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JAN. 25

CLEMSON MEALS on Wheels Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Clemson United Methodist Church, 300 Frontage Road, Clemson.

VIETNAM VETERANS of America Chapter 1017 will meet at 6:15 p.m. at the American Legion Hut, Walhalla, with a supper served by the Chapter. (864) 638-7553 or spencer.carol.att.net

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DAV VETERANS advocates Terry Neale, Joe Jones and Mike Brown will be at the Knights of Columbus meeting hall, 112 E. North 2nd St., Seneca, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. to assist veterans with VA benefits. (864) 247-3686 or (678) 858-6052

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PAWS AND Taws Square Dance Club will offer a free hot dog supper and square dance lesson from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at SENIOR Solutions, 101 Perry Ave., Seneca.

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eventually be pressured to lower the qualifications so more women can serve in jobs like the Marine infantry.

The public comments by Gen. John Kelly, head of U.S. Southern Command, underscored how strongly the Marines oppose Defense Secretary Ash Carter's order to fully integrate women into all combat jobs, including the Marine Corps and special operations forces like Navy SEALs and Army Green Berets. A new, high-level disagreement is erupting over whether the Marine Corps must also fully integrate its 12-week recruit training program at Parris Island in South Carolina.

"They're saying we are not going to change any standards," Kelly told reporters at the Pentagon. "There will be great pressure, whether it's 12 months from now, four years from now, because the question will be asked whether we've let women into these other roles, why aren't they staying in those other roles? Why aren't they advancing as infantry people?"

If the answer to that is, it shouldn't hurt, I would suggest that we shouldn't do it, because it might hurt," Kelly said.

Carter in December ordered all combat jobs open to women, but also vowed that no standards would be lowered to make way for women.

The Marine Corps initially sought to keep certain infantry and combat jobs closed to women, citing studies showing combined-gender units are not as effective as male-only units, but they were rebuffed.

Carter's December ruling said the military services should integrate women into combat jobs "using their existing recruiting, accession, training and assignment procedures."

But on Jan. 1, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus told the Marines he wanted a plan by Jan. 15 for how the Marines would fully integrate their recruit training. And he said he wanted the integration to begin no later than April 1.

A spokesman for Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller, Lt. Col. Eric Dent, said Mabus' memo is being reviewed. But officials familiar with the events said an irate Neller wants a one-on-one meeting with Carter to discuss the matter. They said Marine leaders don't want women and men training together and want to determine the implications of the change before doing anything. The officials spoke on anonymity because they were unauthorized to speak publicly about Neller's plans.

Under the current system, women who enlist in the Marine Corps go to Parris Island for their initial three months of recruit training and are assigned to one battalion. Men training there are assigned to three other battalions.

The Marine Corps says this gives women time to do early training and study with female drill instructors who can serve as role models, help them build confidence and develop the physical and other



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U.S. Southern Command Commander Gen. John Kelly speaks to reporters during a briefing at the Pentagon in Washington on Friday.

The other three services, however, do not separate women from men in basic training, although it is not unusual to have all-male platoons or battalions in training because there often aren't enough women to populate all the units. Men and women have separate living quarters.

After the recruit training, the men and women go through Marine combat training together. They then move on to their formal training for their specific jobs, which also is integrated.

In a second memo, which was obtained by The Associated Press, Mabus also warned Marine Corps leaders not to use any concerns about or harassment and other effects as the integration of women into combat jobs goes on.

Mabus told Neller in the memo that he expects the Marine Corps will monitor those issues in order to measure progress and aid education, "rather than as a justification to hinder or halt this policy."

He also asked the Marines to go through their job titles and make them as gender-neutral as possible. While that would not likely involve changes to every title — the Air Force has routinely used "airmen" to refer to its forces regardless of gender — it could change a title such as "reconnaissance man" to "reconnaissance Marine."



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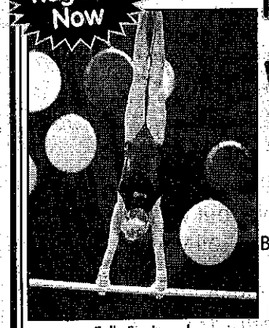
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