



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 17-30 June 2017

DACOWITS IN THE NEWS

1. [Servicewomen gather in Norfolk at largest conference for military women in the country Thursday](#)
(15 Jun) *The Virginian-Pilot*, By Isabel Dobrin
Retired Air Force Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, one of the speakers, spoke about the strides she saw during her 35 years of service, and the gains she continues to see as an advocate for servicewomen. Wolfenbarger, who was the first four-star general in the Air Force, serves as the chair of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Formed in 1951, the committee is made up of civilians and veterans – men and women – who are appointed by the secretary of defense to provide recommendations for recruiting, retaining and integrating women in the armed forces, Wolfenbarger said.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

2. [The Army is growing by thousands of soldiers. Here's where they're going to go.](#)
(15 Jun) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers
The Army is on track to reach its end strength goal of 1,018,000 soldiers by the end of September, and that will mean enough manpower to fill holes in existing combat units, save some units from planned deactivations, and man some new ones.
3. [Millennial Women Are Worse Off Than Their Mothers](#)
(16 Jun) *The Huffington Post*, By Laura Bassett
While young women of the baby-boom generation saw rapid progress in terms of economic equality, health and overall well-being compared to their mothers, that trend has started to reverse for young millennial women, according to a new study by the Population Reference Bureau.
4. [Navy Dad Beams With Pride as Four of His Daughters Graduate From Prestigious Naval Academy One by One](#)
(18 Jun) *Independent Journal Review*, By Jenni Fink
As an elite institution with only an 8% acceptance rate, it's rare to have siblings attend the academy and it's unprecedented to have four sisters graduate.
5. [Guard and Reserve officers, NCOs who want to go on active duty must apply soon](#)
(19 Jun) *Army Times*, By Kathleen Curthoys
Soldiers in the Army Reserve and Army National Guard have less than a month to apply to the Call to Active Duty program, which selects officers and NCOs to go into the active component.
6. [Navy increases up or out limits for petty officers](#)
(21 Jun) *Navy Times*, By Mark D. Faram
Navy personnel officials announced today that they are changing the service's "up or out" deadlines for petty officers — effective Aug. 1 — which will allow thousands to stay in the service longer.
7. [Navy cuts 20 re-up bonus levels](#)
(21 Jun) *Navy Times*, By Mark Faram
As the fiscal year heads into its final quarter in July, Navy personnel officials are tightening the belt on re-up bonuses. Navy officials released an administrative message today updating award levels for those on active-duty.

8. [**Military Children Use Virtual Reality Simulators at STEM Workshop**](#)
(22 Jun) *Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences*, By Sarah Marshall
A group of about 23 middle school-aged military children had a chance to learn inspiring and exciting lessons about military medical science using virtual and augmented reality during a June 3-4 workshop held at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.
9. [**West Point's incoming Class of 2021 prepares for Reception Day**](#)
(26 Jun) *Army Times*, By Ashley Bunch
A diverse class of cadets will report to West Point next Monday for Reception Day, including 301 women and 207 African-Americans — both numbers representing historic highs for the Army's military academy.
10. [**More sailors needed now: The Navy prepares to meet Trump's goal of 355 ships**](#)
(26 Jun) *Navy Times*, By Mark Faram
The Navy is quietly setting in motion plans to dramatically expand the size of the fleet by adding thousands of sailors who would be needed to meet the Trump administrations goal of a 355-ship Navy.
11. [**Would GI Bill changes affect military recruitment?**](#)
(27 Jun) *Military Times*, By Natalie Gross
Changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other education benefits may have little impact on military recruitment and retention, a new study suggests.
12. [**1,000 foreign-born military recruits facing deportation under proposed Pentagon plan**](#)
(28 Jun) *Military Times*, By Mackenzie Wolf
One thousand foreign-born military recruits are facing deportation under a proposed Pentagon plan to cancel enlistment contracts for those without legal immigration status, reports The Washington Post.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

13. [**Female exec says she was fired for 'acting like a man'**](#)
(11 Jun) *New York Post*, By Kathianne Boniello
A successful female marketing exec was fired for being too aggressive, too emotional, too profane — basically, for “acting like a man,” an arbitrator found in awarding her a whopping \$41 million.
14. [**18-year-old from Arizona could become 1st woman to make it to the NFL**](#)
(14 Jun) *New York Times*, By WITW Staff
Becca Longo, an 18-year-old kicker from Arizona, has become the first woman to earn a football scholarship at the Division II level or higher.
15. [**Here's What Marines Have To Say About The New PFT Standards**](#)
(15 Jun) *Task & Purpose*, By James Clark
A lot of changes hit the Marine Corps' annual physical fitness test this year: a sliding point scale based on age; pull-ups for female Marines; a rowing option for those over 46; swap push-ups for pull-ups; and the chance to take the test more than once. Task & Purpose reached out to some of the devil dogs who recently took the PFT to find out how the changes are impacting their performances.
16. [**Chief Select Inmon: First Active Duty Female Chief Boom Operator**](#)
(16 Jun) *157th Air Refueling Wing*, By Airman Victoria Nelson
As a female, Inmon faced challenges throughout her career in order to reach her newest promotion. “I did not have many females to look up to in my career field,” she said. “Sometimes I felt like I had to work harder to prove myself.”
17. [**Flag Officer Assignment**](#)
(16 Jun) *IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-229-17)*
Acting Secretary of the Navy Sean Stackley and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson announced today the following assignment: Rear Adm. (lower half) Stephanie T. Keck will be assigned as deputy commander, Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S), U.S. Southern Command, Key West, Florida. Keck is currently serving as deputy director, operations and intelligence integration, JITDA, Washington, District of Columbia.

18. **General Officer Assignment**
(19 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-231-17)
The chief of staff, Air Force announces the assignments of the following general officer:
Col. Deanna M. Burt, who has been selected to the grade of brigadier general, from commander, 50th Space Wing, Air Force Space Command, Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, to vice commander, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Air Combat Command, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.
19. **Navy changes female ball cap and earring rules**
(21 Jun) *Navy Times*, By Mark Faram
All hands call question prompts decision allowing female Sailors to wear bun through ball cap. Navy officials also say the supply of the soon-to-be-discontinued Navy Working Uniform Type I maternity blouses are running thin due to production cuts in preparation for the Type III working uniform becoming available in the Fall.
20. **Pentagon weighs possible delay in new transgender recruits**
(23 Jun) *Reuters*, Staff Report
The Pentagon said on Friday it was reviewing recommendations from the U.S. military chiefs that included calls for more time to implement plans to allow new transgender recruits to join the U.S. armed forces.
21. **First 4 Women Graduate Cavalry Scout Training at Fort Benning**
(25 Jun) *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer*, By Ben Wright
For the first time in history at Fort Benning, Georgia, four women were among 162 soldiers who graduated Thursday from the Cavalry Scout One Station Unit Training.
22. **General Officer Assignments**
(26 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-237-17)
The chief of staff, Army, announces the assignment of the following general officers:
- Brig. Gen. Jennifer G. Buckner, deputy commander (operations), Cyber National Mission Force, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland, to deputy commander, Joint Task Force-ARES, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland.
 - Brig. Gen. Telita Crosland to deputy chief of staff for operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, Falls Church, Virginia. She most recently served as commander, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital; and director of health services, U.S. Army Medical Activity, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.
 - Brig. Gen. Lisa L. Doumont, U.S. Army Reserve, mobilization and reserve affairs (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia; and deputy commander (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Army Reserve Medical Command, Pinellas Park, Florida, to commanding general (Troop Program Unit), Medical Readiness and Training Command, San Antonio, Texas.
 - Col. (Promotable) Susan K. Arnold to assistant judge advocate general for military law and operations, U.S. Army, Washington, District of Columbia. She most recently served as staff judge advocate, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas.
23. **Lawmakers reject new plan to make women register for military drafts**
(28 Jun) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III
House lawmakers on Wednesday turned aside a new attempt to require women to register with the Selective Service, arguing that any changes should wait on a review of the entire draft system.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

24. **'Gentle' C-sections are growing in popularity**
(13 Jun) *CNN*, By Susan Scutti
Comparing gentle C-sections with the traditional form, the German researchers found no increase in complications for the mother or child, but the "gentle" procedure improved breastfeeding rates and provided an overall better experience for the mothers.
25. **First court-martial possible in Marines United investigation**
(15 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
One service member could face a court-martial and another has been administratively discharged in connection with the Marines United investigations, said Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller.

26. [Army busts another general for improper relationship with woman](#)
(22 Jun) *Washington Post*, By Craig Whitlock
The Army has demoted the former commander of the 1st Infantry Division for having “an inappropriate relationship” with a junior officer, the latest in a string of episodes in which Army generals have landed in trouble for personal misconduct.
27. [Bipartisan senators seek to boost expertise in military justice system](#)
(22 Jun) *The Hill*, By Rebecca Kheel
“Improving our military justice system will ensure victims of sexual assault and other crimes receive legal advice from well-qualified, experienced JAGs in the military justice system,” Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) said Thursday. “Our service members — both victims and defendants — deserve the best.”
28. [Therapy Dog Brightens Lives](#)
(27 Jun) *Missouri Air National Guard*, By Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison
When Sajek, the Sexual Assault Prevention Response Office's first therapy dog was medically retired here last year, Amy Creighton began the search for a new dog.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

29. [Face of Defense: Married Soldiers Become Jumpmasters Together](#)
(19 Jun) *10th Special Forces Group*, By Army Staff Sgt. William Reinier
When Daniel and Angel Durkee first met, they were in high school chemistry class in Canyon Lake, California, and the reaction was immediate. They started dating, but their bond would be tested as Daniel, a year older, graduated, joined the Army, and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
30. [Face of Defense: Civil Engineering Airman Builds Military, Civilian Careers](#)
(20 Jun) *National Guard Bureau*, By Air Force Tech. Sgt. Erich B. Smith
Though Air Force Senior Airman Samantha Ghareeb's military occupation involves excavators and bulldozers, one of her more memorable experiences in uniform -- helping to renovate an orphanage in Latvia -- required only hand tools.
31. [Airman helps U.S. win silver at world volleyball tournament](#)
(22 Jun) *JBLM Northwest Guardian*, By Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Schumaker
2nd Lt. Felicia Clement, 62nd Maintenance Squadron, was one of 12 members on the U.S. World Military Women’s Volleyball team competing at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Military Women’s Volleyball Championship at Naval Station Mayport, Fla., June 4 to 9.
32. [Face of Defense: 'Voice of the Tower' Knows Flow of the Range](#)
(26 Jun) *III Marine Expeditionary Force*, By Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Bernadette Wildes
"Good morning, shooters. Face up-range and listen for your range safety brief," said Marine Corps Sgt. Krista Marshik, the voice of the tower for the combat pistol program.
33. [Airman of the Year saves lives, prepares new airmen for service](#)
(27 Jun) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey
Tech. Sgt. Megan Harper is Air Force Times’ 2017 Airman of the Year due to her nearly 15 years of service excellence — from the battlefields of Iraq as a security forces airman, to her devotion to producing outstanding young airmen as a Military Training Instructor, to serving her community and saving lives at home.

WOMEN VETERANS

34. [Vision for VA: Fewer maternity services and cancer docs, more private care options](#)
(20 Jun) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III
Future Veterans Affairs clinics could feature fewer maternity services, fewer cancer specialists and more reliance on private-sector clinics for routine or non-military care, under Secretary David Shulkin’s vision for the department.
35. [New Report Finds Lack Of Privacy In Female Veteran Health Care](#)
(20 Jun) *Task and Purpose*, By Sarah Sicard
The findings come amid rising concerns from veteran service organizations that more needs to be done to ensure adequate services are available to women who rely on the VA for health care.

36. [Megan Leavey Is A Good Iraq War Film. But Is It ‘Stolen Valor’?](#)

(22 Jun) Task & Purpose, By Adam Linehan

While some aspects of *Megan Leavey* smack of Hollywood’s overzealous touch, for the most part it registers, at least to this Army veteran, as authentic.