



## Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 9-22 April 2016

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### RELEASED REPORTS

1. [Independent Review of the Australian National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security](#)  
(8 Apr) By *Humanitarian Advisory Group*  
The Australian National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2012-2018 (Australian NAP) is the Australian Government's primary mechanism for fulfilling its commitment to turn the landmark United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) and the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda into action.
2. [Data Trends and Analysis of Military Justice Case Data for Sexual Assault Offenses Adjudicated in Fiscal Years 2012-2014](#)  
(19 Apr) By *The Judicial Proceedings Panel*  
The Judicial Proceedings Panel is an independent federal advisory committee tasked with conducting an independent review and assessment of military judicial proceedings for sexual assault offenses since Fiscal Year 2012, for the purpose of developing recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Defense for improvements to such proceedings.
3. [H.R. 4909—FY17 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL](#)  
(21 Apr) Summary of bill language related to servicewomen topics:
  - Section 10xx—Evaluation of Navy Alternate Combination Cover and Unisex Combination Cover (Navy)
  - Section 2853—Support for Military Service Memorials and Museums Highlighting Role of Women in the Military
  - Other Matters—Combat Footwear Survey (Army)

### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

4. [Need a mentor? Junior military officers can find one on this site](#)  
(10 Apr) *Military Times*, By *Charlsey Panzino*  
Sometimes all a transitioning service member needs is advice from someone who's been there.
5. [The Marine Corps' new tattoo policy is weeks away](#)  
(13 Apr) *Marine Corps Times*, By *Jeff Schogol*  
Updates to the Marine Corps' tattoo policy, addressing the size, placement and potential career ramifications of excessive ink, are expected to be released within weeks, *Marine Corps Times* has learned
6. [The Army's first female infantry recruit wants to be on the front lines](#)  
(13 Apr) *Army Times*, By *Kevin Lilley*  
When it was announced the jobs would be opened, infantry attracted Barnett immediately. She looked forward to "being on the front lines," she said.
7. ['Enlisted Military' Listed Among the Worst Jobs of 2016](#)  
(14 Apr) *The Sitrep*, By *Lucy S.*  
The annual CareerCast ranking of the 200 worst jobs in the United States was not kind to the military community.
8. [Navy scraps recruiting mailer over sexism accusations](#)  
(19 Apr) *The Associated Press*, By *Todd Richmond*  
The U.S. Navy said Tuesday it has scrapped a national recruiting mailer that promised women they can enlist without compromising their feminine side and pursue careers that "most girls aren't even aware of."

## EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

9. **Flag Officer Assignments.** The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignments:
  - Rear Adm. (lower half) Yancy B. Lindsey will be assigned as commander, Navy Region Southwest, San Diego, California. Lindsey is currently serving as commandant, Naval District Washington, Washington, District of Columbia.
  - Capt. Anne M. Swap, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Navy Medicine East; and director of the Medical Service Corps, Portsmouth, Virginia. Swap is currently serving as director, Medical Resources, Plans, and Policy Division, N0931, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia.
10. **General Officer Assignment.** The chief of staff, Army announced the following assignment: Brig. Gen. Maria R. Gervais, commandant, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
11. **General Officer Assignment.** The chief of staff, Air Force announced the following assignment: Col. Brook J. Leonard, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from senior military assistant to the secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.
12. **General Officer Announcement.** Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Loretta E. Reynolds has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Reynolds is currently serving as commander, Marine Forces Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland.
13. **General Officer Announcement.** Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Gen. Lori J. Robinson for appointment to the rank of general and for assignment as commander, U.S. Northern Command; and commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Robinson is currently serving as commander, Pacific Air Forces, Air Component; commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and executive director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.
14. **Woman Commander Leads Way for New Female Combat Engineers**  
*(6Apr) Military.com, By Richard Sisk*  
Army Lt. Col. Lynn Ray has become one of the key female officers in the Pentagon's grand design to have them serve as combination role models and taskmasters in moving women into previously restricted military occupational specialties.
15. **Marine Corps considers new fitness instructor MOS**  
*(8 Apr) Marine Corps Times, By Lance M. Bacon*  
Top Marine leaders are recommending that 1,000 new fitness instructors be trained across the fleet in an effort to professionalize the Corps' approach to fitness.
16. **Seale woman experienced 'Ashley's War' for herself**  
*(9 Apr) Ledger-Equirer*  
Known as the Cultural Support Team, the women were attached to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment and other elite units.
17. **Ex-DOD official: No 'substantive' opposition to transgender troops**  
*(11 Apr) The Hill, By Rebecca Kneel*  
There has been no vocal opposition inside the Pentagon to a plan to allow transgender troops to serve openly, the department's recently departed personnel chief said Monday.
18. **No Lowered Standards for Women in Combat**  
*(11 Apr) AUSA*  
In blunt and forceful language, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley vowed that the rigorous standards for assignment to combat units have not and will not be lowered for women in any way.

19. [Navy secretary to discuss women in combat at Camp Pendleton](#)  
(12 Apr) *Associated Press*, By Elliot Spagat  
Navy Secretary Ray Mabus has squared off against Marine Corps leaders who resisted recruiting women for all combat jobs. On Tuesday, he takes his case to a broader audience at Camp Pendleton, California.
20. [Marine Corps: Men and women must meet same standards for combat jobs](#)  
(12 Apr) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol  
The Marine Corps will not lower physical standards to allow women to join combat jobs, such as infantry, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus vowed Tuesday.
21. [First time: Army infantry, armor transfers open to women lieutenants](#)  
(12 Apr) *Army Times*, By Jim Tice  
An eight-week application window has opened for women lieutenants of the Army Competitive Category who want to branch-transfer to Infantry or Armor
22. [SECNAV Mabus to Marines: Boot Camp Gender Integration Will be Gradual, Not Lower Standards](#)  
(13 Apr) *USNI News*, By Gidget Fuentes  
As 1,000 Marines watched and listened attentively, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus told them that, with support from Marine Corps leaders, gender integration “will be pretty seamless.”
23. [Marines' controversial path to integrating combat women](#)  
(14 Apr) *The Christian Science Monitor*, By Anna Mulrine  
The Marine Corps has decided to keep men and women separate during boot camp. The Marines say it's common sense. Advocates for women say it's part of a deeper recalcitrance toward integration.
24. [Corps Receives First Infantry Request from Female Marine](#)  
(14 Apr) *Military.com*, By Hope Hodge Seck  
The Marine Corps has received its first request from an enlisted female Marine to join the infantry ranks, an official confirmed today.
25. [Army approves first 22 female officers for ground combat jobs](#)  
(15 Apr) *USA Today*, By Jim Michaels  
The Army announced Friday the first 22 women to be commissioned as infantry and armor officers under new rules that open all ground combat jobs to females this year.
26. [We asked 1,000 Marines how they feel about women's skirts. Here's what they said](#)  
(16 Apr) *Marine Corps Times*, By Lance M. Bacon  
High-waisted pencil skirts, tapered below the thigh, ranked most popular in an informal and unscientific survey of more than 1,100 Marine Corps Times readers who were asked for feedback on the service's effort to update women's service and dress uniforms.
27. [First female Marine applies to join the infantry](#)  
(15 Apr) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol  
The first of more than 200 enlisted female Marines who have successfully completed training for combat jobs has requested to join the infantry, Marine Corps Times has learned.
28. [Wash. state woman to be among first female tank operators](#)  
(15 Apr) *The Associated Press*  
A Port Orchard, Washington, woman has signed on to be among the first female tank operators.
29. [Be an Army Ranger now: Long list of job opportunities](#)  
(18 Apr) *Army Times*, By Jim Tice  
Applications are being accepted for potential selection and assignment to the 75th Ranger Regiment — one of the Army's most diverse and demanding units.

30. [\*\*In Marines' new fitness plan, pullups for women won't be mandatory\*\*](#)  
(18 Apr) *Marine Corps Times*, By Lance M. Bacon  
Marine leaders have proposed a new physical fitness test that would still allow women to do the flexed-arm hang — but they're not likely to earn a first-class score without pullups.
31. [\*\*The Navy SEALs are now open to women but no one has stepped forward\*\*](#)  
(19 Apr) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers  
A few women soldiers have earned the Army's coveted Ranger badge. A female Marine will be the first woman to enter MARSOC's grueling selection process. But no women have stepped up to join the Navy's most elite combat units more than a month after they formally opened.
32. [\*\*Pressure grows on Marines to consider lowering combat standards for women\*\*](#)  
(19 Apr) *The Washington Times*, By Rowan Scarborough  
They are on the lookout for standards they believe are no longer relevant in today's battlefield.
33. [\*\*Navy's top admiral wants to explore a radical new fitness test\*\*](#)  
(20 Apr) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers  
It's not just fitness gurus who are fired up about an operational fitness test for sailors.
34. [\*\*4-star: Women will excel in the military's toughest jobs\*\*](#)  
(21 Apr) *Navy Times*, By Meghann Myers  
There's not a military job that a qualified woman can't do, the Pentagon's No. 2 general said.
35. [\*\*Women Marines Signing Up For Combat Duty\*\*](#)  
(21 Apr) *KPBS*, By Susan Murphy  
A few women are now signing up for jobs in the war zone, including Marines at Camp Pendleton.

## WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

36. [\*\*Study: Families experience generally few long-term effects from deployment\*\*](#)  
(11 Apr) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers  
On balance, most military families bounce back from deployments, according to findings of the first comprehensive study of military families over the deployment cycle.
37. [\*\*SAPRO Director: Everyone Has a Part in Preventing Sexual Assault\*\*](#)  
(13 Apr) *DoD News*, By Lisa Ferdinando  
April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month, and the theme for this year's observance is, "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part," said Army Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, who is the director of the office responsible for oversight of the DoD sexual assault prevention and response policy.
38. [\*\*Pentagon Misled Lawmakers on Military Sexual Assault Cases\*\*](#)  
(18 Apr) *The Associated Press*, By Richard Lardner  
The Pentagon misled Congress by using inaccurate or vague information about sexual assault cases in an effort to blunt support for a Senate bill that would make a major change in how the military handles allegations of sexual misconduct, an Associated Press investigation found.
39. [\*\*Second lady calls for more research to help military children\*\*](#)  
(18 Apr) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers  
Second lady Jill Biden called for more data and research about military children, during a summit of educators, advocates and others, discussing ways to better prepare school personnel to meet the needs of military-connected children.
40. [\*\*Pingree wants protections for military sex assault survivors\*\*](#)  
(19 Apr) *The Associated Press*  
U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree wants the U.S. Director of National Intelligence to avoid forcing military sexual assault survivors to disclose that they have sought counseling when they fill out security clearance forms.

41. [Senators call on Obama to investigate sexual assault cases](#)  
(19 Apr) *The Associated Press*, By Richard Lardner  
President Barack Barack Obama is being urged by two U.S. senators to investigate whether the Pentagon misled Congress with information about sexual assault cases in an effort to undercut support for a Senate bill that senior military officials steadfastly oppose.
42. [Navy reservist gets probation in voyeurism case](#)  
(19 Apr) *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, By Dana Littlefield  
A Navy reservist accused of peering into the rooms of female shipmates and secretly recording video of them has been placed on probation for three years.
43. [West Point cadet candidate pleads guilty to sexual assault](#)  
(20 Apr) *The Associated Press*  
A U.S. Military Preparatory School student seeking to be a West Point cadet has pleaded guilty to sexual assault.
44. [The Evolution of the Navy SAPR Program](#)  
(20 Apr) *Navy Life*, By Julia Strange  
Since establishment of the program in 1994, the Navy SAPR program has been continually augmented by additional evidence-based approaches in an effort to better serve victims of sexual assault while also getting ahead of the problem through primary prevention.
45. [Army releases results of March courts-martial](#)  
(21 Apr) *Army Times*, Staff Report  
The Army on Thursday released the results of 73 courts-martial that concluded in March. Names of soldiers found not guilty on all charges were not provided.

## WOMEN VETERANS

46. [Mounting number of victims in VA hospital sex abuse scandal](#)  
(12 Apr) *The Virginian-Pilot*  
A former physician assistant is accused of sexual battery and other crimes involving at least seven patients at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Kansas, and a lawyer says more victims will emerge.
47. [Senate rekindles debate on helping wounded veterans have children](#)  
(14 Apr) *Stars and Stripes*, By Travis J. Tritten  
Senators on Thursday renewed the call to lift a decades-old ban on the Department of Veterans Affairs providing in vitro fertilization to wounded veterans looking to have children.
48. [Female Marine vet turns 100 in style](#)  
(16 Apr) *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, By Karla Peterson  
Gallivan was honorably discharged in 1945, but the Marines had her for life. She went on to have a civilian career at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, retiring from her job as a general's assistant in 1986 after decades of service.
49. [Women pilots were WWII heroines](#)  
(18 Apr) *Mail Tribune*, By Vickie Aldous  
[Author William (Bill) M. Miller] said the WASPs did the same job as many men, but because they were not officially members of the military, they did the work for less money. It wasn't until 1977 that the government granted WASPs veteran status and veteran benefits. "These women didn't want to bake cookies. They wanted to be part of the war effort," Miller said.
50. [Sexual assault in military tied to veterans' homelessness](#)  
(21 Apr) *Military Times*, By Patricia Kime  
New research finds that troops who are sexually assaulted are at higher risk for homelessness, with males in greater jeopardy than females.