



**STATEMENT ON WOMEN IN SERVICE REVIEW
ANNOUNCEMENT**

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As the Chairman, I provide candid best military advice to the Secretary of Defense on the full range of issues affecting the readiness, combat effectiveness, and employment of the Joint Force. I have had the opportunity to provide my advice on the issue of full integration of women into the Armed Forces.

In the wake of the Secretary's decision, my responsibility is to ensure his decision is properly implemented. Moving forward my focus is to lead the full integration of women in a manner that maintains our joint warfighting capability, ensures the health and welfare of our people, and optimizes how we leverage talent across the Joint Force.

- General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.