

Women and gender issues of americans in combat

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Imagine, as a male, in frontline combat with a female on one side of you, another male on the other side of you. Who would you trust most? A majority of people would trust the male over the female because of a male's strength and endurance, and that is the trouble. Although it is proven that most women are physically weaker than men and have forty pounds less muscle mass and thirteen pounds more fat than men, it does not mean they are not as brave, experienced, dedicated, or skillful as men in the litany.

Rosemary Skeins, author of *Women at War: Gender Issues of Americans in Combat* said, " It is more important to have superior technical skills, intelligence, and training [in the military than physical strength]". Women may not be as athletic or strong as men, but they are capable of having as much or more experience and skill than the men fighting in frontline combat. The topic of whether or not women should be allowed in combat is very subjective. Some people believe that since most women are not as physically strong, they do not belong in combat.

However, I think it is much more important to be mentally tough, brave, smart and aware of your surroundings. There has been no defined frontline in the current wars on terror; men and women in uniform have been exposed to the enemy almost everywhere under multiple circumstances, whether they are on a combat mission or within the security of their base. For example, an enemy can launch rockets at a base with the hope that they'll impact somewhere inside the base where they will destroy equipment or injure people.

In the case of people working inside the base any one of them at any time could be a victim of these attacks. Additionally, most people think frontline combat is just on land, face-to-face. A lot of intense combat also takes place in the sky, being shot at while in bombers or jets, which is equally as dangerous as being on land. Likewise, technology has narrowed the gap between men and women in combat, making combat less about physical strength, and more about mental and physical skill and agility.

Being the pilot of a fighter jet, helicopter, or bomber does not require the physical strength it once did years ago, but instead requires experience, skill, and courage. As long as a woman can meet the same minimum standards that a man must meet to serve in combat, then she should be allowed to do so. Women in combat by gammas than the men fighting in frontline combat. The topic of whether or not women should impact somewhere inside the base where they will destroy equipment or injure people. In the case of people working inside the base any one of them at any time could be a victim of these attacks.

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