

DACOWITS' RFIs for September 2019
Marine and Family Programs Division

7) The Committee requests a written response from each of the Military Services with information regarding safe housing for servicewomen who are victims of domestic violence to include details on the following:

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).

In accordance with MCO 1754.11, Family Advocacy Program (FAP) works in conjunction with the command to offer domestic abuse victims available supportive and safety options. This includes restriction or pre-trial confinement, Military Protective Order (MPO) and Civil Protective Order (CPO), and emergency shelter. The Service member may be placed in the barracks if he/she is the alleged abuser. Civilian alleged abusers may be barred from the installation. An expedited transfer or safety move can be initiated by command to move a Service member victim to a new installation.

Installation FAPs often have Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with local organizations to provide emergency shelter to victims. Additionally, FAP victim advocates will work with victims to identify alternative safe places such as friends or family.

b. Explain how your Service interprets "suitable, safe and alternate housing" for victims of domestic violence per DOD 6400.06

Housing safe from abuse is consider suitable, safe, and alternate housing. In accordance with MCO 1754.11, the preference is to remove the alleged abuser from the home in the event that parties must be separated to safeguard the victim, such as through an MPO. Depending on the needs of the case determined by safety planning, FAP assists in coordination between military and civilian authorities for safe housing.

9) The Committee requests a written response from the Military Services outlining the curriculum objectives for your Services'