



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 9-29 July 2016

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Second-term Marines to see bump in re-up cash as the Corps fights to keep NCOs in uniform](#)
(8 Jul) *Marine Corps Times*, By Lance M. Bacon
Marine leaders are on a mission to keep good sergeants, and they're offering more re-up bonuses to noncommissioned officers in order to get them to stay in the Corps.
2. [The Pentagon keeps data on millennials. This is what it says](#)
(9 Jul) *Military Times*, By Andrew Tilghman
Young Americans continue to show steady interest in military service despite the improved economy and fading sense of patriotic duty that can be traced directly to 9/11, according to an analysis of Defense Department data conducted by Military Times.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

3. [Flag Officer Announcements](#). Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced today that the president has made the following nominations:
 - Capt. Tina A. Davidson, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as director, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy Division, N0931, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia. Davidson is currently serving as deputy director, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy Division, N0931, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia.
 - Capt. Gayle D. Shaffer, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as liaison officer, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Defense Health Agency, Falls Church, Virginia. Shaffer is currently serving as assistant deputy chief, medical operations (M3), Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Falls Church, Virginia.
4. [General Officer Assignment](#). The chief of staff, Army announces the following officer assignment:
 - Maj. Gen. Jody J. Daniels, U.S. Army Reserve, assistant deputy chief of staff, intelligence (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia, to deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
5. [House Approves Measure to Bar Women From Draft Registration](#)
(7 Jul) *Associated Press*
The Republican-led House backed a measure Thursday that seeks to bar women from being required to register for a potential military draft, a victory for social conservatives who fear that forcing females to sign up is another step toward the blurring of gender lines.
6. [Oklahoma Guard's 1st Female Combat Arms Officer Conducts Fire Missions](#)
(8 Jul) *Army News*, By Sgt. Anthony Jones
The Soldiers performed their jobs with clock-like precision needed in field artillery, without any mention of the uniqueness of the mission they had just carried out. That uniqueness comes from the officer who helped coordinate the mission, 1st Lt. Kayla Christopher, the Oklahoma Army National Guard's first qualified female field artillery officer.

7. [Army's 1st female Master Gunner brings weapons training expertise to Reserve unit](#)
(10 Jul) *Army Times*, By Kyle Jahner
Sgt. 1st Class Sarah Saunders is the first female graduate of the Army's Master Gunner Common Core Course, marking yet another first for the service as it removes gender-based restrictions on jobs across the force.
8. [Air Force: No plans to drop 'man' from job titles](#)
(11 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
The Marine Corps has decided to drop "man" from job titles in a bid to be more gender neutral, but the Air Force still isn't planning to follow suit.
9. [Enlisted women nearing first submarine patrol](#)
(13 Jul) *Kitsap Sun*, By Ed Friedrich
The first enlisted women to serve aboard a Navy submarine have arrived and are preparing to sail on the USS Michigan.
10. [First for Air Force: Female airman begins TACP training](#)
(14 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
For the first time in Air Force history, a woman has begun training to become a tactical air control party airman.
11. [First enlisted women to sail on Navy submarine at Bangor](#)
(14 Jul) *Associated Press*
The first group of enlisted women to serve on board a Navy submarine is preparing to sail on the USS Michigan.
12. [2 of 5 Air National Guard female fighter pilots based in South Dakota](#)
(20 Jul) *Fox News*, *Associated Press*
They're two of just five women in the U.S. who can operate F-16 Fighting Falcon jets for the Air National Guard, but their gender is the last thing the millennial pilots based in South Dakota dwell on.
13. [Commanders Have A Lot To Learn Fast On Transgender Issue](#)
(21 Jul) *Military Advantage Blog*, By Tom Philpott
Many military commanders might have been surprised June 30 when Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that, effective immediately, transgender service members could be open about their preferred gender without fear of involuntary dismissal or denial of enlistment or continued service "just for being transgender," as Carter explained it.
14. [Here comes G.I. Jane: Army accepts first women to attend school to become Green Berets](#)
(22 Jul) *Washington Times*, By Alex Quade
Two female Army officers will make history when they report to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in their first step toward earning the Special Forces tab and becoming Green Berets.
15. [2 female officers' applications approved for SFAS](#)
(25 Jul) *Army Times*, By Kyle Jahner
In another first for women seeking combat jobs, the Army has approved applications from two female officers to attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection class, an early step toward becoming a Green Beret.
16. [Women will attempt Army Special Forces training soon — but they're not the first](#)
(25 Jul) *Washington Post*, By Dan Lamothe
Two female Army officers have been selected to enter the training pipeline to join all-male Special Forces units, becoming the first soldiers to do so since Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter rescinded a ban that banned women from ground combat assignments.
17. [Chaplains violated policy by appearing at event in uniform, according to IG complaint](#)
(26 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Phillip Swarts
The Air Force's two-star chief of chaplains, his deputy, and an Army chaplain, violated service regulations by attending, in uniform, an event sponsored by the Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

18. [Post-9/11 vet unemployment at 4.4 percent in June](#)
(8 Jul) *Military Times*, By George R. Altman
Unemployment for the latest generation of veterans rose slightly in June but still remains near record-low levels, government data show.
19. [DoD Safe Helpline Offers Specialized Support to Sexual Assault Victims](#)
(15 Jul) *DoD News*, By Amaani Lyle
Staff at the Department of Defense Safe Helpline recently spoke with DoD News to discuss how they provide 24/7 anonymous, live, one-on-one crisis intervention, support, information and resources to members of the DoD community who have been affected by sexual assault.
20. [Army releases results of June courts-martial](#)
(19 Jul) *Army Times*, Staff Report
The Army on Monday released summaries of the 59 courts-martial that concluded in June. Names of soldiers who were acquitted of all charges were not provided.
21. [Sex for career advancement: Senior Navy officer fights salacious accusations](#)
(26 Jul) *Navy Times*, By David Larter
A former cruiser skipper accused of offering a junior officer her surface warfare pin in exchange for sex claims the woman is the one who made advances on him, as the fired officer fights to save his career.
22. [Congress wrestles with providing fertility benefits for injured veterans and servicemembers](#)
(27 Jul) *Washington Post*, By Karoun Demirjian
This was the year the government was going to start helping injured veterans and members of the military maintain their ability to start families by offering unprecedented fertility preservation programs.
23. [New DoD Investigative Unit To Focus On Sexual Assault-Related Reprisals](#)
(28 Jul) *Stars and Stripes*, By Dianna Cahn
A new unit in the Defense Department's Office of Inspector General will focus solely on complaints of retaliation against military members who report sexual assault, highlighting a commitment to end the double victimization of victims.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS/MEDIA

24. [Military women to compete in world championship](#)
(13 Jul) *San Diego Union-Tribune*, By Laura McIntosh
More than 70 top female basketball players serving in the armed forces across the globe are scheduled to converge at Camp Pendleton from July 25-31 for a world championship tournament.
25. [Air Force's first female fighter pilot talks training, F-35, future wars](#)
(14 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Oriana Pawlyk
Airmen at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and the Las Vegas community have labeled Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt a "local celebrity" as the Air Force's first female fighter pilot and the first woman to take control of the 57th Wing this year.
26. [Miss USA: Army career toughened me up for pageant competition](#)
(17 Jul) *Army Times*, By Luke Carberry Mogan
Reserve 1st Lt. Deshauna Barber may have made Miss USA pageant history by becoming the first service member to hold the title but she's determined to not let anyone role define her.
27. [Female Air Force pilot amputee returns to the skies](#)
(23 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Oriana Pawlyk
She still needs to complete a requalifying syllabus for full-flying status in the next few weeks, and will soon PCS to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. But by winter, Wise says she will likely be ready to deploy overseas for her second career deployment.

28. [Upstate Woman to Become Top Enlisted Airman in NY Air Guard](#)

(25 Jul) *Associated Press*

A veteran of the war in Afghanistan is set to become the first woman to hold the top enlisted airman's position in the New York Air National Guard.

29. [World Military Women's Basketball Championship Begins](#)

(26 Jul) *Army News Service*, By Gary Sheftick

Teams from the United States, Brazil, Canada, China, France and Germany kicked off the World Military Women's Basketball Championship here at Paige Fieldhouse, July 25.

30. [U.S. Basketballers Beat French Hoopsters at CISM Women's Tournament](#)

(28 Jul) *Army News Service*, By Gary Sheftick

Team USA beat the French, 85-53, to remain undefeated in the second day of the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Women's Basketball Championship here in Paige Fieldhouse, July 26.

WOMEN VETERANS

31. [Women veterans take key roles at the party conventions](#)

(27 Jul) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III

Women veterans have become a key talking point at both political conventions this month, but community leaders say that attention alone won't be enough to address the challenges facing their population.