U.S allows women to fight in wars
Listen and fill in the blanks with the correct word
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The U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has announced one of the biggest (1) _____ of the American military in decades. He has lifted the ban on women fighting on the (2) _____ line in future wars. The new ruling (3) _____ the fact that women have been putting their lives at risk for many years. Mr Panetta told reporters: "Female service members have (4) _____ the reality of combat, proving their (5) _____ to fight and, yes, to die to defend their fellow Americans." Panetta said many very able women soldiers have been (6) _____ from doing a job they love because of their gender. He said: "We (7) _____ it to them to allow them to pursue every avenue of military service for which they are (8) _____ prepared and qualified."
The Defense Secretary announced there was an important (9) _____ to his new ruling – that women must be able to meet the military's (10) _____, including physical ones. Army Sergeant Jeremy Grayson agreed, saying: "Women would have to be able to do the physical (11) _____ that men do. They have to be able to pull their own (12) _____." Another Army spokesman, Anthony Lemaitre, warned the public to be prepared to (13) _____ seeing women troops come home in body bags or with lost (14) _____. He said: "It's harder to see a mother or a daughter dead." There could now be up to 237,000 positions available for women that are currently off (15) _____ to them. The Army says the ruling will (16) _____ the military in many ways.

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