

SUBJ: DACOWITS RFI #3 – September 2020 QBM

FROM: Office of Aviation Forces COMDT (CG-711)

TO: DACOWITS Committee

THRU: Office of Diversity & Inclusion (CG-127)

WOMEN IN AVIATION (E&I)

In 1991, Congress lifted the ban on women flying in combat aircraft. For the last two decades women's participation in the field of aviation has increased. Today, women can fly every type of military aircraft, however, only a handful have become high ranking military officers. For example, in the Air Force, women only make up six percent of pilots. In 2019, former Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson told the Senate Armed Services Committee that while the Air Force has no problem finding Airmen who want to learn how to fly, there is a disproportionately low presence of women among those volunteering. For 2020, the Committee has been examining the status of women serving in aviation.

The Committee requests a **WRITTEN RESPONSE** from the Military Services to include Reserves OR Military Service Academies.

DACOWITS:

- a. The total number broken out by gender/rank of Service members selected for pilot training in FY09 through FY19, as well as a breakout by accession source.
- b. Data on the attrition rates during flight training broken out by gender/rank and the top four reasons (if available) for FY09 through FY19.
- c. Data on the total number and percentage of Service members completing initial flight training broken out by gender/rank for FY09 through FY19.
- d. Minimum service obligations for Service members who graduate from initial flight training and any recent or pending changes that have been made.

CG Response:

- a. The Coast Guard does not collect and track this data. Efforts to find and compile the requested data resulted in incomplete or missing data sets.
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- d. Pursuant to Section 9.C of the Coast Guard Performance, Training, and Education Manual (COMDTINST M1500.10C), officers completing flight training incur a total of eight additional years of service from the date of completion of flight training or from date of completion of all other obligated service, whichever is later. The current version of this manual was promulgated in August of 2017, but the eight year obligated service policy has been in place since at least 2004. The Coast Guard currently has no plans to change the policy at this time.