

DACOWITS RFI #6 (SEPTEMBER 2023)

Subj: DACOWITS RFI # 6 - PREGNANCY IN THE MILITARY

RFI #6. Congress enacted legislation in the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which directed the SecDef to prescribe regulations by December 27, 2022, to preserve the parental guardianship rights of a cadet or midshipman who becomes pregnant or fathers a child, while attending a Military Service Academies (MSAs), consistent with the individual and academic responsibilities of such cadet or midshipman. It is important to note that this legislation did not provide guidance that pertains to enlisted Service members enrolled in Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) commissioning programs. The Committee requests a written response Marine Corps to address the following question:

RFI 6f: Provide the instruction(s) which delineate policy guidance for pregnant and postpartum ROTC students. In addition, provide the instruction(s) which delineate policy guidance for enlisted pregnant and postpartum Service members enrolled in ROTC commissioning programs.

**RESPONSE RFI #6f:** The Marine Corps follows the Navy ROTC programs, so this RFI is not applicable to the USMC.