

**NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU RESPONSE TO DACOWITS RFI Q10  
PREGNANCY/PARENTHOOD POLICIES**

According to recent studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), “Almost nothing is known about the family and individual adjustment of military mothers who have deployed...” There are a host of scholarly articles addressing psychological conditions, such as anxiety, depression, family violence, etc. resulting from returning deployed family members. In many, if not most military families, women are the primary care giver; studies suggest more than 70 percent. Given the importance of the military mother to the family unit, the Committee is interested in the policies that support servicewomen’s reintegration into the family after deployment (to include the Reserves and Guard).

**RESPONSE**

The National Guard follows the policies of and processes of the parent services for reintegration of Servicemembers after deployment.