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Adjutant General of Florida statement on lifting of combat specialty ban for women

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (Jan. 24, 2013) – Following the announcement by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff about lifting the ban of the direct combat exclusion rule for women in the military, the Adjutant General of Florida issued the following statement:

"The Florida National Guard supports this historic decision concerning lifting the ban on women in combat specialties," said Adjutant General of Florida Maj. Gen. Emmett Titshaw Jr. "Our formations in Florida are combat tested and all Soldiers and Airmen, women and men alike, have served dutifully and with distinction in any task given. The Florida National Guard will work with the respective Services to ensure a full understanding of implementation guidance and comply with the directed timelines"

Women serving in the Florida National Guard have already served on the frontlines in combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, and are currently serving in support of operations in Southwest Asia and around the globe.

As directed, the Florida National Guard will implement any changes as quickly as possible. At this point we are waiting for additional guidance.

Currently there are 12 Military Occupational Specialties in the Florida Army National Guard that are not available to women. These include Infantry, Field Artillery and Special Forces.

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