Subj: DACOWITS RFI #6: TRACKING OF FEMALE ITB GRADUATES AND AWARDING MOS

1. Purpose. To provide response to DACOWITS RFI via DON Tracker Tasker #2016-MRA_MP_MPE-00000003.002.002

2. Background.

a. The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS) has requested a written response on: how the service is tracking women who previously graduated from the infantry training battalion, when they will be awarded the MOS, and when they will be assigned to infantry units. MM was designated the lead to address the RFI.

3. Key Points

- a. <u>USMC Tracking of Female ITB Graduates and Awarding MOSs:</u>
 At conclusion of the Ground Combat Element Integrated Task
 Force, the female graduates of Infantry Training Battalion (ITB)
 as well as all other participants, ended their temporary
 assignment duty (TAD) status and returned to their original
 unit. Each of the ITB graduates were awarded the appropriate
 ITB School Completion Code. Following the publication of Marine
 Administrative Message (MARADMIN) 017/16 on January 12, 2016 all
 of the female Marines who graduated from the Infantry Training
 Battalion as well as other combat MOS schools were awarded an
 Additional MOS (AMOS) for the specific course completed.
- b. Female ITB Graduates Assignment to Infantry Units:
 Additionally, MARADMIN 017/16 solicited the above females to apply for a PMOS Lateral Move. Female Marines will be assigned to our infantry units based on the PMOS Lateral Move request. It is envisioned that our first female infantry Lateral Movers will arrive at our infantry battalions on or about October 2016.
- c. <u>Unit Assignments</u>: Unit assignments are predicated and determined by units' Table of Organization requirement by associated MOS and rank. The assignment of an individual Marine to an infantry unit is based on their particular MOS and rank and not on demographic information.

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