

SUBJ: DACOWITS RFI #7 – September QBM

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TO: DACOWITS Committee

THRU: Office of Diversity & Inclusion (CG-127)

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:

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- 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.

CG Response:

a. The USCG policies and procedures are designed to ensure the safety of DV victims once an incident has occurred. The USCG ensures a 24 hour command emergency response and protection to victims of maltreatment, to include military protective orders (MPO). The USCG does have a policy of notifying the appropriate civilian law enforcement agency when an MPO is issued so the agency is aware of the protected person and the terms of the order. In addition the Family Advocacy Program has 24 hour on-call coverage in each CG District. In a case of a service member victim and civilian offender, the service member victim may be housed on base in the barracks or in a duty watch stander room or sent TDY to ensure safety. In the case of duel military, the offender is removed from the quarters and housed on base or in another location.

b. As a policy, USCG units and installations do not craft individual agreements with local shelters regarding alternative housing for service member or dependent victims.