



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 3-16 June 2017

DACOWITS IN THE NEWS

1. [Janet Wolfenbarger: Annual women in defense recommendations for DoD](#)

(16 Jun) Federal News Radio, By Steff Thomas

Since 1951, the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the [Armed] Services has forwarded its annual research findings to the Defense Secretary. This year the committee has sent fourteen recommendations. Retired Air Force Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, now chair of the committee, joined Federal Drive with Tom Temin to provide more details on the recommendations.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

2. [US Army's FY18 wish list would grow force by 17,000 soldiers](#)

(2 Jun) Defense News, By June Judson

Army's \$12.7 billion wish list for fiscal 2018 asks to grow the total force by another 17,000 troops, would further increase munitions stockpiles, and would further modernize both brigade combat teams and vertical lift capabilities.

3. [Air Mobility Command turns to airmen for ideas to fix its pilot retention problem](#)

(4 Jun) Air Force Times, By Charlsy Panzino

Air Mobility Command wants to put airmen at the forefront of addressing the Air Force's aviation retention issue.

4. [Poll: Americans are mostly likely to recommend joining the Air Force](#)

(5 Jun) Air Force Times, By Ashley Bunch

First, the Air Force was said to be the most important military branch according to a Gallup poll released last month, now they're saying the Air Force is also the most recommended branch to join.

5. [The Pentagon wants to sweeten retirement benefits for senior enlisted troops](#)

(11 Jun) Military Times, By Andrew deGrandpre

The Pentagon wants to upgrade its new retirement package, set to debut Jan. 1, so the military's longest-serving enlisted personnel have greater incentive to remain in uniform.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

6. [Marine Boot Camp Now as Integrated as It Should Get, Commander Says](#)

(6 Jun) Military.com, By Hope Hedge Seck

In the year since Brig. Gen. Austin Renforth took command at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, the only place the Marine Corps trains female recruits, he has eliminated a large swath of previously gender-segregated training events and challenges, from the combat endurance course to the famous final test known as The Crucible. He estimates that more than 70 percent of all boot camp training is now gender-integrated, he told Military.com in an interview last week. And that's about where it should stay, he thinks.

7. [**General Officer Announcements**](#)
(7 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-211-17)
Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis announced that the president has made the following nominations:
Air Force Col. DeAnna M. Burt has been nominated for appointment the grade of brigadier general. Burt is currently serving as commander, 50th Space Wing, Air Force Space Command, Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado.
8. [**Flag Officer Announcement**](#)
(7 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-212-17)
Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis announced today that the president has made the following nomination: Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Ann M. Burkhardt for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Burkhardt is currently serving as director, Department of Defense, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Arlington, Virginia.
9. [**General Officer Assignment**](#)
(8 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-216-17)
The chief of staff, Air Force, announces the assignment of the following general officer: Maj. Gen. Sarah E. Zabel, vice director, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, to director, information technology acquisition process development, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, District of Columbia.
10. [**Retired generals to Mattis: Don't delay accepting transgender recruits**](#)
(7 Jun) *The Hill*, By Rebecca Kheel
A trio of retired generals is urging Defense Secretary James Mattis not to delay accepting transgender recruits into the military after reports that the Pentagon chief was considering such a move.
11. [**For the first time, a woman assumes command of a Special Forces battalion**](#)
(9 Jun) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers
A career Quartermaster officer has assumed command of the 3rd Special Forces Group support battalion. And in a first for that role, the commander is a woman.
12. [**Senate OKs First Female Army Officer To Become Forces Command Deputy**](#)
(11 Jun) *The Fayetteville Observer*, By Drew Brooks
The U.S. Senate has confirmed the appointment of Maj. Gen. Laura J. Richardson to be the next deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command.
13. [**Opinion: Transgender policy delay would mean return of 'don't ask, don't tell'**](#)
(13 Jun) *Military Times*, By Navy Rear Adm. Michael Smith (ret.) and U.S. Public Health Service and Coast Guard Rear Adm. Alan M. Steinman (ret.)
Both the military and the Rand Corporation studied every aspect of transgender service and concluded that inclusive policy would not harm readiness, and that the few practical concerns that genuinely required answers had been addressed.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

14. [**Army refutes story of stillborn babies at combat training center**](#)
(5 Jun) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers
Despite a U.S. Army W.T.F.! Moments story that went viral Wednesday, two soldiers did not deliver stillborn babies while training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, last month, a 10th Mountain Division spokesman told *Army Times* on Friday.
15. [**Gunny accused of abusing seven sailors while aboard amphib**](#)
(6 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Gunnery Sgt. Cameron Tygett faces a special court-martial on charges that he sexually harassed, assaulted and intimidated a total of seven sailors while aboard the amphibious transport dock Arlington, according to a charge sheet provided to *Marine Corps Times*.

16. [DoD Launches Online Learning Program to Help Military Survivors of Sexual Assault](#)
(12 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-221-17)
DoD Launches Online Learning Program to Help Military Survivors of Sexual Assault Today, the Department of Defense launched an online and mobile educational program to help individuals begin to recover, heal, and build resiliency after a sexual assault.
17. [Parris Island commander faces fury for 'Barbie' comments](#)
(13 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
The commander of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island has come under fire for his comments about female recruits at boot camp.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

18. [Astronaut Candidate Kayla Barron](#)
(7 Jun) *NASA News*
Kayla Barron has been selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class. As a Submarine Warfare Officer, Barron was a member of the first class of women commissioned into the submarine community.
19. [Face of Defense: College Student Earns Top Grade in Gunnery](#)
(9 Jun) *99th Regional Support Command*, By Army Sgt. Russell Toof
Wearing a tactical vest almost as big as she is, Army Spc. Allison Clevenger almost disappears into all the computers and equipment in the back of the Stryker M1135 nuclear, biological and chemical reconnaissance vehicle that she rides in.

WOMEN VETERANS

20. [Female veteran business leaders share their tips for success](#)
(4 Jun) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III
One of the highlights of last month's Women Veterans Leadership Summit organized by The Mission Continues was a panel from prominent business leaders on how to navigate the transition from military life to civilian careers.
21. [Fighting Girl: Valérie André](#)
(15 Jun) *Vertical*, By Thierry Dubois
In her book, she described how the official organization tended to leave women behind. On a waiting list for helicopter training, she was behind other people simply because they were men.