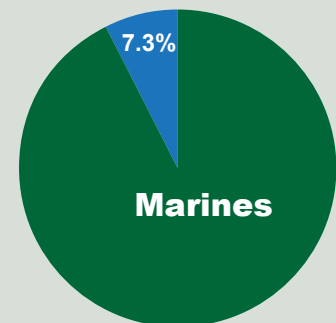
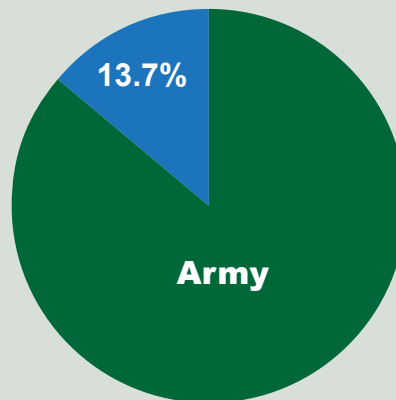
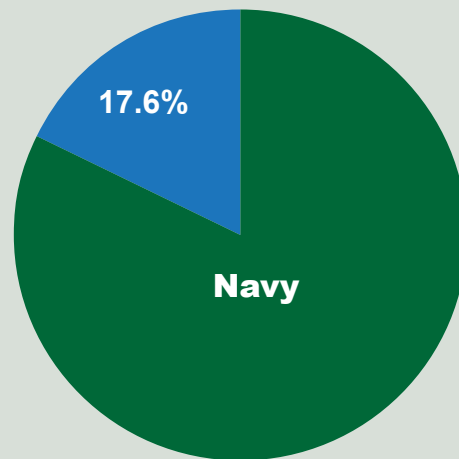
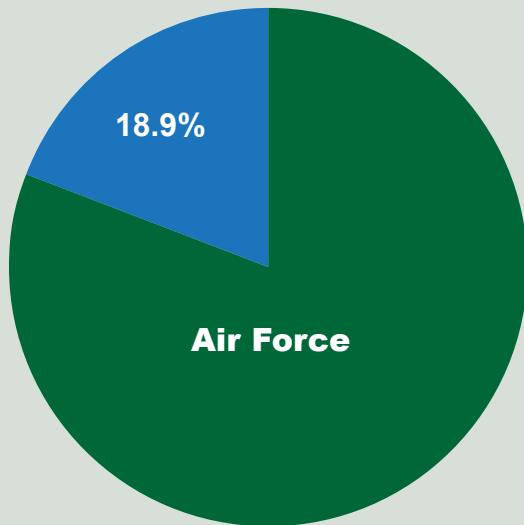


Band of Brothers and Sisters

WHERE US MILITARY WOMEN SERVE



Congress long ago removed all legal bans on US military women serving in combat. However, DOD policies continued to keep women out of many close-combat jobs. Last year, Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta ordered the Joint Chiefs of Staff to study opening all military jobs to women by 2016. The profile of military women varies by service. As seen in the table, USAF leads the way, with women making up some 19 percent of the force. They fly fighters and bombers; few jobs are closed to them. At the other end of the spectrum is USMC. Women are seven percent of the Marine Corps and are notably absent from the combat arms. According to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), the Marine Corps has yet to open up 70,000 positions to women.

Service	Male	Female	Total	%Female
USAF	267,240	62,370	329,610	18.9
ARMY	451,222	71,751	522,973	13.7
NAVY	266,366	56,768	323,134	17.6
USMC	179,454	14,161	193,615	7.3
TOTAL	1,164,282	205,050	1,369,332	15.0

Source: Department of Defense, as of Dec. 31, 2013.