Lifted Ban on Women in Combat (Combat Exclusion Policy): 2013

Background

2013: On January 24, 2013, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey rescinded this policy following a unanimous recommendation by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2015. On December 3, after a review period, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter announced that all combat jobs would be opened to women with no exceptions, effective January 2016.

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