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MEMORANDUM FOR DACOWITS

FROM: HQ USSF/S1
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SUBJECT: USSF DACOWITS RFI Response RFI #7

QUESTION #7

In December 2017, via RFI 4, the Committee asked about the Military Services related to pregnant/postpartum residency at development professional military education (PME) schools, to include Command and General Staff College, War College, Senior Enlisted Academies, Top Level Schools, or the Service equivalent. The Committee remains concerned about whether pregnant or postpartum servicewomen are being permitted to attend PME. In 2022, the Army published a new directive titled, “*Army Directive 2022-06 (Parenthood, Pregnancy, and Postpartum)*,” which outlines that a pregnancy profile will not inhibit women from attending PME. In addition, in cases in which fitness testing is required to satisfy eligibility and/or graduation requirements, a passing physical fitness test of record dated within the last 24 months must receive a waiver from the school’s commandant.

The Committee requests an updated written response from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard regarding current policies. Provide the following:

a. Are there any barriers, prohibitions, or other restrictions preventing pregnant or postpartum servicewomen from attending? If so, what are they?

No, there are no barriers, prohibitions, or other restrictions IAW DAFI 36-2670, paragraph 3.2.1.22.2., which states Guardians who are pregnant or post-partum (within their 12-month postpartum fitness assessment deferment period) and receive approval from their PCM or OB/GYN, may attend Professional Military Education in residence. An AF Form 469 and AF Form 422 with concurrence from PCM or OB/GYN to attend and notification to the school is required.

b. Is completion of a fitness test or fitness assessment waived, if not an essential element of the PME?

Yes, the completion of a fitness test or assessment is waived IAW DAF 36-2670. Per paragraph 3.4.7.3.1, Exception: Enlisted Guardians who are pregnant or postpartum (within their 12-month postpartum fitness assessment deferment period) may attend resident professional military education with approval from their PCM or OB/GYN IAW with procedures outlined in paragraph 3.2.1.22.2. Per paragraph 3.3.1.2, Exception: Officers who are pregnant or postpartum (within their 12-month postpartum fitness assessment deferment period) may attend Squadron

Officer School with approval from their PCM or OB/GYN IAW procedures outlined in paragraph 3.2.1.22.2.

c. Does your Service have a similar regulation to the Army's which delineates PME requirements for pregnant or postpartum servicewomen? If so, provide.

Yes, DAFI 36-2670, Chapter 3.

d. Who has oversight of school commandant policies/regulations related to the approval/disapproval of eligibility and/or graduation requirements for pregnant or postpartum servicewomen? Who has the authority to grant fitness waivers? Is there an appeal process?

Directorate of Force Development (SF/S1D) and STARCOM Delta 13 have oversight of policies/regulations related to the approval/disapproval of eligibility and/or graduation requirements for pregnant or postpartum Guardians. SF/S1D acts as the authority to grant fitness waivers. Yes, there is an appeal process and SF/S1D acts as the appeal authority.