

White House announces support for women in military draft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration declared its support Thursday for requiring women to register for the military draft, a symbolic but significant shift that reflects the U.S. military's evolution from a male-dominated force to one seeking to incorporate women at all levels.

President Barack Obama has been considering whether to adopt the position since last December, when Defense Secretary Ash Carter ordered the military to open all jobs to women, including the most arduous combat posts. Ned Price, a spokesman for the White House's National Security Council, said Obama believes women have "proven their mettle."

"As old barriers for military service are being removed, the administration supports — as a logical next step — women registering for the Selective Service,"

Price said, using the formal name for the military draft.

The White House emphasized that the administration remains committed to an all-volunteer military — meaning women, like men, wouldn't be forced to serve unless there were a national emergency like a major world war. Changing the policy would require an act of Congress, and there are no signs that lawmakers plan to move swiftly to alter the law.

Obama, who will leave office in less than two months, has less leverage over Congress and the broader Washington agenda than he did earlier in his presidency. Like his embrace of gay marriage in 2012, Obama's announcement appeared aimed more at influencing the public debate about women in the military in the coming years than at forcing an immediate policy change.



AP Photo/Andrew Harnik
In this Sept. 22 file photo, Defense Secretary Ash Carter testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The Defense Department echoed Obama's position, first reported by USA Today. Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said that Carter believes the inclusion of women throughout the military's echelons has strengthened the military's might.

"He thinks it makes sense for women to register for

Selective Service, just as men must," Cook said.

Late last year, the Pentagon ordered all military jobs opened to women, including about 220,000 jobs previously restricted to men, including in special operations forces. Carter and other military leaders insisted that the military wouldn't

lower the physical standards for those jobs to enable more women to qualify.

Integrating women has not been fast or easy. Earlier this year the top Army and Marine Corps generals told senators it would take up to three years to fully integrate women into all combat jobs. The military services have started recruiting women for those jobs and making necessary changes to bathrooms and other facilities. But some of the services, such as the Marine Corps, have predicted or experienced challenges identifying large numbers of candidates who want to serve in combat and meet the physical requirements.

Under current law, women can volunteer to serve in the military, but aren't required to register for the draft. All adult men must register within 30 days of their 18th birthday, and risk losing eligibility for student aid, job

training and government jobs if they fail to comply.

Signing up for the draft entails registering with the U.S. Selective Service, an independent agency aimed at ensuring a fair distribution of military duties if the president and Congress had to enact a draft. The U.S. hasn't had a military draft since 1973, during the Vietnam War era.

The new posture from the Obama administration came at an unusual time, just two days after House and Senate negotiators agreed to strip a provision from the annual defense policy bill that would have required young women to register.

The measure had roiled social conservatives, who decried it as another step toward the blurring of gender lines. But proponents of including women in the draft pool viewed the requirement as a sensible step toward gender equality.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Wildhorse Resort & Casino CEO Gary George talks about the types of jobs the casino offers to a group of Pendleton High School students during a career day tour of the facilities Tuesday in Mission.

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Many Pendleton High school students are interested in new technology jobs, Eastern Oregon Business Source president Susan Bower said. With the help of Umatilla County and Blue Mountain Community College, Bower and her consulting company are launching the Schools to Careers program for the Pendleton School District.

As a part of the program, Bower administered a survey about what career fields students were interested in.

Although responses ran the gamut, Bower said the three fields that trended the strongest were healthcare, veterinary science and technology.

The Schools to Careers program was spurred by a workforce study sponsored by the county and BMCC, which surveyed 400 Umatilla County businesses and showed their was high demand for jobs like certified medical support, computer systems support and value-added agriculture technical experts.

Area employers said the biggest barrier to hiring quality workers was finding people with the necessary work ethic, punctuality and customer service.

Bower said that's an issue that can be remedied, and she is making professional conduct a part of the Schools to Careers program.

Like much of the country, Pendleton and Umatilla County economy is seeing the most growth in the service sector, rather in more traditional industries like agriculture and manufacturing.

According to the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, nine of the ten top employers in Pendleton are in the service sector — whether that be in government, health or retail. These trends bear out countywide as well. An Oregon Department of Employment study showed the hotel and food service industry grew by 12.5 percent over the past five years in Umatilla County. It now comprises more than 12 percent of the county's private jobs.

No employer better signifies the shift toward the service economy than the

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Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, which includes Cayuse Technologies, the tribal government and Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

While the first two arms employ plenty of people, Wildhorse accounts for more than half of the tribes' 1,645 employees and would be Pendleton's largest employer by itself.

After the Cayuse Technologies tour, the students took a bus across the road. CEO Gary George welcomed them.

George, who was also recently appointed to the Pendleton School Board, explained that the Wildhorse's reach extended past its gambling and hotel operations and included Mission Market, Arrowhead Travel Plaza, a movie theater, golf course, five restaurants and an RV park.

Additionally, Wildhorse officials are also considering plans to expand the hotel and add a bowling alley, swimming pool and event center.

Although gambling consumes the largest share of the Wildhorse workforce, more than a quarter of Wildhorse employees worked in administration.

George said a career-track position at Wildhorse paid between \$70,000 and \$150,000 and covered areas like marketing and information technology.

Wildhorse's mid-tier positions paid between \$15-\$30 per hour, although George said the company sometimes struggled with promoting from within because of the income derived from tips from working the casino floor or restaurants.

Wildhorse employees then led the students on a behind-the-scenes tour of its restaurant, hotel and movie theater.

Given Wildhorse's strong presence in Pendleton's economy, many students were likely getting a glimpse into their future.

Friday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day Spokane			Paid	Into Wild	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily		
FOX	KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon at 6		Good Day Oregon				Good Day	The 700 Club		Rachael Ray (N)		
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	This Morning Jasmine Tookes, Taylor Hill (N)			Harry (N)		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless		
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		This Morning Jasmine Tookes, Taylor Hill (N)			Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless		
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest		Today Show Peter Sarsgaard, Fergie (N)			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?		
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise		Today Show Peter Sarsgaard, Fergie (N)			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today		
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live! With Kelly (N)		The View (N)		Paid	Middle	
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News Morning		Good Morning America (N)			AM Northwest		The View (N)		Live! With Kelly (N)		
PBS	31 KTNW	Stretch	W.L.Yoga	Wild Kratts	Jet Go!	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Sit and Fit
PBS	59 OPB	13 Stretch	Jet Go!	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperW!	Thomas

AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2 1/2 Men	Mike&M.	Football Pre-game (L)		
FOX	KPTV	3 12 O'Clock News		E. Stanton	Teen News	OutSpace	Y. Icons	Am Athlete	Missing	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Football Pre-game (L)	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal	Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News	
CBS	KOIN	19 News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		The Doctors (N)	Dr. Phil		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench		Wendy Williams		News	NBC News	
NBC	KGW	8 KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes (N)			Ellen DeGeneres (N)		KGW News	KGW News	
NBC	42 KVEW	4 The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors (N)			Rachael Ray (N)		Minute	Minute	
ABC	KATU	5 The Chew		General Hospital		Harry (N)			Afternoon Live		KATU News @ 4	News	
PBS	31 KTNW	Charlie Rose		Ming	Quilt Day	Stretch	Thomas	Nature Cat	Jet Go!	Odd Squad	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Business
PBS	59 OPB	13 Paint This	Mexican	Charlie Rose		Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Go!	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts

EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
FOX	11 KFFX								NCAA Football Pac-12 Championship Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)					
FOX	KPTV								NCAA Football Pac-12 Championship Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)					
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang "The Hamburger Postulate"	The Simpsons "Mathlete's Feat"	I Love Lucy Lucy faces numerous mishaps as she attempts to descend a staircase for movie role.	Hawaii 5-0 Danny's mother is questioned by the FBI & McGarrett partners with an autistic young man.		Blue Bloods Linda asks Danny & Baez to help her coworker who is dealing with an angry ex-husband.		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert		
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	I Love Lucy "Lucy Gets in Pictures" (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ke Koa Lokomaika'i"		Blue Bloods "Help Me Help You"		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert		
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Camera The internet loves both animals & kids, & today, Nick Cannon shares clips of both.	Dateline NBC The news magazine presents investigative features and breaking news coverage.		Dateline NBC The news magazine presents investigative features & breaking news coverage.		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show		
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m.	Live at 7	Inside Edition	CaughtCamera "Cutie and the Beast" (N)	Dateline NBC The news magazine presents investigative features & breaking news coverage.			Dateline NBC The news magazine presents investigative features & breaking news coverage.		KGW News/ 11	:35 Tonight at 11		
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Last Man "Precious Snowflake" (N)	Dr. Ken (N)	Shark Tank A team pitches their idea of an electric skateboard. (N)	20/20 A combination of interviews, feature stories and hard-hitting investigative reports.		News /:05 Kimmel Guests include Jamie Dornan; Khloe Kardashian; Kings of Leon.	:35 Jimmy Kimmel		
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News at 6	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man St. (N)	Dr. Ken (N)	Shark Tank (N)	20/20			KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel		
PBS	31 KTNW								PBS NewsHour		Carpenters: Close A look back over the long storied career of the Carpenters.	Soundstage "Cornerstones of Rock"	Jam With Dan	Charlie Rose (N)
PBS	59 OPB	13 Travelscope	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Washington in a Week (N)	Financial Sze stresses the importance of making financial decisions that you feel comfortable with.			Ed Sullivan's Rock 'n' Roll Classics					

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	First 48 "For a Quick Buck/ Bloody Sunday"		The First 48 "Bad Passenger/ Death Call"		The First 48 "The Passenger/ Death Call"		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol. (L)				Remini: Scientology "Disconnection"	
AMC	60	Back to the Future Michael J. Fox.		Back to the Future II Two time travelers go back from 2015 to 1955 to stop a man from altering the future.		Back to the Future III A time traveller ventures to 1885 to prevent his friend's murder and preserve the future.							
ANPL	24	Tanked!		Tanked: Sea-lebrity "Pranks and Tanks" (N)		Pet Nation Renovation		Pet Nation Reno (N)		Tanked!			
CMT	43	The Last Song		CMT Crossroads (N)		The Last Song ("10, Dra) Greg Kinnear, Miley Cyrus.		CMT Crossroads		Roseanne			
CNBC	72	Under Boss "Busted!"		Boss "Gigi's Cupcakes"		Boss "Rocket Fizz"		Under Boss "PostNet"		Boss "Johnny Rockets"		Paid	Paid
CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		United "The New KKK"		UnitedShadesAmerica		UnitedShadesAmerica	
DISC	51	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush (N)		Treasure Quest (N)		Gold Rush	
DISN	26	Good Luck Charli...		C'mas Light Fight 2/2		Liv Mad	Girl M. (N)	Bunk'd (N)	Underc.	Bizaard.	Walk	Cali Style	Bunk'd
ESPN	33	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		30 for 30 "Hit It Hard"		J & J (N)	Featured
ESPN2	34	NCAA Football (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Hannity		On the Record	
FNC	66	The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		On the Record	
FOOD	61	Diners		Diners		Diners		Diners (N)		Diners		Diners	Diners
FREE	32	A Christmas Carol		:15 The Santa Clause		:15 The Santa Clause Tim Allen.		:20 The Polar Express ('04, Ani) Tom Hanks.				Movie	
FX	65	The Karate Kid ('10, Act) Jaden Smith.		:22 Jump Street ('14, Act/Com) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum.		:22 Jump Street ('14, Act/Com) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum.						:22 Jump Street	
GOLF	88	PGA Golf Australian Championship Round 3 Site: Royal Pines Resort -- Queensland, Australia (L)		PGA Golf Hero World Challenge									
GSN	76	Feud (N)		Feud (N)		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		Tactics	Tactics
HALL	87	A Christmas Detour Candace Cameron Bure.		The Nine Lives of Christmas Brandon Routh.		Matchmaker Santa ('12, Rom) Lacey Chabert.		Matchmaker Santa ('12, Rom) Lacey Chabert.		H.Hunt		House (N)	H.Hunt
HGTV	60	H.Hunt		H.Hunt		H.Hunt		H.Hunt		H.Hunt		House (N)	H.Hunt
HIST	52	Aliens A look at whether the Aliens that visited Earth left behind any clues to their existence.		Ancient Aliens "Aliens in America"		Ancient Aliens "The Da Vinci Conspiracy"		Ancient Aliens "The Returned"		Ancient Aliens "The Returned"		:05 Ancient Aliens "Aliens and Monsters"	
LIFE	29	Finding Mrs. Claus ('12, Dra) Mira Sorvino.		:15 Christmas With the Kranks Tim Allen.		:15 Christmas With the Kranks Tim Allen.		:15 Christmas With the Kranks Tim Allen.		:15 Christmas With the Kranks Tim Allen.		:15 Christmas With the Kranks Tim Allen.	
NICK	27	H.Danger		H.Danger		Paradise		Legends of the Hidden Temple		Full House		Full House	Friends
ROOT	37	NCAA Basketball MVSU/Gonz.		In Depth		H.S. Football WIAA Tournament 3A Final (L)						ProFootball All Access (N)	Seahawks All Access
SPIKE	42	Cops		Cops "Wild Chases"		Cops "In Arizona"		Cops		Cops		Bellator MMA Fighters battle for \$100,000 and a shot at the title.	:15 Cops
SYFY	67	Movie		:15 Galaxy Quest ('99, Com) Tim Allen.				Z Nation (N)		Van Helsing (N)		Z Nation	
TBS	59	Seinfeld		Seinfeld "The Doll"		ELeague "Semifinals of Valve's Counter-Strike: Global Offensive" (L)				Search Party		Search Party	BigBang "Pilot"
TCM	56	The Devil to...		Arrowsmith A doctor travels to the West Indies to test his vaccine that combats a deadly cow disease.		:15 Consolation Marriage ('31, Com) Myrna Loy, Irene Dunne.		:15 Consolation Marriage ('31, Com) Myrna Loy, Irene Dunne.		:15 The Truth About Youth		:15 The Truth About Youth	:15 The Truth About Youth
TLC	49	A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting (N)		A Haunting (N)		Spirits "Shadows" (N)		A Haunting	A Haunting
TNT	57	Bones		Bones		:15 The Hunger Games ('12, Act) Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence.						:15 A Number Four	
UNI	21	Includo		Noticiero		La rosa de Guadalupe		Teleton USA				Teleton	Noticie.
USA	58	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern		Modern		Modern		Modern		Modern	Modern
WE	118	Boot Camp: Reali (N)		Marriage Boot Camp		My Life Is a Tel (N)		Marriage Boot Camp		Marriage Boot Camp		Marriage Boot Camp	Marriage Boot Camp
WGN		Interest "Provenance"		:15 Miami Vice (2006, Action) Jamie Foxx, Li Gong, Colin Farrell.				Mother		Mother		Rules	Rules
STZ ENC	644	Paul Blart: Mall C...		:15 Made of Honor Patrick Dempsey.		I Know What You Did Last Su...		I Know What You Did Last Su...		:45 I Still		Know What You Did...	
HBO	518	In the Heart of the Sea		Vice News		Westworld		The Divergent Series: Allegiant				T.Ullman	Movie
HBO2	520	:10 Eddie the Eagle ('16, Bio) Taron Egerton.		Insecure		T. Ullman		Sisters ('15, Com) Amy Poehler, Tina Fey.				:15 Movie Break	
HBO3	521	Movie		:45 Baby Boy ('01, Dra) Tyrese Gibson.				Straight Outta Compton ('15, True) O'Shea Jackson Jr..				Movie	
MAX	549	:20 Term Life ('16, Dra) Vince Vaughn.		:15 The Score ('01, Thril) Robert De Niro.		:15 Panic Room ('02, Thril) Jodie Foster.							
SHOW	578	:45 Years		:15 The Affair		:15 No Escape ('15, Thril) Owen Wilson.							