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Subj: DACOWITS SEPTEMBER 2018 USMC RFI #7

1. Purpose. Provide written response to DACOWITS RFI #7.

2. Response to RFI #7

a. What is the definition of a dual military co-located couple? Per Marine Corps Order (MCO) 1300.8, Marine Corps Personnel Assignment Policy, which references Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1315.18, Procedures for Military Personnel Assignments, a "military couple" is defined as "service members married to each other, both of whom are on active duty in any of the Military Services." Accordingly, a dual military co-located couple:

(1) Are two active duty service members married to each other; active duty spouses.

(2) Both active duty spouses are stationed within close proximity to each other's duty station.

(3) Active duty spouses, not stationed within close proximity to each other's duty station may request a transfer for the purpose of establishing a joint household. Both service members must be married at the time that they request a transfer.

b. Are there time, transportation, traffic, or distance constraints that are used in dual military co-location assignments? MCO 1300.8 defines close proximity as follows: the distance traveled between the military couple's duty stations is within approximately 50 miles.

c. When was your Service's dual military co-location policy last updated? MCO 1300.8 was last updated on 18 September 2014. Current Marine Corps dual military co-location policy is consistent with the governing directive for dual military couple assignments, DoDI 1315.18 - updated on 23 July 2018.

3. Point-of-contact for RFI #7 is Mr. Rob Barry, M&RA, MPO, 703-432-9422 or 703-784-9586 or robert.w.barry@usmc.mil.