the Arkansas Air National Guard on Saturday. - See more at: <http://arkansasnews.com/news/arkansas/lavaca-woman-becomes-first-female-general-arkansas-air-national-guard#sthash.DhDFblAN.dpuf>
12. [1st African-American woman takes command of joint unit in Naples](#)
(7 Jun) *Stars & Stripes*, By *Steven Beardsley*
Adm. Michelle Howard took the reins of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa and NATO Allied Force Joint Command here on Tuesday, becoming the first woman and African-American to assume command of the joint billet.
13. [Corps Pledges to 'Carefully' Investigate Recruit's Death at Boot Camp](#)
(7 Jun) *Military.com*, By *Hope Hedge Seck*
Marine Corps brass are assuring a U.S. congresswoman that any indication of hazing connected with the March death of a recruit at Parris Island, South Carolina, will be "carefully investigated."
14. [Army Nurse Hopes to Defend Gold Medal Spot at DoD Warrior Games](#)
(9 Jun) *DoD News*, *Defense Media Activity*, By *Shannon Collins*
As an international lineup of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines take to the track in their wheelchair racing bikes, Army Capt. Kelly Elmlinger dons her gloves, takes a breath and focuses on her mission.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

15. [Navy Pregnancy and Parenthood Mobile App Now Available](#)
(31 May) *Navy News*, *From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs*
Sailors who are starting or expanding their families now have a mobile app that will provide resources that will help them understand Navy's pregnancy and parenthood policies, launched May 27.
16. [Miss USA, Army reservist to fight for veterans, tackle military suicide, PTSD](#)
(6 Jun) *Associated Press*, By *Sally Ho*
Barber said she plans to use the pageant's spotlight and her title to support veteran's causes and tackle the issue of suicide and post-traumatic stress disorder among military members. When asked what message she had for the presidential candidates - including former pageant owner and presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump - Barber said they should focus more on veteran's issues, including the backlog at veterans hospitals.
17. [War of words heats up between Pentagon, sexual assault victim advocacy group](#)
(6 Jun) *Air Force Times*, By *Stephen Losey*
A dispute is growing between the Pentagon and the Air Force's former chief prosecutor over how the military handles sex assault cases - and it reaches the office of Defense Secretary Ash Carter.

18. [Warrant: Man accused of sex trafficking soldier threatened to tell her commander](#)
(7 Jun) *Fayetteville Observer*, By Monica Vendituoli
A man who forced a 19-year-old Fort Bragg soldier into prostitution last year threatened to tell the soldier's commander about her exchanging sex for money, new court documents say.
19. [Samantha Bee explains what's at stake in this week's Pentagon rape reform bill vote](#)
(7 Jun) *The Week*
Later this week, the Senate will vote on the National Defense Authorization Act. "That's when America takes all the money and gives it to the military," Samantha Bee said on Monday's Full Frontal, "so they can spend it defending our freedoms, building planes that don't work, and apparently... raping each other?" Rape is a big problem in the military, not only because it happens but because the code of military justice puts a unit's commander in charge of deciding whether an alleged rapist is prosecuted, a situation rife with conflicts of interest.
20. [Workshop helps female veterans transition into civilian careers](#)
(8 Jun) *Fayetteville Observer*, By Amanda Dolasinski
In the coming months, these female soldiers at Fort Bragg will leave behind their uniforms to take on new jobs in the civilian world.
21. [Carrier George Washington chief accused of rape aboard ship](#)
(8 Jun) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers
A chief petty officer assigned to the aircraft carrier George Washington is accused of raping a shipmate aboard ship and will face a preliminary hearing Thursday.
22. [Navy Takes A Stand Against Sexual Assault](#)
(8 Jun) *WVEC ABC Norfolk*, By Mike Gooding
The Navy is taking a stand against sexual assault among the ranks. It wasn't some boring power point presentation. But an interactive, theatrical performance, all designed to teach sailors how to help themselves, and their shipmates.
23. [Draft defense bill seeks to scuttle Pentagon egg, sperm storage benefit](#)
(9 Jun) *Military Times*, By Patricia Kime
A single line in the Senate's 1,166-page proposed defense policy bill could derail the Pentagon's plan to give troops the option of freezing their sperm or eggs for future use.

WOMEN VETERANS

24. [World War II spy disguised as simple military wife finally recognized with posthumous award](#)
(3 Jun) *Women in the World*, By WITW Staff
Stephanie Czech Rader spent decades pretending to be merely a clerk working at the U.S. embassy in Poland during World War II, traveling the countryside in her spare time before meeting and marrying a big shot U.S. military commander.
25. [Red Tail fighter, WASP among GOE's living legends](#)
(6 Jun) *Montgomery Advertiser*, By Rebecca Burylo
Dawn Seymour grew up in Pittsburgh, N.Y., with a desire to be challenged. Becoming a WASP fit the bill perfectly.
26. [This WWII homeless veteran had no family. So 200 strangers showed up for her funeral.](#)
(10 Jun) *The Washington Post*, By Colby Itkowitz
At the funeral, Jaspen Boothe introduced herself as Serina Vine's sister. She spoke of the deceased's heroism as a World War II veteran. She bent down and pressed her lips to the top of the casket. Yet Boothe, like the 200 or so others who came to pay their respects Tuesday morning, had never met Vine. She had first heard about Vine a week ago, when she received a call that the 91-year-old homeless veteran with no known relatives was going to be buried at Quantico National Cemetery with only four people in attendance.