



Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Articles of Interest 16-30 June 2018

RELEASED REPORTS

1. [2015 Department of Defense Health Related Behaviors Survey \(HRBS\)](#)
(2018) RAND, By Sarah O. Meadows, Charles C. Engel, Rebecca L. Collins, Robin L. Beckman, Matthew Cefalu, Jennifer Hawes-Dawson, Molly Doyle, Amii M. Kress, Lisa Sontag-Padilla, Rajeev Ramchand, Kayla M. Williams
The Health Related Behaviors Survey (HRBS) is the U.S. Department of Defense's flagship survey for understanding the health, health-related behaviors, and well-being of service members. In 2014, the Defense Health Agency asked the RAND Corporation to review previous iterations of the HRBS, update survey content, administer a revised version of the survey, and analyze data from the resulting 2015 HRBS of active-duty personnel, including those in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard. This report details the methodology, sample demographics, and results from that survey in the following domains: health promotion and disease prevention; substance use; mental and emotional health; physical health and functional limitations; sexual behavior and health; sexual orientation, transgender identity, and health; and deployment experiences and health. The results presented here are intended to supplement data already collected by the Department of Defense and to inform policy initiatives to help improve the readiness, health, and well-being of the force.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

2. [Judge again blocks transgender military ban from taking effect](#)
(15 Jun) *The Hill*, By Rebecca Kneel
A federal court on Friday again said the Trump administration cannot implement its ban on most transgender military service while a lawsuit against it proceeds.
3. [The Sky's the Limit for Kids at STARBASE Summer Camp](#)
(25 Jun) *145th Airlift Wing*, By Air Force Staff Sgt. Laura Montgomery
What do you get when you mix a handful of knowledgeable volunteers; some scientific principles, theories and laws; rocket materials; and a group of bright-eyed, young students? You get the annual STARBASE Camp -- more than 20 4th, 5th, and 6th graders learning exciting science, technology, engineering and math applications that will help them launch a rocket, and hopefully, ideas for their future. The camp was held at the North Carolina Air National Guard Base at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.
4. [Sisters in Service: Closing the Joint Warfighter Diversity Gap](#)
(27 Jun) *432nd Wing*, By Air Force 1st Lt. Annabel Monroe
The largest gathering of military women in the nation, the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium, was held June 20-22 at the San Diego Convention Center here and included attendees from 20 different countries and all branches of the U.S. armed forces. While both men and women are welcome to attend, about 30 men and 1,200 women took part in the symposium.
5. ["Why are they moving up faster?: Women in the Corps are doing better than you think"](#)
(27 Jun) *Marine Corps Times*, By Shawn Snow
Female enlisted Marines are promoting at faster rates than men — on average picking up E-6 almost a half year more quickly than male Marines, Defense Department data shows.

6. [Vice Chairman Salutes The 1 Percent of Population That Serves](#)
(29 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Lisa Ferdinando
“Only 1 percent of our population today will ever wear the uniform of this nation in any of its incarnations -- soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, active, Guard or Reserve,” Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva said at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics convention at National Harbor, Maryland. “That means we have to pick from the very best, because they are going to lead the very best,” he told the athletics administrators from the 1,700 colleges and universities in NACDA’s membership.

EMPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION

7. [Second woman on track to graduate the Corps’ Infantry Officer Course may be your next recon platoon commander](#)
(21 Jun) Marine Corps Times, By Shawn Snow
In another historic milestone for female Marines, another woman is on track to graduate the Corp’s grueling and arduous 13-week Infantry Officer Course on June 23, 2018, and she’s pushing for a job field that could put her in charge of the Corps’ elite reconnaissance Marines.
8. [Marine ground combat arms unit gets its first woman commander](#)
(25 Jun) Marine Corps Times, By Shawn Snow
A historic change of command took place June 22 aboard Camp Pendleton, California, as the first woman to command a Marine ground combat arms unit took charge.
9. [Second woman graduates from Infantry Officer Course](#)
(26 Jun) Marine Corps Times, By Shawn Snow
The female Marine officer is gunning to become a ground intelligence officer.
10. [Virginia-class attack sub has delivery issue as US Navy aims to get program back on course](#)
(26 Jun) Defense News, By David B. Larter
Supplier issues, a doubled production rate and cuts to production time contributed to delays for the Navy’s gold-star program in recent years.
11. [DOJ’s female investigators get fewer opportunities \(and they know it\)](#)
(26 Jun) Federal Times, By Jessie Bur
Women in law enforcement positions at the Department of Justice are demographically underrepresented and receive fewer promotion opportunities, and they are feeling the inequity, according to a recent DOJ Inspector General Report.

WELL-BEING & TREATMENT

12. [Why women were told ‘Don’t get pregnant at George Air Force Base’](#)
(20 Jun) Military Times, By Tara Copp
George joins Pease, Patrick, Wright-Patterson and Wurtsmith Air Force bases with communities now coming forward.
13. [New Navy parental leave policy gives new parents additional flexibility](#)
(22 Jun) Navy Times, By Noah Nash
As part of a couple of new rule changes under the new parental and adoption leave policy, sailors will now be able to decide which parent receives primary caregiver leave, the Navy announced Thursday.
14. [Va. Gov. Northam grants paid parental leave to state employees](#)
(26 Jun) The Associated Press
Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam is granting eight weeks of paid leave for new parents who work in state government. Northam signed an executive order Tuesday giving executive-branch employees two months of leave at full pay for the new birth or adoption of a child. The policy applies to new mothers and fathers.
15. [Feds get guaranteed paid parental leave under new bill](#)
(29 Jun) Federal Times, By Jessie Bur
A new bill introduced in the House June 28 would ensure that federal employees have access to up to 12 months of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child.

16. [Experts say U.S. among 10 most dangerous nations for women](#)

(26 Jun) CBS News <Video>

The United States has been ranked for the first time among the 10 nations deemed to be the most dangerous for women by experts in the field. A survey by the Thomson Reuters Foundation of about 550 experts in women's issues around the globe labeled the U.S. the 10th most dangerous nation in terms of the risk of sexual violence, harassment and being coerced into sex.

SERVICEWOMEN IN THE NEWS

17. [NMSU Army ROTC commander named Military Science Professor of the Year](#)

(7 Jun) Las Cruces Sun-News, By Minerva Baumann

When Lt. Col. Blanca Reyes arrived at New Mexico State University nearly two years ago, she became the university's first female and first Hispanic professor of military science. Recently she was selected this year's Professor of Military Science for U.S. Army Cadet Command out of 275 Army ROTC programs across the country.

18. [General Officer Assignments](#)

(15 Jun) IMMEDIATE RELEASE (No. NR-193-18)

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley announces the following officer assignments:

- Brig. Gen. Nikki L. Griffin Olive, U.S. Army Reserve, deputy commander - Signal (Troop Program Unit), 335th Signal Command (Theater), East Point, Georgia, to commanding general (Troop Program Unit), 335th Signal Command (Theater), Operational Command Post (Forward), Kuwait.
- Col. (Promotable) Wendy L. Harter to command surgeon, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She most recently served as commander, 65th Medical Brigade, Eighth Army, Republic of Korea.

19. [Face of Defense: Air Guard Twins Serve Together for Nearly 20 Years](#)

(20 Jun) 178th Wing, By Air Force Airman 1st Class Amber Mullen

Serving in the Air National Guard can oftentimes be a family tradition. However, it is not very often that people get to say that they are serving alongside their twin. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Tabatha King, newly selected chief enlisted manager of the 178th Communications Flight; and Air Force Master Sgt. Tammy Remley, senior noncommissioned officer in charge of inspections for the 178th Inspector General Office, have been serving together at the 178th Wing for the past 19 years.

20. [Sailor Overcomes Combat Injuries, Brings Home 8 Gold Medals From Warrior Games](#)

(21 Jun) DoD News, Defense Media Activity, By Terri Moon Cronk

Despite suffering serious injuries from an attack by a member of the Afghan security forces in 2014, Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Reina Hockenberry was determined to avoid a medical retirement and stay on active duty.

21. [Shot 5 times by Afghan soldier, Navy master chief refused to quit](#)

(21 Jun) Military.com, By Matthew Cox

Navy Master Chief Raina Hockenberry remembers everything from that day in 2014 when an Afghan soldier shot her five times.

22. ['48 Hours: NCIS' to feature soldier's case](#)

(25 Jun) The Fayetteville Observer, By Nancy McCleary

The 2008 disappearance and murder of Army 2nd Lt. Holley Wimunc will be featured Tuesday on an episode of "48 Hours: NCIS" airing on CBS at 10 p.m. The episode, "Trail of Fire," follows the case of Wimunc, 24, a Fort Bragg soldier who disappeared from her Fayetteville apartment only to be found three days later buried in a shallow grave near Camp Lejeune.

23. [Shot five times, this wounded warrior fought her way back to active duty and eight gold medals](#)

(26 Jun) Navy Times, By Noah Nash

On Aug. 5, 2014, Navy Senior Chief Raina Hockenberry was visiting a military academy in Kabul, Afghanistan, when an Afghan soldier turned and opened fire on the group.

24. [Face of Defense: Dual-Military Couple Faces Challenges Head-On](#)

(29 Jun) Air Force Reserve, By Air Force Master Sgt. Luke Johnson

Two Air Force reservists credit the success of their relationship to positive attitudes and continual communications, even as they have endured several geographic separations. Air Force Tech Sgt. Dawn Gettys met Tech Sgt. Cazavia Henley during a

deployment in 2009. Gettys was based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Henley was based at what was then Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina.

WOMEN VETERANS

25. [**The Army 243 years later: Women pave the way**](#)

(15 Jun) RocketCityNow.Com (Video)

The Army's come a long way since its establishment before the United States became a nation, especially when it comes to women joining.