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MARINE AND FAMILY PROGRAMS DIVISION COMMENTS on DON TRACKER Task  
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Subj: DACOWITS' SEPTEMBER 2019 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Encl: (1) DACOWITS' RFIs for September 2019 Marine and Family  
Programs Division

1. Marine and Family Programs Division's response to the RFI is  
included in the attached enclosure.

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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'

**Domestic Abuse and Intervention Training.** Include frequency of training, required attendees, etc.

**Unit Marine Awareness and Prevention Integrated Training (UMAPIT)** covers many behavioral health related topics to include domestic abuse and child abuse and neglect. UMAPIT is designed for the total force, is prevention-focused unit-level training that raises awareness, practices skill-building techniques, identifies protective factors, educates Marines on their responsibility to take action and/or intervene, and increases acceptance of help-seeking behaviors. Per MCBUL 1500, all Marines are required to complete UMAPIT annually.

In accordance with DoDM 6400.01 Volume 1 and MCO 1754.11, commanders and senior enlisted advisors receive training on the prevention of and response to child abuse and domestic abuse, FAP policies and procedures, responsibilities for identifying and reporting abuse, and information on FAP prevention services. Senior enlisted advisors complete the training annually. Commanders complete the training within 90 days of assuming command and annually thereafter.

**10.i. What regulations and policies govern fee assistance programs?**

A. 10.i. Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance is implemented as a response to the Military Child Care Act; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, §568(c), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 335. The law requires that child care be available for children of Active Duty Service Members on and off installation. Funding is required to maintain costs of operating an Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance Program associated with DoDI 6060.02, "Child Development Programs" and MCO 1710.30, requiring child care options for eligible patrons that supplement, not replace, installation based child care programs.

**10.ii. How many Service members are receiving fee assistance?**

A. 10.ii. As of June 2019, there are 455 Active Duty Marine Families enrolled in Off Base Child Care Fee Assistance with 587 unique children.

**10.iii. How many were denied fee assistance and any reasons for denial?**