Abstract:

The aim of this bachelor thesis is to explore current position of women in army and combat roles. In the exordium, we define the term armed forces and add a short summary of gender, gender stereotypes and roles. This leads us to the theoretical part, where we firstly address the common gender differences. We investigate relevant physical differences, motivation of men and women, social perception of gender roles, stereotype of woman as a weaker worker and influence of women on team. Then we confront gender stereotypes, army requirements and research data.

Finally, we address big issues of women working in army, like sexual harrasment, motherhood and marriage of soldiers. Here we study problems like harrasement by a superior or effect of long period absence on a child. We inquire into how women in army are perceived by their male counterparts, gender roles in army and dilemma of double perception of female combatants – as women and as soldiers.

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