



UNITED STATES COUNTRY REPORT

WOMEN IN THE NATO FORCES

2006 CONFERENCE





Armed Forces

The Armed Forces of America consist of:

- 1.4 million active duty personnel
- 662,000 civilians
- 1.3 million Guard and Reserve personnel





Women's Assignment Policy

Department of Defense Women's Assignment Policy

- Established 1994
- Designates women as eligible to all positions for which they are qualified, *except for* units below the brigade level whose primary mission is to engage in *direct combat on the ground*.
 - Direct ground combat units include: *Infantry, Armor, Special Forces, Cannon Field Artillery* and *Combat Engineer* companies



Career Fields 2005-2006



Percentage of career fields *open* to women



<u>Service</u>	<u>Percent Open</u>
Army	90
Navy	95
Air Force	99
Marine Corps	92
Coast Guard	100





Army

The Army consists of:

- Total Force: 1.3 million
- Women
 - Active Duty: 68,632
 - Reserve: 81,766
 - Civilians: 237,995

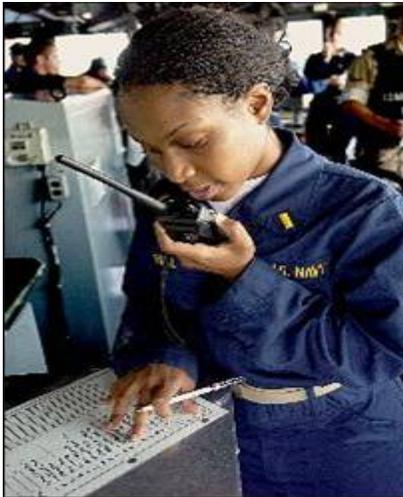




Navy

The Navy consists of:

- Total Force: 651,000
- Women
 - Active Duty: 50,705
 - Reserve: 2,979
 - Civilians: 47,116





Marine Corps

The Marine Corps consists of:

- Total Force: 293,000
- Women
 - Active Duty: 10,932
 - Reserve: 1,331
 - Civilians: 4,973

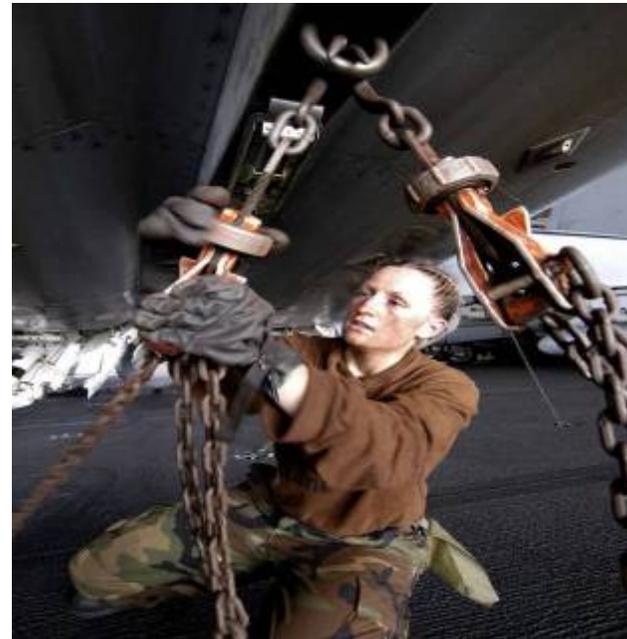




Air Force

The Air Force consists of:

- Total Force: 727,000
- Women
 - Active Duty: 68,161
 - Reserve: 49,157
 - Civilians: 49,624





Coast Guard

The Coast Guard, under the department of Homeland Security, consists of:

- Total Force: 263,000
- Women
 - Active Duty: 4,597
 - Reserve: 1,162
 - Civilians: Not under Defense Department





Major Deployments ~ *South West Asia*



OPERATION
ENDURING FREEDOM
Afghanistan

Deployed Women
2100 (11.1 percent)

IRAQI FREEDOM
Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar

15000 (10.9 percent)

Deployed Civilians
Deployed Civilian Women

29,000 (12 percent)
247 (.1 percent)



Coalition Partners



Policies and Programs 2005-2006

Recent changes to policy and programs include:

- DOD Policy on Prevention and Response to Sexual Assault
- Navy – Congress approved the assignment of women to fill commanding officer billets on board Coastal Patrol Crafts
- Improving Diversity among the senior ranks



Women in Military Service for America

New exhibit...



*honoring women
serving in Iraq
and Afghanistan*