

SAS-137 SYMPOSIUM: INTEGRATION OF  
WOMEN INTO GROUND COMBAT UNITS

**“Gender Integration and Citizenship:  
A Civil-Military Perspective**

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# REFRAMING THE COMBAT INTEGRATION DISCUSSION

Find better place for the discussion of combat integration

- “Physiology” - How much can a woman carry?
- “Readiness” - Petri-dish argument

Back into Armed Forces and Society

- “What Does Military Service Mean”
- “Who Serves?” and “Who Matters?”



# MILITARY AS A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL INSTITUTION

- Being a soldier has social/political meaning to it
- Republicanism – citizenship and national defense
- Changes with the All Volunteer Force
- Combat service as a vehicle for social equality



# MILITARY RESISTANCE TO SOCIAL CHANGE

- US military vs. the government
- Inconsistency on civ-mil gap
- Military victimization and resistance



# HUNTINGTON VS. JANOWITZ

## COMPETING CIVIL-MILITARY THEORIES



Samuel Huntington, *The Soldier & The State* (1957)



Morris Janowitz, *The Professional Soldier* (1960)

# TWO CIVIL-MILITARY ARGUMENTS FOR GENDER INTEGRATION

- 1) Citizenship/value opportunity – both within and outside military
  - Combat arms representation in general officers
  - Value of general officers to society
- 2) Value of inclusivity in combat arms for 21<sup>st</sup> century military
  - Demand for critical thinkers
  - Demand for a force that “looks like us”



# CONCLUSION



- Greatest challenge – assessment
- Rights vs. Readiness

