



**Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services**  
**Articles of Interest**  
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**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

1. [71% of young Americans don't qualify for military because they're fat and unhealthy: report](#)  
(1 Mar) *American Military News*, By Wade Bennett  
According to a recent report by the Heritage Foundation, nearly three-quarters of young Americans are ineligible to serve in the United State military. Factors affecting eligibility include health problems, criminal records or poor education, and the lack of potential enlistments may hinder any plans in beefing up America's armed forces.
2. [Teachers wanted to know about the military, for students. So they went to boot camp](#)  
(4 Mar) *Pioneer Press*, By S. M. Chavey  
A group of educators from the Twin Cities and surrounding states stepped off a bus at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego and tried to keep up as a drill instructor barked orders.
3. [Why an Honors Student Wants to Skip College and Go to Trade School](#)  
(5 Mar) *The Wall Street Journal*, By Douglas Belkin  
The conversation is being fueled by questions about the declining value of a college degree as well as the rising cost of tuition and student debt. Low unemployment and a strong job market are exacerbating an already growing skills gap, raising prospects for tradespeople like welders who are in high demand.
4. [Recruiting Is Tough; Doing It Takes a Nation](#)  
(5 Mar) *Association of the United States Army*  
Recruiting the best young men and women for the Army is a tough mission that takes more than recruiters, commanders and ad campaigns. It's a mission that takes a nation, according to the Army's senior enlisted soldier.
5. [Amber's War: Former Army helicopter pilot is on a mission to fight military stereotypes](#)  
(6 Mar) *Washington Examiner*, By Jamie McIntyre  
"We want to introduce the less than 1 percent that's currently serving to the 99 percent of Americans who are not."
6. [US closes naturalization offices at military basic training sites](#)  
(6 Mar) *Military Times*, By Tara Copp  
The U.S. government has closed naturalization centers at three basic combat training sites, citing new DoD policy that extends the amount of time immigrant recruits are required to serve before becoming eligible for citizenship.
7. [MENtors](#)  
(8 Mar) *CNAS*, By LTC Christina Bembenek  
Men Must Continue to Step Up and Mentor the Women in Their Ranks
8. [Marine Corps says about 1,000 Marines will lose jobs under new DoD policy](#)  
(12 Mar) *Federal News Radio*, By Scott Maucione  
The Marine Corps is the second military service that says it will be minimally affected by the Defense Department's new non-deployable strategy.

9. [\*\*Air Force orders freeze on public outreach\*\*](#)  
(13 Mar) *Defense News*, By Valerie Insinna, David B. Larter, and Aaron Mehta  
The Air Force is slashing access to media embeds, base visits and interviews as it seeks to put the entire public affairs apparatus through retraining — a move it says is necessary for operational security, but one which could lead to a broader freeze in how the service interacts with the public.

## **EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION**

10. [\*\*Saudi Arabia allows women to join military\*\*](#)  
(26 Feb) *BBC News*  
Saudi Arabia has for the first time opened applications for women to join its military.
11. [\*\*One-Star Marine General Suspended\*\*](#)  
(28 Feb) *The Associated Press*  
An official said Brig. Gen. Norman L. Cooling is alleged to have made disparaging comments about women, thereby undermining trust among those working in his office, including female Marines.
12. [\*\*Where are the female Marines?\*\*](#)  
(5 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Shawn Snow  
Two years after the Defense Department ordered the Marine Corps to open all combat arms career fields to women, less than 100 women have successfully entered those previously male-only jobs.
13. [\*\*Japan's navy appoints first woman to command warship squadron\*\*](#)  
(6 Mar) *Reuters*, *Staff Report*  
Japan's navy on Tuesday appointed the first woman to command a warship squadron, including the flagship Izumo helicopter carrier, as it tries to lure more females to make up for a dearth of male recruits in graying Japan.
14. [\*\*Female Marines to enter MCT at Camp Pendleton for first time\*\*](#)  
(6 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Shawn Snow  
A group of 40 female Marines are about to start training at a combat school reserved for non-infantry Marines aboard Camp Pendleton, California, a first in Marine Corps history.
15. [\*\*Marine Leaders Don't Want New Tech to Weigh Grunts Down\*\*](#)  
(7 Mar) *Military.com*, By Oriana Pawlyk  
Keep it small, keep it simple, make it work. It's what Marine Corps leaders want industry leaders and research and development agencies to keep in mind when making the latest and greatest tech for grunts on the battlefield, a top general said Tuesday.
16. [\*\*The Marine Corps Says It's Not Lowering Standards For Female Marines. This Photo Says Otherwise.\*\*](#)  
(7 Mar) *Task & Purpose*, By Paul Szoldra  
Why is the commanding officer of the School of Infantry-West — where female Marines will now be training at Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Pendleton, Calif., for the first time — shaking the hand of a female private who just stepped off the bus?
17. [\*\*DoD Works to Incorporate More Gender Perspective in Operations\*\*](#)  
(8 Mar) *DoD News*, *Defense Media Activity*, By Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chuck Broadway  
The Defense Department is advancing its efforts to include more women in peace building and conflict resolution processes following the signing of the 2017 Women, Peace and Security Act. DoD is looking to leverage the unique aspects women bring to the table, not only in peacebuilding and conflict resolution, but also in all facets of military operations.
18. [\*\*Aviator vying to be Navy's first female CO of an aircraft carrier\*\*](#)  
(8 Mar) *Navy Times*, By Victoria Leoni  
A naval aviator is in the running to become the Navy's first female commanding officer of an aircraft carrier in the service's history.

19. [Women are sticking with US submarines at same rate as men](#)  
(8 Mar) *The Associated Press*, By Jennifer McDermott  
It has been eight years since the Navy lifted its ban on women in submarines. Their retention rates are on par with those of men. The Navy is retrofitting subs with extra doors and designated washrooms. Future subs will be built with the height, reach and strength of women in mind.
20. [Three more women to attempt the grueling Infantry Officer Course](#)  
(9 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Shawn Snow  
Three more women are about to attempt the challenging 13-week Infantry Officer Course at Quantico, Virginia.
21. [Top Marine wants to lighten the weight carried by grunts](#)  
(12 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Shawn Snow  
The top Marine is looking for ways to lighten the burden carried by grunts, while also making them more lethal by adding new tech, rockets and drones.
22. [First female Ranger grads open up about the aftermath and joining the infantry](#)  
(13 Mar) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers  
Capt. Kristen Griest and her Ranger school history-making counterpart Capt. Shaye Haver recounted their roads to becoming some of the Army's first female infantry officers, from the chance decisions and hard work that got them there, to the online backlash when they received their tabs and making the move to serve as infantry officers.
23. [Judge cites widespread 'failure of leadership' at Parris Island officer sentencing](#)  
(12 Mar) *Marine Corps Times*, By Todd South  
A military judge cited a "myriad failure of leadership" and actions were only "one in a legion of contributing causes" to the death of a recruit. The dereliction of duty charge resulted from the failure to remove questionable drill instructors from having contact with recruits. After the 2015 Lt. Col. Kate Germano incident, Lt. Col. Joshua Kissoon "made a conscious series of decisions to protect his career" and began to get lenient with recruit abuse reports.
24. [Moms still earn less than childless women -- and the gap isn't closing](#)  
(13 Mar) *CNN Money*, By Lydia DePillis  
There's a longstanding gap between the wages of mothers and those of childless women.

## WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

25. [The Mother Load: America's 24-hour daycare centers; a visit in pictures](#)  
(28 Feb) *The Guardian*, By Alissa Quart  
As more American parents work low-wage jobs with unusual hours, they're turning to 24-7 daycare centers to help raise their children.
26. [Here's How The Corps Still Needs To Change A Year After Marines United](#)  
(5 Mar) *Task & Purpose*, By Kate Germano  
A year has passed since the Marines United social media scandal broke in the news, and despite the very real damage to Marine Corps' reputation, few substantive changes have been made to reform the culture.
27. [Army CID offers \\$5,000 for information in alleged sex assault case](#)  
(7 Mar) *Army Times*, By Nicole Bauke  
Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$5,000 reward to anyone with information that can lead to the identification, arrest and conviction of a person wanted for sexual assault of a soldier assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia.
28. [Former Army special victim prosecutor faces court-martial for sexual assault](#)  
(7 Mar) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers  
An Army judge advocate who previously served as a prosecutor on sexual assault cases will face a court-martial, according to a Tuesday release from Military District Washington.

29. [Two carrier cooks plead guilty to secret video recording charges](#)  
*(8 Mar) Navy Times, By Geoff Ziezulewicz*  
 Two enlisted cooks aboard two aircraft carriers each pleaded guilty in January to filming the private areas of shipmates without their consent.
30. [The Trump Administration's Backward Attitude Toward Birth Control](#)  
*(8 Mar) The New York Times, Editorial Board*  
 Women's progress in America has been inextricably tied to the availability of birth control. Landmark Supreme Court decisions in 1965 and 1972 recognizing a constitutional right to contraception made it more likely that women went to college, entered the work force and found economic stability. That's all because they were better able to choose when, or whether, to have children. It's mind-boggling that anyone would want to thwart that progress, especially since women still have so far to go in attaining full equality in the United States.
31. [Officer accused of patronizing prostitutes worked in sex assault prevention office while awaiting court-martial](#)  
*(9 Mar) Navy Times, By Mark D. Faram*  
 An officer accused of patronizing prostitutes was temporarily assigned to a Navy sexual assault and prevention office while he awaited court-martial on the allegations of misconduct.
32. [Marine Corps wants to investigate new trove of nude photos](#)  
*(9 Mar) Marine Corps Times, By Tara Copp*  
 The U.S. Marine Corps has asked the Naval Criminal Investigative Service to pursue a Dropbox folder reported to contain hundreds of nude photos of female service members, the service said Friday.
33. [The Pentagon Isn't Stopping Revenge Porn Sites. So One Marine Is Doing It On Her Own.](#)  
*(9 Mar) Task & Purpose, By Jeff Schogol*  
 Defense officials seem impotent to stop it, but former Marine Sgt. Erin Kirk-Cuomo has scored a rare victory in the war against military revenge porn by shutting down a new Marines United site.
34. [Hundreds of lewd photos of female servicemembers discovered in Dropbox folder](#)  
*(12 Mar) Stars and Stripes, By Seth Robson*  
 The U.S. military is looking into another case of lewd photographs of female servicemembers shared on social media. Marine Corps officials have called on the Naval Criminal Investigative Service following revelations by Vice News last week that 267 images of female servicemembers had been shared in a Dropbox folder.
35. [Vice chief: Women serve in every BCT battalion, but sexual harassment battle is far from over](#)  
*(12 Mar) Army Times, By Meghann Myers*  
 More women are serving in the Army than ever before, the Army's vice chief of staff said Monday, down to every brigade combat team battalion.
36. [Anthem is cutting support for breast pumps nearly in half, angering breastfeeding advocates](#)  
*(12 Mar) The Virginian-Pilot, By Katherine Hafner*  
 But breastfeeding advocates and medical professionals worry the change could lead women to give up breastfeeding in a society that can already make it a difficult practice to sustain, especially if their electric pumps' motors break down or if better pumps must be bought out of pocket.
37. [Academic efforts to understand men gain steam in time of #MeToo](#)  
*(14 Mar) The Associated Press*  
 Men's studies grew from male academics' activism in feminist movements and focused on violence against women and related issues. In the years since, the field has grown far more diverse, with research on to gender's role in suicide and mass killings. Now, with #MeToo and #TimesUp, the research gained newfound exposure and relevance.

## SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

38. [Indianapolis nurse was an 'Angel of Anzio'](#)  
*(1 Mar) IndyStar, By Dawn Mitchell*  
 1st Lt. Marion "Nan" Malik was a nurse during one of the most brutal battles of World War II.

39. [Army Guard member mixes military service with love of history](#)  
(1 Mar) *National Guard Bureau, By Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy*  
Currently a captain serving as the intelligence officer with the District of Columbia Army National Guard's 74th Troop Command, Miranda Summers Lowe works on the civilian side as the curator for modern military history at the Smithsonian's American history museum. In her civilian job she works on preserving service members' stories, primarily focusing on those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas after 9/11.
40. [1st woman to enter The Citadel talks about brief time there](#)  
(4 Mar) *Associated Press*  
The first woman to try to enter the Corps of Cadets at The Citadel says she left the military school quickly because of the way "outside forces" treated her.
41. [One of first female Marines leaves behind legacy of service](#)  
(5 Mar) *NewsTimes, By Katrina Koerting*  
Veronica "Ronnie" Bradley — one of the first women to serve in the Marines and the subject of a recruitment campaign during World War II — died last week, leaving behind a legacy of service.
42. [Face of Defense: Soldier Helps Others Maintain Well-Being, Readiness](#)  
(6 Mar) *Joint Multinational Readiness Center, By Army Staff Sgt. David Overson*  
Army Sgt. Isabel Giron is the consummate, professional, modern-day soldier, doing what she does best -- helping other soldiers. Giron is responsible for providing support that affects soldiers' overall welfare and well-being while assisting leaders with keeping soldiers combat-ready and effective.
43. [General Officer Assignments](#)  
(7 Mar) *IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-069-18)*  
The chief of staff, Army announces the assignments of the following general officers:
- Brig. Gen. Maria A. Biank, director of operations, G-3, U.S. Army Cyber Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to director, J-6, Cyber/C4, U.S. European Command, Germany.
  - Brig. Gen. Telita Crosland, deputy chief of staff for operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, Falls Church, Virginia, to commanding general, Regional Health Command-Atlantic, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.
44. [Army Veteran Helps Soldiers Find Way Back to True Selves](#)  
(8 Mar) *U.S. Army Warrior Care and Transition, By Annette P. Gomes*  
At 6 feet 2 inches tall, Army veteran Sarah Hughbanks, who is volunteering as an assistant coach at the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games Army Trials. Her own connection and love of sports began at the tender age of 4. After being honorably discharged from the Army, she eventually found her way to coaching volleyball.
45. [Duckworth pledges to change Senate rules so she can bring her baby on the floor](#)  
(8 Mar) *The Hill, By John Bowden*  
Duckworth is expected to become the first senator to give birth while in office later this year. In an interview with CNN, she said the rules governing children brought onto the floor in the Senate are "outdated" and reflect a time before women, especially mothers, could be senators.
46. [Shadow McClaine slaying: Ex-husband faces more charges in military court](#)  
(8 Mar) *The Leaf-Chronicle, By Stephanie Ingersoll*  
Pfc. Shadow McClaine went missing in 2016. Her skeletal remains were found in 2017. Sgt. Jamal Williams-McCray, McClaine's ex-husband, hired Spc. Charles Robinson III to murder his ex-wife, after he unsuccessfully tried to poison and strangle her.
47. [General Officer Assignments](#)  
(9 Mar) *IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-072-18)*  
The chief of staff, Air Force announces the assignments of the following general officers:
- Brig. Gen. Heather L. Pringle, commander, 502d Air Base Wing; and commander, Joint Base San Antonio, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to director, strategic plans, programs and analyses, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
  - Col. Alice W. Treviño, who has been selected for the grade of brigadier general, military assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, to commander, Air Force

Installation Contracting Agency, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

48. [Her Air Force Career Began with a Dare; Now She's a Wing Commander](#)  
(9 Mar) *Belleville News-Democrat*, By Teri Maddox  
Maher knew nothing about the military in 1987, when another high school friend dared her to talk to a U.S. Air Force recruiter at a career fair. Maher enlisted mainly because she didn't want to burden her parents with the cost of a college education.
49. [Bay Area Female Coast Guard Officer Achieves 'Surfman' Status](#)  
(9 Mar) *CBS SF Bay Area* <Video Clip>  
A female Coast Guard officer stationed in the Bay Area officially became a "surfman" on Friday. Jackie Ward explains what it means.
50. [Face of Defense: Lone Female Competitor Battles for 'Best Warrior' Title](#)  
(12 Mar) *136th Airlift Wing*, By Air Force Staff Sgt. Kristina Overton  
Of the more than 3,200 airmen serving in the Texas Air National Guard, only eight were selected to compete at Camp Swift as part of the 2018 Texas Military Department Best Warrior Competition. Among the selectees, one stood out from her peers -- not just for her skill and abilities in qualifying to represent her unit, but also as the only female competitor.
51. [Poster woman for Marine Corps Women's Reserve dies at 95](#)  
(12 Mar) *Stars & Stripes*, By James Bolinger  
The Marine Corps has bid farewell to a woman who was the face of the service's recruiting efforts during World War II.
52. [She Started It: Remembering the Last First WASP](#)  
(13 Mar) *Airman Magazine*  
Blake, who died April 9, 2015 at the age of 94, was believed to be the last surviving graduate of the first Women's Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) training class during World War II.
53. [A NASA astronaut brought her 4-year-old son to a spacesuit photo shoot — and the pictures will melt your heart](#)  
(13 Mar) *Business Insider*, By Dave Mosher  
Before NASA's talented astronauts launch into space, they pose for an official photo shoot. During a 2017 portrait session by NASA, Anne C. McClain -- a member of the 21st astronaut class, a decorated US Army Major, an attack helicopter pilot, an aerospace engineer, and a mother -- brought her young son.
54. [World War II veteran celebrates her 104th birthday with cake, powwow](#)  
(14 Mar) *Tulsa World*, By Tim Stanley  
Mamie Dixon, a World War II veteran and a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, was joined by friends and fellow veterans for a birthday powwow, complete with dancing, cake, ice cream and other festivities at the Claremore Veterans Center.
55. [Flag Officer Announcements](#)  
(15 Mar) *IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-077-18)*  
Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis announced today that the president has made the following nominations:
  - Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Kathleen M. Creighton has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Creighton is currently serving as deputy commander, Joint Forces Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Networks, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland.
  - Navy Capt. Heidi K. Berg has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Berg is currently serving as special assistant to the Director of Digital Warfare Office, N2N6, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia.
  - Navy Reserve Capt. Ann H. Duff has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Duff is currently serving as commanding officer, Naval Reserve, U.S. Fleet Forces Personnel Management Command, Norfolk, Virginia.
  - Navy Capt. Kristen B. Fabry has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Fabry is currently serving as director, Fleet Resources Integration, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.
  - Navy Reserve Capt. Nancy S. Lacore has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Lacore is currently serving as commanding officer, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa.



- Navy Reserve Capt. Eileen H. Laubacher has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Laubacher is currently serving as regional commander, Naval Information Force Reserve Region Washington, Washington, District of Columbia.

56. [Face of Defense: Marine Credits Personal Accolades to Her Leaders](#)

*(15 Mar) 2nd Marine Logistics Group Public Affairs, By Marine Corps 1st Lt. Samir J. Glenn-Roundtree*

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Gabriela Gonzales' hard work has resulted in her selection as the 2nd Marine Logistics Group's Marine of the Year.

## WOMEN VETERANS

57. [Women are the Most Visible Servicemembers, and the Most Invisible Veterans](#)

*(8 Mar) Center for New American Security, By Andrea N. Goldstein*

Female veterans often find themselves caught in a double bind when discussing their service due to the assumption that women are not combat veterans: disbelief if they are, and devaluation of their service, written off as not 'real' veterans, if they are not.

58. [Las Cruces unveils Women Veterans Monument](#)

*(10 Mar) ABC 7 KVIA, By Julio-Cesar Chavez*

Dozens gathered Saturday morning to honor women who have served in the military.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

59. [Special Report: Women's History in the Defense Department](#)

*(March 2018) Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination*

"Both in uniform and through the civilian sector, American mothers, daughters, sisters and wives have selflessly served to defend and protect the land of the free and home of the brave. Even in grim situations and under austere conditions, these women have persevered—standing tall and strong as defenders of freedom, liberty and justice." ~ [DoD Observance Memo](#)

60. [These Were the First Women to Join Each U.S. Military Service](#)

*(March 2018) Military.com, By Keith Hays*

Although we might not know of other women who secretly came before them, these are the first women in each U.S. military service noted in history books today.