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## Women Are Crucial to Maintaining a Strong US Military Force

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**Women play critical roles across the U.S. military, including in combat arms, and are integral to our military readiness.** Removing qualified women from these roles would disrupt units, damage morale, gut retention and recruiting, and send an anti-women message with far-reaching impact across the force.

1. **Over 5,000 women across the military are serving in ground combat roles, including infantry, and meeting (or exceeding) the same standards as men.** The numbers of women in combat roles as of February 2026 are as follows:
  - Army/Infantry: 750
  - Army/Armor 1000-1100
  - Army/Field Artillery: 2700-2800
  - Marine Corps/Infantry: est 700-800
  - Ranger-qualified: 175
  - Special Forces: single digits, across the branches

From 2019 to 2023, the Army gathered extensive data on the impact of integrating women into combat arms. During this period, the Army concluded there was no evidence of any degradation to unit readiness or effectiveness due to the presence of women.

2. **Women bring important skills and attributes to the fight.**

While some men may outperform some women in raw strength, women often outperform men in stress regulation, decision quality, observation/attention to detail, multi-tasking under stress, and communication, improving unit cohesion and battlefield decision-making.

Physically, women generally have greater flexibility and balance, require less food, and over long periods of time maintain their strength and muscle mass better than men.

3. **Women bring excellence to the force.** Women have been the Honor Graduates of the Maneuver Captain's Career Course in the Army, the Cavalry Leader's Course, Ranger School, and others. Countless women have commanded combat arms companies and served as instructors in combat arms schools.
4. **Maintaining the force requires women.** Without increased numbers of women joining, the Army would not have met its recruiting goals in recent years. Women recruits are significantly less likely to have criminal records, and more likely to have higher education.

**Limiting the roles women play in the military will disrupt units, reduce mission capability, jeopardize recruiting and retention, and make America less safe.**

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