## NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU RESPONSE TO DACOWITS RFI Q7 DOMESTIC ABUSE / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTING SERVICEWOMEN (WB&T)

Recently, media headlines have spotlighted multiple servicewomen being affected by domestic abuse and domestic violence. The Committee is concerned about the impacts of these incidences on the safety and welfare of servicewomen as well as on operational readiness.

The Committee requests a written response from each of the Military Services (to include the Reserves and National Guard) with information regarding safe housing for servicewomen who are victims of domestic violence (DV), to include details on the following:

- a. The current policies and procedures that ensure the safety of DV victims once incidents occurs. Please include data on where Service members are housed if they need to be removed to safe or alternate housing (to include whether it is on- or off-based housing.
- b. Explain how your Service interprets "suitable, safe and alternate housing" for victims of domestic violence per DoDI 6400.06.

## **RESPONSE**

- a. The National Guard does not implement policies or procedures to provide support/services to DV victims. The National Guard does not track domestic violence/domestic abuse incidents with Title 32 Technicians, M-Day and Traditional Guardsmen beyond the pre-post deployment-benefit window. Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) members may request services from nearby active duty installation programs.
  - Data for all domestic violence/domestic abuse incidents during deployment are managed by the respective Family Advocacy Programs of the parent services Army for the Army National Guard and the Air Force for the Air National Guard.
- b. The National Guard does not offer housing to any service members.