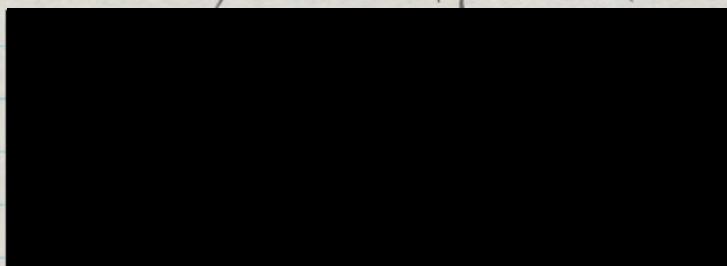


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Sirs,

I watched your show on women in the Armed Forces and I can only state my opinion from my own experience.



In my unit there were 4 WAF's serving during that time period. One was completely useless being unable to meet the physical or mental requirements. She spent more time trying to figure out who she was going to sleep with next. One was married and her husband was in our unit and they both spent most of their time on their personal problems and had to eventually be placed on separate shifts and neither were mentally up to the job. One was mentally up to the job

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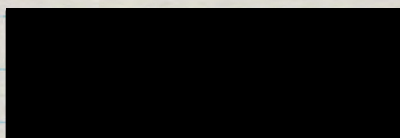
but physically unable to perform certain tasks thus limiting her usefulness to about 60% of a physically capable male equivalent.

One was a true peer. In fact she was looked up to by all (most of us) as better than an equal. She was physically and mentally capable and I have the utmost respect for her courage and tenacity in a male dominated environment. I wish all the WAF's I knew where as capable as she was. I wish I were as capable.

I can't say that 25% of women all useful and the rest are a waste but there was a double standard in Basic training and a double standard in job performance in the field during my time of service. The physical standards

should be made equal
and women shouldn't
be judged on their
appearance either.

I believe the right
woman can do the
job as well as a man.
The double standards
are the problem.



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P.S. Any opinion by a non-military
person on this subject is
useless. The military is quite
different from civilian life.
You can bet the standards
were set by civilians or
Gov't functionaries (Damn Bureaucrats)

