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# Request for Information:

## A2. Assignments

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**DACOWITS continues to be interested in the policies which directly impact the retention of servicewomen in the Armed Forces.**

- The Committee requests a briefing from each of the Services on the following:
    - What is your Services' co-location policy?
    - Who may utilize this policy?
    - Are there any restrictions on who may apply for co-location (e.g., first term enlistments)?
    - Does this policy cross Service branches (e.g., Army/Air Force, Navy/Marine, etc.)? If so, what is the process that successfully facilitates the implementation of this policy for these dual-military couples?
    - How many dual-military couples are there in your Service? Of those, what is the ratio of servicemen as compared to servicewomen?
    - Are there any plans to expand your Services' co-location policy to include:
      - 1) Divorced dual military parents, who share joint custody of a dependent child(ren); and/or
      - 2) Dual military parents (who were never legally married), who share joint custody of a dependent child(ren).
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- What is your Services' co-location policy?
  - Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST M1000.8A 1.A.7.
- Who may utilize this policy?
  - Any member married to another Armed Forces member
- Are there any restrictions on who may apply for co-location (e.g., first term enlistments)?
  - No, there are no restrictions for application for co-location.
- Does this policy cross Service branches (e.g., Army/Air Force, Navy/Marine, etc.)? If so, what is the process that successfully facilitates the implementation of this policy for these dual-military couples?
  - Yes, members work with the CG and other service Assignment officer on as-needed basis.



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- How many dual-military couples are there in your Service? Of those, what is the ratio of servicemen as compared to servicewomen?
  - 3,454 dual military couples, including CG/CG and CG/non-CG marriages
  - 51.5% of members in a dual military couple are women
  - 48.5 % of members in a dual military couple are men
  - 89.6% of dual military members are in a CG/CG marriage
  
- Are there any plans to expand your Services' co-location policy to include: Divorced dual military parents, who share joint custody of a dependent child(ren); and/or Dual military parents (who were never legally married), who share joint custody of a dependent child(ren).
  - The entire assignment policy is due for review and overhaul, starting in 2017. we will include this as a possible change.



**QUESTIONS?**



# Points of Contact

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