



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 1-14 July 2017

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Marines can get an extra \\$10,000 by re-enlisting before Sept. 30](#)
(5 Jul) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Listen up Devil Dogs: If you indicate between now and Sept. 30 that you want to re-enlist, you can get \$10,000 on top of any Selective Retention Bonus.
2. [Air Force 'chronically undermanned' in cyber](#)
(5 Jul) *C4ISRNET*, By Mark Pomerleau
The Air Force was recently the punching bag for harsh jabs made by the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.
3. [Mark Warner warns Jim Mattis not to kick out noncitizen recruits](#)
(6 Jul) *Washington Examiner*, By Travis J. Tritten
The top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee warned Defense Secretary Jim Mattis that any attempt to cancel enlistment contracts with thousands of noncitizen military recruits will be met with "strong, swift action" on Capitol Hill.
4. [Take three years off: Army expands Career Intermission Pilot Program](#)
(9 Jul) *Army Times*, By Charlsy Panzino
The Army is expanding opportunities for soldiers to participate in its Career Intermission Pilot Program, according to a new directive from the secretary of the Army.
5. [Chicago's new requirement for high school students: No plan, no diploma](#)
(9 Jul) *CNN*, By Ray Sanchez
Under a controversial new requirement, starting in 2020, students hoping to graduate from a public high school in Chicago must provide evidence they, too, have a plan for the future: either acceptance to college or a gap-year program, a trade apprenticeship, military enlistment or a job offer
6. [Air Force expands opportunities to go MTI, recruiter and more](#)
(11 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
It's now a lot easier to become a military training instructor, recruiter or be assigned to any other developmental special duty job.
7. [Enlisted airmen's first-term retraining opportunities to shrink in 2018](#)
(11 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
The number of first-term airmen who can retrain into highly in-demand jobs will shrink in fiscal 2018, although the number of career fields they can switch to is set to expand slightly.
8. [The Army's hottest jobs: How to get into the MOS you want and make the big bucks](#)
(12 Jul) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers
The Army is offering big bucks to qualified soldiers as it works to hire and retain across the force.

9. [Lawmakers reach initial deal to expand GI education bill](#)

(13 Jul) Associated Press, By Hope Yen

Congressional Republicans and Democrats have reached an initial agreement on the biggest expansion of college aid for military veterans in a decade, removing a 15-year time limit to tap into benefits and boosting money for thousands in the National Guard and Reserve.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

10. [Science Has Consistently Underestimated Women Because Scientists Are Sexist](#)

(21 Jun) Broadly, By Sirin Kale

In her new book, "Inferior: How Science Got Women Wrong," Angela Saini argues that the "sexist baggage" within science has made us—mistakenly—believe women are weaker than men.

11. [House lawmakers threaten to block new military transgender rules](#)

(28 Jun) Military Times, By Leo Shane III

Republican House lawmakers want Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to reverse military plans to allow transgender individuals to enlist in the military, and on Wednesday threatened legislative action if he moves ahead with the idea.

12. [Statement by Chief Pentagon Spokesperson Dana W. White on Transgender Accessions](#)

(30 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-250-17)

Secretary Mattis today approved a recommendation by the services to defer accessing transgender applicants into the military until Jan. 1, 2018. The services will review their accession plans and provide input on the impact to the readiness and lethality of our forces.

13. [Mattis delays new transgender policy for US military](#)

(30 Jun) Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is giving the military chiefs another six months to conduct a review to determine if allowing transgender individuals to enlist in the armed services will affect the "readiness or lethality" of the force.

14. [New Army Training Tells Female Soldiers To 'Accept' Naked Men In Their Showers](#)

(5 Jul) The Federalist, By James Hasson

Female soldiers who feel uncomfortable sharing facilities with individuals who still have "physical characteristics of the opposite sex" will just have to put up with it.

15. [How the Death of a Muslim Recruit Revealed a Culture of Brutality in the Marines](#)

(6 Jul) New York Times, By Janet Reitman

Recruits at Parris Island have been subjected to severe hazing, far beyond that experienced in other U.S. military boot camps. Is this really the only way to create a warrior?

16. [The PFT and CFT can be gender neutral. Here's how.](#)

(10 Jul) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol

For years, the Marine Corps has set fitness standards lower for women, a gesture of fairness based on the belief that women are inherently less strong and would be unable to meet the more rigorous requirements set for men.

17. [Navy secretary nominee open to base closures, women in combat roles](#)

(11 Jul) The Hill, By Ellen Mitchell

Investment banker and former Marine aviator Richard V. Spencer said if confirmed as the next Navy secretary he is open to another round of base closures and allowing women to serve in all combat roles.

18. [Southcom Commander Opens Women-in-Military Meeting](#)

(12 Jul) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Cheryl Pellerin

In his opening remarks yesterday at the Women in Military and Security Conference in Guatemala City, Guatemala, the commander of U.S. Southern Command said the meeting was convened to talk about the future of professional military and security forces in the region.

19. [House panel advances amendment blocking Pentagon funding for gender transition](#)
(12 Jul) *The Hill*, By Rebecca Kheel
The Rules Committee has voted in favor of sending an amendment to the House floor that would prohibit Pentagon funding from being used for medical care related to gender transition.
20. [House kills proposed ban on transgender surgery for troops, 209-214](#)
(13 Jul) *Defense News*, By Joe Gould
The House narrowly voted down a Republican proposal to bar the Pentagon from paying for gender-transition surgeries.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

21. [Study reveals that women are literally working themselves to death](#)
(21 Jun) *Fusion*, By Taryn Hillin
The health risks associated with long workweeks were *much* greater for women than men. The researchers hypothesize that one reason women are experiencing more adverse health affects is because, beyond carrying a full-time job, women are also saddled with the brunt of housework and childrearing—what many sociologists refer to as the "second shift"—which increases their work time and stress levels.
22. [Senators propose more help for military families seeking child care](#)
(27 Jun) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers
Two senators have introduced a proposal aimed at making more child care available to military families, primarily by seeking out more spaces in the civilian community.
23. [Navy upholds ejection of Iowa State midshipman who reported sex assault](#)
(6 Jul) *Associated Press*, By Ryan J. Foley
Navy leaders have backed off a commander's claim that an Iowa State University midshipman fabricated a sexual assault but ruled the victim will nonetheless be expelled for drinking underage before the molestation occurred.
24. [Lieutenant colonel faces court-martial for sexual assault, fraternization charges](#)
(8 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
A lieutenant colonel is scheduled to face a court-martial next month on charges of sexual assault, fraternization and failure to obey a lawful order.
25. [Guilty plea in first Marines United court-martial](#)
(10 Jul) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
A Marine has pleaded guilty at a summary court-martial to sharing explicit pictures on the Marines United Facebook group without permission and will be administratively separated, the Marine Corps announced on Monday.
26. [Air Force Academy's sexual assault prevention office under investigation](#)
(10 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Charlsy Panzino
The Air Force Academy is conducting an internal investigation into its Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office, according to the school.
27. [Inside the Nude Photo Scandal That Rocked The Marine Corps](#)
(10 Jul) *Esquire*, By Elliot Ackerman
In what one observer called "weaponized" sexual harassment, members of a Facebook group called Marines United crowdsourced thousands of images of hundreds of naked servicewomen, including selfies, creepshots, and intimate photos.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

28. [Army Veteran Pushes Through PTSD; Hopes to Break Records](#)
(2 Jul) *DoD News*, *Defense Media Activity*, By Shannon Collins
As wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans representing American, British and Australian teams take to the track today to compete for medals, medically retired Army Staff Sgt. Megan Grudzinski hopes to break her own records from last year's Department of Defense Warrior Games and that Team Army will have a strong showing.

29. [Navy Athlete Hears Warrior Games Calling](#)
(2 Jul) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins
After 9/11, a Navy aviation structural mechanic said she wasn't going to join the military, but heard a still, small voice that encouraged her to join.
30. [Anti-terrorism sailor earns Navy Times Service Member of the Year honorable mention](#)
(4 Jul) Navy Times, Staff Report
A recipient of six Navy Achievement Medals, Master at Arms First Class Margaret Clay was selected in 2016 as both the Naval Support Activity Charleston Sailor of the Year and the Women in Defense Palmetto Chapter Military Woman of the Year for contributions to national security and for a dedication to the advancement of women in the military.
31. [Soldier Represents Team, Women at Warrior Games](#)
(5 Jul) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins
Michelle Sanchez, a medically separated Army specialist, was the only female archer to make it into the top eight in the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games compound bow competition, and the only female on the Army's gold-medal winning compound bow team.
32. [Warrior Games Help Marine Athlete Recover, Provide Joy for Family](#)
(8 Jul) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins
For Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Danielle Pothoof, adaptive sports and her participation in the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games have helped to keep her and her family happy.
33. [Face of Defense: Air Force Maintainer Gets Flight of a Lifetime](#)
(11 Jul) 35th Fighter Wing, By Air Force Senior Airman Jarrod Vickers
For Air Force Airman 1st Class Jaimie Smith, a 14th Fighter Squadron aircraft maintenance crew chief assigned to temporary duty here, her work is more than a just a job.
34. [Face of Defense: Airman Ensures Critical Communication](#)
(13 Jul) 341st Missile Wing, By Air Force Airman 1st Class Daniel Brosam
Air Force Senior Airman Jasmine Helm-Lucas, a munitions controller with the 341st Munitions Squadron, acts as a gatekeeper for granting maintenance airmen access to the weapons storage area where they will perform maintenance on missile reentry systems and vehicles.

WOMEN VETERANS

35. [Bush: This July 4, let's make special effort to honor women veterans](#)
(1 Jul) Houston Chronicle, By Olivia Christina Bush
"I went to the college financial aid office and asked about veterans benefits," said one woman Army veteran. "The man there reflexively asked, 'Dad or husband?'" As of 2014, Texas had the highest number of women veterans of all U.S. states - more than 177,000 - and it has the fastest growing population of women veterans.
36. [ESPN 'Body Issue' features first war vet on cover](#)
(5 Jul) USA Today Sports (Video)
Kirstie Ennis is making headlines as one of the cover athletes for ESPN's 2017 'Body Issue.' The former Marine is the first war veteran and amputee athlete to grace the cover of the 'Body Issue
37. [Military hero MJ Hegar launches Democratic bid against U.S. Rep. John Carter](#)
(6 Jul) The Texas Tribune, By Patrick Svitek
Decorated Air Force veteran MJ Hegar is hoping to flip a reliably Republican MJ congressional district that includes one of the country's largest military bases.
38. [Meet Esther Blake, the First Woman to Join the Air Force](#)
(8 Jul) NBC News, By Marilyn Haigh
After her eldest son was shot down while flying a B-17 and reported missing during World War II, Esther Blake became a woman on a mission — to enlist in the military herself and help end the war. She joined the Women's Army Corps in 1944 and, 69 years ago today, on July 8, 1948, the 51-year-old became the first woman to enlist in the Air Force.

39. **West County: Flights of Honor**

(11 Jul) Capital Gazette, By Sharon P. Schultz

At 101, Retired Technical Sergeant Opal McIntosh was recognized for her outstanding service to our country as one of the few living World War II veterans.