



## Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 23 September – 5 October 2017

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### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [New enlisted detailing, re-up rules to start in October](#)

*(27 Sep) Navy Times, By Mark D. Faram*

Navy officials are overhauling the re-up approval and orders negotiation timelines for all enlisted sailors starting Oct. 1.

2. [Air Force expands sign-up opportunities for sabbatical program](#)

*(27 Sep) Air Force Times, By Stephen Losey*

Airmen will now have three chances each year to apply for an up-to-three-year sabbatical from the Air Force.

### EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

3. [First female Marine to graduate from Infantry Officer Course](#)

*(21 Sep) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol*

A female infantry officer will make history next week when she becomes the first woman to graduate from the Marine Corps' grueling 84-day Infantry Officer Course, Marine Corps Times has confirmed.

4. [Africom-Led Forum Discusses Women's Roles in Global Security, Peacemaking](#)

*(22 Sep) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Rick Docksai*

Africa's women are disproportionately the victims of their continent's armed conflicts, but they have also been increasingly leading the way in recent years in ending conflicts and negotiating peace. This was the consensus of participants attending the "Women, Peace and Security" forum consisting of women military officers, defense analysts and conflict-resolution specialists from the United States and seven African nations.

5. [It's Official: The Marines Have Their First Female Infantry Officer](#)

*(25 Sep) Military.com, By Hope Hedge Seck*

A female Marine lieutenant quietly crossed one of the last remaining hurdles for women in the service Monday, celebrating graduation of the famously difficult infantry officer course in a private ceremony reserved for family members.

6. [Female firsts: What it means to be a groundbreaking woman in the 21st century](#)

*(27 Sep) The Baltimore Sun, By Mary Carole McCauley*

Ah, the glass ceiling. There it floats, just overhead. It's so alluringly crystal-clear, so temptingly translucent, it's easy to convince yourself it isn't really there — right up until the moment you crash it into it full-tilt. It can be exciting to be a pioneer, but it's not easy.

7. [First female AAV officer says it is 'a privilege and an honor'](#)

*(3 Oct) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol*

While she was at The Basic School, 2nd Lt. Mariah Klenke decided to become the Marine Corps' first female assault amphibian officer.

## WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

8. [How a woman's appearance affects her career](#)  
*(20 Sep) CNN Money, By Julia Carpenter*  
Studies show that managing appearance is a fine line for professional women to walk: there's both a bonus and a penalty to being attractive in the workplace. Some research suggests women who take more care in their appearance earn higher incomes; other studies instead posit that attractive women are seen as less capable or less qualified for their positions.
9. [Army looks for new ways to address misbehaving generals](#)  
*(24 Sep) The Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor*  
Struggling with an embarrassing series of misconduct and behavior problems among senior officers, the Army is putting together new mental health, counseling and career management programs to shape stronger, more ethical leaders.
10. [How the military handles sexual assault cases behind closed doors](#)  
*(30 Sep) Washington Post, By Craig Whitlock*  
For the U.S. Air Force, the case of alleged sexual harassment and assault by a senior officer was exactly the type of misconduct Pentagon leaders had promised Congress and the public they would no longer tolerate.

## SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

11. [This Marine was last year's most decorated competitor at Invictus and she just broke another personal record](#)  
*(26 Sep) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins*  
Medically retired Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Sarah Rudder broke another personal record and took home gold medals in the women's 100-meter and 200-meter dashes during track and field competition at the 2017 Invictus Games here Sept. 24.
12. [Retired Navy Chief Shocked to Medal at Invictus Games](#)  
*(28 Sep) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins*  
As Sharona Young, a medically retired Navy chief petty officer, crossed the finish line here at the 2017 Invictus Games at High Park Sept. 26, she was in shock that she had earned her first medal in an athletic competition.
13. [Face of Defense: Sailor Aids Hurricane Relief Effort in Florida Hometown](#)  
*(28 Sep) Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kelsey Adams*  
Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gabrielle Young recently paid a visit to her hometown here, but she didn't make the trip just to visit with friends and loved ones.
14. [Soldier Credits Adaptive Sports for Recovery, Medal Wins at Invictus Games](#)  
*(30 Sep) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins*  
Army Spc. Stephanie Morris added a gold medal in discus, a silver in shot put and a bronze in hand cycle in the women's track and field competition in her disability category here at the 2017 Invictus Games this week.
15. [Former Female Arena Football Player Adds to Medal Count at Invictus Games](#)  
*(1 Oct) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins*  
When former Air Force volleyball and arena football player medically retired Air Force Staff Sgt. Sebastiana Lopez-Arellano almost died in a motorcycle accident in 2015, she said she never thought she would be able to play sports again.

## WOMEN VETERANS

16. [Men weren't the only heroes of the Vietnam War](#)  
*(15 Sep) The Washington Post, By Lynn Kanter*  
The massive Vietnam War documentary by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, which begins airing this weekend, draws from a rich body of literature about that cataclysm. From gripping novels to era-defining films, there is a great deal to consume about the men who served in Vietnam. But as many as 15,000 American women also served, along with many civilian volunteers. Their stories are compelling but harder to find.

17. [Georgia opens its first office for women veterans](#)  
*(21 Sep) AJC.com, By Kristina Torres*  
 Georgia's first women veterans office has officially opened in Atlanta, a nod by officials to one of the state's fastest growing segments of veterans.
18. [After The Vietnam War, Women Veterans Fight To Preserve Their History](#)  
*(21 Sep) PBS IdeaStations.org, By Catherine Komp*  
 In the years following the Vietnam War, the experiences of civilian and military nurses were featured in films, a TV series, magazine articles and books. In 1993, a bronze sculpture depicting Vietnam nurses was dedicated on the National Mall. But there's another group of women who served and veterans want more recognition for the female soldiers in the Women's Army Corps, Air Force, Navy and Marines.
19. [Don't abandon our female veterans to staggering risk of suicide](#)  
*(27 Sep) The Hill, By Paula Broadwell and Kate Hendricks Thomas*  
 Over the last 13 years, the suicide rate among women veterans increased to a greater degree (62.4 percent) than the suicide rate among male veterans (29.7 percent). Equally disconcerting is that women veterans (over two million, or 10 percent of the veteran population) are the fastest growing subgroup of veterans but many say they often feel invisible in society.
20. [Years after silently combating sexual trauma, female veterans seek help](#)  
*(1 Oct) Kaiser Health News, By Anna Casey*  
 A 2015 study published by the American Psychological Association asked 327 female veterans in Southern California about their experiences with sexual trauma. They divided the respondents into two groups — those who served before the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001, and those in uniform afterward. Nearly half of those in the earlier group reported sexual contact against their will during their military service. In the later group, reports of unwanted sexual contact dropped to 30 percent.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

21. Event: [Ms. Veteran America 2017](#)  
 Date/Time: Sunday, 8 October 2017 at 5 p.m.  
 Location: Liaison Hotel – Capital Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave, NW Washington, DC 20001  
 Dress Code: Military Dress or Formal Attire  
 Purpose: Proceeds from this event provide housing for homeless women veterans and their children.  
 Women veterans are currently the fastest growing homeless population in America.  
 Over half of homeless women veterans are single mothers.
22. [Women's Memorial 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:](#)
- Event 1: **Celebration Dinner**  
 Date/Time: 20 October 2017 at 6 p.m.  
 Location: Women's Memorial
- Event 2: **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony**  
 Date/Time: 21 October 2017 at 11 a.m.  
 Location: Women's Memorial
- Event 3: **Honor Walk**  
 Date/Time: 21 October 2017 at 4:45 p.m.  
 Location: Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Parking Lot
- Event 4: **Service of Remembrance**  
 Date/Time: 21 October 2017 at 6 p.m.  
 Location: Women's Memorial
- Event 5: **Wreath Laying Ceremony**  
 Date/Time: 22 October 2017 at 9:15 a.m.  
 Location: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier