

# Women In Aviation And Space RFI #5B

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*The Committee requests a briefing from the Military Services addressing women in the space community, to include the following:*

- a. Explain how members of your Service become astronauts or part of the space program (to include support positions).*
- b. Provide total number of women by astronaut designation. Provide whole numbers, percent of total community, and breakdown by rank.*
- c. What is the percentage of women in space support fields y rank/MOS (i.e., maintenance, flight equipment , intelligence, supply, etc.)?*
- d. What barriers have you identified that may hinder women's ascension into space specialties (e.g., equipment, anthropomorphic measures, etc.)?*
- e. What barriers have you identified that may limit women's promotion once in space specialties (i.e., berthing limitations, facilities, deployment time, etc.)?*
- f. What initiatives (current or planned) are being pursued to increase women in the space community?*



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*a. Explain how members of your Service become astronauts or part of the space program (to include support positions).*

- Marine Officers are able to apply via USAJOBS when NASA publishes Astronaut Candidate vacancies. NASA then provides Manpower Management Officer Assignments (MMOA) with a list of officers that applied and asks for our feedback on the applicants. MMOA conducts a panel to make recommendations to NASA. NASA takes those recommendations and internally selects the astronauts.



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*b. Provide total number of women by astronaut designation. Provide whole numbers, percent of total community, and breakdown by rank.*

- The Marine Corps has two active duty Astronauts/Candidates. They are both female, one Major and one Lieutenant Colonel.



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*c. What is the percentage of women in space support fields by rank/MOS (i.e., maintenance, flight equipment, intelligence, supply, etc.)?*

- 0%



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*d. What barriers have you identified that may hinder women's ascension into space specialties (e.g., equipment, anthropomorphic measures, etc.)?*

- The Marine Corps has not identified any barriers regarding equipment or anthropomorphic measures that hinder women's ascension into space specialties.



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*e. What barriers have you identified that may limit women's promotion once in space specialties (i.e., berthing limitations, facilities, deployment time, etc.)?*

- The Marine Corps has not identified any promotion limitations once an individual enters the NASA Astronaut program.



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*f. What initiatives (current or planned) are being pursued to increase women in the space community?*

- There are currently no initiatives current or planned to increase women in the space community.





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