

SUBJ: DACOWITS RFI #7

FROM: CG-1331

TO: CG-127

DUAL-MILITARY CO-LOCATION POLICIES

In 2017, the Committee made three recommendations on dual-military co-location policies. DACOWITS continues to be interested in the retention of servicewomen and believes the co-location of dual military couples is a contributing factor to success in this area. Proportionally more women are married to a military spouse than are men, indicating that co-location policies can disproportionately affect servicewomen compared with servicemen.

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- a. What is the definition of a dual military co-located couple?
- b. Are there time, transportation, traffic, or distance constraints that are used in dual military co-location assignments?
- c. When was your Service's dual military co-location policy last updated?

CG Response:

- a. The Coast Guard considers dual military co-located couples as two married active duty members residing in the same geographic area that maintain a joint residence. The Coast Guard makes every reasonable effort to assign both dual Coast Guard and Coast Guard/other Armed Services dual military couples to the same geographic area.
- b. The Coast Guard uses "reasonable commuting distance" as the standard for co-location of dual military members. Reasonable commuting distance varies based on the location, transportation, traffic, or distance constraints.
- c. The Coast Guard updated tour length alignment for co-located dual military couples in July 2018. The updated policy allows assignment officers to coordinate and adjust one member's tour length for E1-E6 and/or O1-O4 co-located members when their tour completion dates are not aligned in order to match the other's to support PCS collocation.