



## Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest 14-27 July 2018

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### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1. [Face of Defense: Sailor Enjoys Challenges, Lifestyle of Recruiting Duty](#)

*(16 Jul) Navy Recruiting Command, By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Zachary S. Esleman*

When future sailors walk into a Navy recruiting station, it's not by accident. They're driven through those doors by something. Whether it's patriotism, a desire for self-improvement, or the prospect of adventure and travel, they're all seeking a way forward. If they happen to take that step here, they'll be greeted by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Abbe Beaston, a quartermaster and a member of the Navy Recruiting District Jacksonville recruiting team. She's a sailor who can relate.

2. [Former Enlisted Marine Serves as Army Warrant Officer](#)

*(17 Jul) U.S. Army Cyber Command, By William Roche*

You'd think that making the jump from serving as an enlisted Marine Corps signals intelligence specialist to an Army cyber warrant officer would be a pretty complicated process that involves more than a few flaming hoops, but this Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 makes it sound almost routine.

3. [Air Force Recruiters Learn About Innovations for Next-Gen Special Ops Airmen](#)

*(18 Jul) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Shannon Collins*

For the first time in the Defense Department, a series of career field specialties is using human performance monitoring and a data collection system, as well as specialized recruiters. Because of high attrition rates in its special operations career fields -- pararescue, combat controller, tactical air control party and special operations weather technicians -- the Air Force stood up the 350th Battlefield Airman Training Squadron. Recruiters also focus on the special operations support career fields: survival, evasion and resistance and explosive ordnance disposal.

4. [Court rules against Trump administration on transgender military ban](#)

*(18 Jul) The Hill, By Ellen Mitchell*

An appeals court on Wednesday ruled against the Trump administration and upheld a court order stalling a ban on transgender individuals serving in the military.

5. [Here's why fighting youth obesity is a matter of national security](#)

*(18 Jul) Military Times, By: Army Maj. Gen. Jeffrey E. Phillips (ret.)*

Whether or not you consider military service an attractive option, it's hard to argue against a strong military being essential to America's security. Yet the U.S. military faces increasing difficulty finding enough quality recruits to meet its already slimmed-down goals. According to the Pentagon, 71 percent of Americans age 17 to 24 are ineligible to join the military, primarily because they are *too overweight* or too poorly educated, or they have a record of serious crime or drug abuse.

6. [So you wanna fly? Air Force pilots can apply to new aviation-only program](#)

*(20 Jul) Air Force Times, By Charlsy Panzino*

If all you want is to fly in the Air Force, a new program might be for you.

7. [Dunfords, Students Discuss Leadership, Civic Responsibility, Military Life](#)

*(25 Jul) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Lisa Ferdinando*

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, and his wife, Elynn Dunford, joined more than 100 S2S students today at the conference for a conversation on leadership, civic responsibility and the challenges of military life.

The discussion was tailored around three books selected by Ellyn Dunford: "Ladies of Liberty" by Cokie Roberts, "Better" by Atul Gawande, and "Martha Washington" by Patricia Brady. The students were assigned to read one of them.

8. [Does the Navy hinder likelihood of marriage? Single sailors think so, survey says](#)

(25 Jul) *The Virginian-Pilot*, By Brock Vergakis

The Navy is interested in keeping talented people. Results indicate that Navy careers negatively impact the personal lives of men and women. The survey also showed that women in the Navy are less likely to be married than men, 56 percent compared with 77 percent, respectively. But female sailors who are married are more likely to be married or in a long-term partnership to someone else in the military than men, 42 percent compared with 6 percent, respectively.

## EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

9. [Rule change for female servicemembers' hair won't apply to Naval Academy midshipmen](#)

(14 Jul) *The Capital*, By Danielle Ohl

The Navy rule change allowing female sailors to wear ponytails and locks will not extend to the United States Naval Academy. There are rules that govern midshipmen separate from those for enlisted members of the Navy. The expanded rules will be more inclusive of black female sailors and allow women to wear their natural hair.

10. [Camouflaging diversity issues isn't the same as solving them](#)

(14 Jul) *fast Company*, By Gina Glantz and Morra Aarons-Mele

Want a foolproof way to gauge a company's true commitment to diversity and inclusion? Don't listen to the messages corporate leaders are trumpeting. Instead, just count the keynote speakers at the events and conferences the company hosts and participates in.

11. [Loc hairstyles, off-duty earrings for men OK'd in new dress regs](#)

(16 Jul) *Air Force Times*, By Stephen Losey

The Air Force on Friday released new dress regulations that for the first time allow female airmen to wear their hair in the loc hairstyle popular with black women.

12. [Kids of Working Moms Grow Into Happy Adults](#)

(16 Jul) *Harvard Business School*, By Dina Gerdeman

In 2015, preliminary results of a groundbreaking study found that the daughters of employed mothers often perform better in their eventual careers than the daughters of stay-at-home moms. "When women choose to work, it's a financial and personal choice. Women should make that choice based on whether they want or need to work, not based on whether they are harming their children—because they are not."

13. [Full speed ahead on the new US Navy frigate](#)

(19 Jul) *Defense News*, By Jim Talent

The U.S. Navy is, by its own admission, in trouble.

14. [Army squad tests new basic training at Fort Sill](#)

(23 Jul) *The Lawton (Okla.) Constitution*, By Josh Rouse

The men and women of D Battery are pioneering new and improved tactics, techniques and procedures that will be implemented across all basic combat training units at Fort Sill in October.

## WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

15. [IG Announces DoD School Sex Assault Investigation](#)

(13 Jul) *Military.com*, By Amy Bushatz

The Defense Department Inspector General has started an inquiry into how the Pentagon's school system handles student misconduct, according to an announcement issued Friday.

16. [Army Contests Claims of Discrimination Against Pregnant Officers](#)

(13 Jul) *Military.com*, By Matthew Cox

The senior leadership at Army Command and General Staff College is pushing back on recent allegations that the institution discriminated against pregnant officers last year, barring them from attending the 10-month course.

17. [Coast Guard Captain Was Relieved of Duty for Inappropriate Behavior](#)  
(21 Jul) *The Day, New London*, By Julia Bergman  
Capt. Andrew Tucci was being investigated for abusive sexual contact. According to the investigation, a female member of Sector Long Island Sound had reported that Tucci had touched her leg inappropriately during a closed-door, one-on-one meeting. In an interview with Coast Guard investigators a day later, she said that it was common knowledge throughout the unit that Tucci focused his attention on her and other female members.
18. [Which military base has the highest risk of sexual assault? The Pentagon isn't saying yet.](#)  
(20 Jul) *Military Times*, By Neil Fotre  
The military is holding up the release of a report that ranks the risk of sexual assault for troops by military installation, USA Today has reported.
19. [He said, she said: The battle over maternity leave at this Army leadership school](#)  
(20 Jul) *Army Times*, By Meghann Myers  
It all started back in 2016, when the secretary of defense extended maternity leave for female service members from six to 12 weeks. It was a relief for women in the Army, especially those trying to find a way to advance in the ranks while raising a family.
20. [We have a child-care crisis in this country. We had the solution 78 years ago.](#)  
(23 Jul) *The Washington Post*, By Dayna M. Kurtz  
For all the joy and privilege of becoming a mother in America, most of us are navigating a host of challenges with little to no societal support: the physical effects of labor, the chronic sleep deprivation, the complexities of breast-feeding (logistically and politically), juggling the demands of work and family. But perhaps the most daunting is finding and paying for child care.
21. [Why are these sailors getting prosecuted in Norfolk?](#)  
(23 Jul) *Navy Times*, By Carl Prine  
A sailor aboard the Norfolk-based carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower and another at North Carolina's Camp Lejeune face serious sex crime charges.
22. [Breastfeeding in public is finally legal in all 50 States](#)  
(25 Jul) *People*, By Julie Mazziotta  
Women are constantly criticized and shamed for breastfeeding in public — but they can now officially say that it is completely legal across the United States. The United States is now up to speed with the U.K., Australia and other countries across the world that protect nursing mothers.
23. [Hospitals know how to protect mothers. They just aren't doing it.](#)  
(26 Jul) *USA Today*, By Alison Young  
The vast majority of women in America give birth without incident. But each year, more than 50,000 are severely injured. About 700 mothers die. The best estimates say that half of these deaths could be prevented and half the injuries reduced or eliminated with better care. Instead, the U.S. continues to watch other countries improve as it falls behind. Today, this is the most dangerous place in the developed world to give birth.

## **SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS**

24. [Face of Defense: Airman Finds Better Life After Abandoning Gangs for Service](#)  
(20 Jul) *Air Force Space Command*, By Robb Lingley  
Growing up in Gilroy, California, Jacqueline Jauregui had everything a girl could wish for: money, designer clothes and so much more. Shortly after her high school graduation, her father took everything from her and kicked her to the streets.
25. [Specialist facing US Army discharge sues for citizenship](#)  
(22 Jul) *The Associated Press*  
A U.S. Army specialist born in South Korea has sued to demand a response to her American citizenship application after the military moved to discharge her.

26. [USS Fitzgerald junior officer enters no plea in arraignment for court-martial](#)  
(23 Jul) *Stars and Stripes*, By Dianna Cahn  
Lt. Natalie Combs did not enter a plea at her arraignment for a general court-martial on charges stemming from the deadly collision involving the USS Fitzgerald Navy destroyer last year. The ship's commanding officer, Capt. Bryce Benson, is facing court-martial; the officer of the deck Lt. j.g. Sarah Coppock pleaded guilty; and Combs and another junior officer, the ship's surface warfare officer Lt. Irian Woodley, presented their defense in a joint preliminary hearing. Combs worked alongside Woodley in the combat information center. Combs' lawyer said Monday that the fact that she was sent to court-martial while Woodley was not raised questions about fairness that the defense team was investigating.
27. [Is this Navy officer being held accountable for negligence? Or railroaded?](#)  
(23 Jul) *Navy Times*, By Carl Prine  
More than a year after the fatal collision of the guided-missile destroyer Fitzgerald, the military arraigned Lt. Natalie Demitri Combs during a speedy but controversial Monday morning hearing at the Navy Yard in Washington. She reported to the Fitzgerald less than three months after graduating from Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island.
28. [2nd lieutenant is Alabama National Guard's first black female pilot](#)  
(24 Jul) *The Associated Press*  
An Alabama woman has made history as the first black female pilot in the state National Guard's history. 2nd Lt. Kayla Freeman of Huntsville graduated from Fort Rucker's Army Aviation School last month.
29. [Face of Defense: Navy Father, Daughter Enjoy Serving Together](#)  
(25 Jul) *USS Nimitz*, By Navy Seaman Michael Prusiecki  
A Navy father and daughter say they enjoy their service together aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Eric Alexander, enlisted in the Navy in 1996. He eventually reached the rank of chief petty officer before being commissioned through the limited duty officer program in 2007. Since February, he has been serving as the aircraft handling officer on the Nimitz. Alexander's daughter, Petty Officer 3rd Class Erica Alexander-Quow, enlisted in the Navy in June 2017 as an intelligence specialist. She has been serving on the Nimitz since January.
30. [Slain corpsman was 'ambushed' by schizophrenic Marine Corps deserter, authorities say](#)  
(25 Jul) *Navy Times*, By J.D. Simkins  
The man arrested in the shooting death of 24-year-old Navy Corpsman Devon Rideout was a Marine Corps deserter and diagnosed schizophrenic. Rideout had just arrived at her Oceanside, California, residence moments earlier after leaving Camp Pendleton and was still in uniform when she was killed, NBC San Diego reported.

## WOMEN VETERANS

31. [Democrats demand investigation into reports of politically motivated VA firings](#)  
(19 Jul) *Military Times*, By Leo Shane III  
A group of House Democrats is calling for the Office of Special Counsel to launch a full investigation into acting Veterans Affairs Secretary Peter O'Rourke for what they believe are politically motivated firings at the department, a possible violation of federal law. The positions include the Center for Women Veterans and the Center for Minority Veterans, among other posts.
32. [WWII vet turns 100, recalls her years of service with WACs](#)  
(20 Jul) *The Florida Times-Union*, By Emily Sullivan  
A pioneering Women's Army Auxiliary Corps volunteer turned 100 Friday, clinging to her bed railing as she recounted her time as a typist behind the American World War II effort. Anne Butler, who grew up in America and Poland, has just her memory and several colorless portraits to remind her of the years she spent stationed in old New York City offices. She typed her way through World War II, donating her time to make some, any, helpful impact.
33. [Female Marine veteran celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> birthday](#)  
(20 Jul) *ABC 27 News*, By Thomas LeClair  
Florence Bieber served in the United States Marine Corps, and turned 100 years old on Thursday. In 1943, the store clerk enlisted to help the war effort. Her job was to correct spelling errors of high-ranking officers. She says they used a lot of curse words, and she refused to type any of them. She rose from Private to Master Gunnery Sergeant, which is the highest non-commissioned officer's rank in the U.S. Marine Corps.

34. [First woman promoted to Navy admiral dies at 98](#)

*(25 Jul) Stars & Stripes, By Corey Dickstein*

The first woman to rise to admiral in the Navy died Saturday, just more than 46 years after her groundbreaking promotion into the ranks of flag officer, the service announced Wednesday. Retired Rear Adm. Alene Duerk spent her career in the Navy's nursing corps, serving during three major wars and eventually rising to the Navy's top nurse position, according to the Naval History and Heritage Command. She was 98 years old.