



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest: 4-17 March 2017

REPORT RELEASED

1. [DoD Releases Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at Military Service Academies](#)

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Today, the Department of Defense (DoD) released its Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the United States Military Service Academies for Academic Program Year (APY) 2015 – 2016. The three academies include the United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, and United States Air Force Academy.

Report available at: <http://sapr.mil/index.php/reports>

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

2. [DoD Implements Expanded Drug Testing for Military Applicants](#)

(9 Mar) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Lisa Ferdinando

Drug testing for all applicants for military service is expanding to include the same 26-drug panel used for active military members, the Defense Department's director of drug testing and program policy said.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

3. [General Officer Announcements](#). Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis has announced that the president has made the following nominations:

- Air Force Col. Kristin E. Goodwin has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Goodwin is currently serving as senior military assistant to the secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Air Force Col. Leah G. Lauderback has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Lauderback is currently serving as senior military assistant to the undersecretary of defense for intelligence, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Air Force Col. Donna D. Shipton has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. Shipton is currently serving as senior military assistant to the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.

4. [New York Guard Seeks Women to Lead Armor, Field Artillery Units](#)

(7 Mar) New York National Guard, By Army Col. Richard Goldenberg

“The Army's decision to open infantry and armor branch positions to females across the force removes the final barrier to complete gender integration,” said Army Brig. Gen. Ray Shields, New York Army National Guard commander, in a note to the force in December. This means more career paths in the combat arms -- 1,169 enlisted infantry and cavalry slots and 443 NCO and officer positions -- for a larger pool of soldiers and leaders, Shields said.

5. [Ending Harassment Of Women In The Corps Starts With Marine Leadership](#)

(7 Mar) Task & Purpose, By Kate Hendricks Thomas

One memory of my time in Iraq involved investing in spray paint that I carried with me when I was on the FOB. I needed it to cover increasingly detailed and explicit drawings of me that decorated every porta john on Fallujah.

6. [Column: Senior female Marines must speak out on sexism in ranks](#)
(8 Mar) *The San Diego Union Tribune*, By Kate Germano
The nude photos scandal rocking the Marine Corps is yet one more example of the continued failure of senior female Marines to speak out against systemic cultural problems related to gender in the corps. Their silence is deafening.
7. [More Than Just Marines Behaving Badly](#)
(8 Mar) *The New York Times*, By Alexander McCoy
As someone who served for six years in the Marine Corps, I've seen my share of this kind of behavior among Marines in person and on the internet. The problem is not Facebook as a platform or "a few bad apples." It's the culture the Marine Corps has created and done little to change.
8. [Marines have battled misogyny for years. Will it be different this time?](#)
(9 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Although the Marine Corps was quick to condemn the secretive "Marines United" Facebook group, the Corps' leadership has known for years about websites that encourage misogyny and cyber bullying of female Marines, veterans and other women.
9. [Chairman: Military Behavior Must be Honorable Day-to-Day, Online](#)
(10 Mar) *DoD News, Defense Media Activity*, By Jim Garamone
Service members must understand that "our behavior, whether it is in cyberspace or day-to-day," reflects on the military, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said today.
10. [Marines eye changes to recruit training amid renewed calls for coed boot camp](#)
(14 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Changes to recruit training could be coming, Commandant Gen. Robert Neller told lawmakers Tuesday in a tense session about the ongoing investigation into whether Marines viewed nude pictures of female troops, veterans and civilians and harassed those women.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

11. [A nude photo scandal has shaken the entire Marine Corps](#)
(5 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol and Andrew deGrandpre
The U.S. Marine Corps is investigating allegations an unspecified number of military personnel and veterans allegedly shared nude photos of female colleagues as part of a perverse social media network that promotes sexual violence.
12. ['I don't want to leave my house': Victims haunted by Marines' nude photo scandal](#)
(6 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
When Kelsie Stone broke up with her Marine boyfriend in 2016, she thought he was out of her life for good. Then one of her friends sent her screenshots of photos of her without her clothes on that her ex had allegedly posted on the Facebook page "Marines United," she said.
13. [Marines' nude photo scandal could lead to significant jail time](#)
(6 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Andrew deGrandpre and Jeff Schogol
Military investigators are contemplating felony criminal charges for an unspecified number of U.S. Marines who participated in a secretive social media group that metastasized into a distribution pipeline for sharing nude photos of their female coworkers and a sordid message board where some allegedly encouraged one another to commit rape.
14. [Top Marine on video: If you abuse others on social media, 'Do you really want to be a Marine?'](#)
(7 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Marines may have "acted selfishly and unprofessionally" on social media, thus betraying the Corps' axiom that all Marines are brothers and sisters on the same team, Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller said on Wednesday.
15. [Nude photo sharing Facebook group is only 'the tip of the spear,' top enlisted Marine says](#)
(8 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
The Facebook page where Marines allegedly shared nude photos of women without their consent is just "the tip of the spear," as cyber predators can safely operate on many websites, the Corps' top enlisted adviser told lawmakers on Wednesday.

16. [**The Marine Corps' nude-photo-sharing scandal is even worse than first realized**](#)
(9 Mar) *Business Insider*, By Paul Szoldra
The scandal that prompted an investigation into hundreds of Marines who are accused of sharing naked photographs of their colleagues in a private Facebook group is much larger than has been reported, Business Insider has learned.
17. [**Nude photo sharing scandal expands throughout the military**](#)
(9 Mar) *Military Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Defense officials are investigating an image-sharing message board, where troops from all branches of the service are crowdsourcing naked pictures of specific female service members, Military Times has learned.
18. [**Senior enlisted: Child care, spouse employment among troops' top quality-of-life concerns**](#)
(9 Mar) *Military Times*, By Karen Jowers
High operational tempo, uncertainty about the future pay and benefits, issues with child care and spouse employment, and worries over new rules for permanent change-of-station moves ranked among the top concerns for service members, according to testimony before a House panel by the services' senior enlisted advisers.
19. [**'Marines United' Is Now Sharing Explicit Videos Of Servicewomen On Porn Sites**](#)
(10 Mar) *Task & Purpose*, By Erik Ortiz
The new group currently boasts more than 2,300 members, the vast majority posting under their personal Facebook pages. Task & Purpose also confirmed that members are not only reconstituting the original cache of explicit photos from the original group on a new DropBox page, but posting videos to public pornography sites like Pornhub.
20. [**Prosecuting Marines over nude photo scandal could be difficult**](#)
(10 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Leo Shane III and Jeff Schogol
Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller on Friday promised action against any service member involved in the social media nude photo sharing scandal, but just what punishment these troops could face remains unclear.
21. [**The Army is looking into allegations that soldiers were involved in nude photo sharing**](#)
(10 Mar) *Army Times*, By Michelle Tan
The Army is looking into allegations that some soldiers may be involved in an image-sharing message board where troops from all branches of the service are allegedly crowdsourcing naked pictures of female service members.
22. [**GoFundMe campaign launched to support female service members and veterans after nude photo scandal**](#)
(10 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Ashley Bunch
A staffer at The Daily Show with Trevor Noah has started a GoFundMe campaign to support the women who have been victims of a private Facebook page called Marines United that posted nude photos of female service members.
23. [**Inside Marines United: Infighting roiled the group that sparked the military's nude photo scandal**](#)
(13 Mar) *Military Times*, By Andrew deGrandpre
Months before the U.S. military's nude photo scandal was unveiled, an intense internal feud had erupted inside one of the main groups known for sharing explicit imagery of their female co-workers.
24. [**Top Marine: Nude photo sharing scandal shows 'We've got to change'**](#)
(14 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Jeff Schogol
Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller faced more than two hours of questioning on Tuesday from angry senators, who believe the new investigation into whether Marines shared nude photos of women without their consent and harassed the women online represents a cultural problem within the Corps.
25. [**Navy finds nude photo sharing scandal targeted female sailors at more than a dozen commands**](#)
(14 Mar) *Navy Times*, By David B. Larter
The Navy is now knee-deep in the nude online photo-sharing scandal that started with the Marine Corps last week and senior admirals are acting quickly to crack down on a problem that is starting to look like a cyber variation of the Navy's notorious 1991 Tailhook debacle.
26. [**What Civilians Don't Understand About Military Sexual Harassment**](#)
(15 Mar) *Rolling Stone*, By Teresa Fazio
One Marine veteran explains why she's not surprised by the Corps' recent nude photo sharing scandal

27. [Sex assault reports up at Navy, Army academies](#)
(15 Mar) Associated Press, By Lolita C. Baldor
 Reports of sexual assaults increased at two of the three military academies last year and an anonymous survey suggests sexual misconduct rose across the board at the schools, The Associated Press has learned.
28. [Pacific Fleet Boss threatens UCMJ hammer for sailors nabbed in nude photo scandal](#)
(15 Mar) Navy Times, By David B. Larter
 Sailors caught degrading their female shipmates online will be punished, said the four-star head of all Navy forces in the Pacific in a scathing message to his troops released overnight.
29. [Marine Corps social media policy: Cyberbullying is illegal](#)
(15 Mar) Marine Corps Times, By Jeff Schogol
 Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller has made it clear that Marines who engage in cyberbullying and other predatory behavior online can face criminal charges.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

30. [Face of Defense: Marine Helps Families of Fallen Service Members](#)
(3 Mar) Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, By Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Cody Lemons
 Superheroes come in all sizes and all kinds of disguises -- Marine Corps Sgt. Alicia Hojara is living proof of that.
31. [Face of Defense: Community Recognizes Airman for Contributions](#)
(6 Mar) 20th Fighter Wing, By Air Force Airman 1st Class Kathryn Reaves
 Air Force Staff Sgt. Angela Duff, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron quality assurance evaluator, holds her 2016 Military Citizen of the Year award at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., Feb. 14, 2017. The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee recognized Duff for her volunteer contributions to on- and off-base communities.
32. [Face of Defense: Marine's Quick Thinking Saves Stranger's Life](#)
(7 Mar) Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, By Marine Corps Cpl. Mackenzie Gibson
 A truck driver suffered a stroke behind the wheel recently. In the moments before the incident, a simple decision turned into something much greater: the difference between life and death. For Marine Corps 1st Lt. Morgan White, the communications officer for Marine Wing Support Squadron 274, Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, this situation tested her will to act, as she became the deciding factor in saving a stranger's life.
33. [2 Marines say photos of them put online without consent](#)
(9 Mar) Associated Press, By Robert Jablon
 A Marine veteran and an active-duty Marine came forward Wednesday to say photographs taken of them were secretly posted online without their consent along with nude photos of other servicewomen that have led to threatening replies and a military investigation.
34. [Face of Defense: Married Airmen Serve Together on Deployment](#)
(10 Mar) 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, By Air Force Senior Airman Cynthia Innocenti
 The Feigums have been married over two years now, and in that time Matthew has deployed once before, four months after getting married and Sylvia is on her first deployment.
35. [Celebrating women in the Navy](#)
(15 Mar) WAVY, By Marielena Balouris
 It was a celebration of women Wednesday at Naval Station Norfolk as part of the Navy base's centennial and Women's History Month.
36. [Women's History Month: Celebrating Accomplished Army Women](#)
(16 Mar) Army News Service, By Donald Wagner
 Women have played a vital role in the U.S. Army since 1775, from Molly Pitcher to those now serving. Their accomplishments have shaped not just the Army, but the country.

WOMEN VETERANS

37. [Remembering Navy WAVES During Women's History Month](#)

(3 Mar) Naval Air Station Patuxent River, By Donna Cipolloni

Following the last of the female yeomen leaving active duty at the end of World War I, only a small number of Navy nurses represented their gender in naval service. But World War II would change all of that. In the early 1940s, the Navy prepared to accept not only a large number of enlisted women, but also the first female commissioned officers who would supervise them.

38. [Women in the U.S. armed forces honored for Vogue's 125th birthday](#)

(8 Mar) Military Times, By Mackenzie Wolf

In honor of its 125th birthday, Vogue magazine has been photographing and highlighting American women from coast to coast. This month, the American Women project profiles female members of the armed forces.

SPECIAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT

39. [Celebrating the First Enlisted Women](#)

A special Women's History Month celebration and exhibit unveiling titled, "Celebrating the First Enlisted Women," will be held at the Women's Memorial on Tuesday, 21 March, 2017, at 2pm. This event will commemorate the historic enlistment of Loretta P. Walsh, the first woman to officially enlist in the military and become the Navy's first female Chief Petty Officer – 100 years ago. This event is being hosted by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services ([DACOWITS](#)) and the VA's Center for Women Veterans ([CWV](#)), in collaboration with the [Women's Memorial](#).