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Members are selected by the Secretary of Defense on the basis of their experience with the military or with women's workforce issues. They serve, without compensation, for 1-4 year terms.

For nomination requirements, please contact the DACOWITS Office.

2018 Meeting Dates

20-21 March

19-20 June

11-12 September

11-12 December



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Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services

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History

DACOWITS was established in 1951 by then Secretary of Defense, George C. Marshall. Historically, DACOWITS' recommendations have been instrumental in effecting changes to laws and policies pertaining to military servicewomen.

Mission

DACOWITS is an independent advisory committee that, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, provides the Secretary of Defense with advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to the recruitment and retention, treatment, employment, integration, and well-being of highly qualified professional servicewomen in the Armed Forces.

The Committee provides an annual report to the Secretary of Defense based on information gathered through installation visits, focus groups with Service women and men, business meetings and briefings, meetings with military leaders, and review of relevant reports and survey data.



Previous Recommendations

Over the years, DACOWITS has been instrumental to the Department of Defense and has made significant contributions on topics, such as:

- ◆ Opening of all career fields, specialties, schooling and training opportunities to women (e.g., infantry, submarines, Rangers, etc.)
- ◆ Standardization of sexual assault reporting and ensuring victim confidentiality
- ◆ Improvements to the health of deployed servicewomen
- ◆ Properly fitting personal protective combat equipment, gear, and uniforms
- ◆ Increased marketing, accession, and recruitment of women
- ◆ Impacts of military culture, gender discrimination and sexual harassment
- ◆ Impacts of social media