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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: Acquisition Corps Officer Promotions

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1731, specifies that commissioned officers selected for an Acquisition Corps are "expected to be promoted at a rate not less than the rate for all line (or the equivalent) officers of the same armed force (both in the zone and below the zone) in the same grade." The Department's policy is to provide you an annual report on trends in officer promotions. Promotion data for all Military Departments and all ranks for the past five years is attached. Your Acquisition Executives were provided the opportunity to review the data and my staff incorporated their changes into the final report.

In the majority of the promotion boards, Acquisition Corps officers are faring well. Of the 44 promotion boards in fiscal years 2003 and 2004, 24 boards achieved parity. In six additional cases, promotion parity could have been achieved if only one more Acquisition Corps officer had been selected.

This is not to say that there is not still room for improvement. There are four boards (in-zone Army Lieutenant Colonels, Navy Rear Admirals, in-zone Marine Corps Colonels, and below-zone Air Force Colonels) that show a recurring negative trend and where senior leadership attention would be useful, in order to continue to attract highly qualified officers to perform acquisition duties. Senior leadership needs to ensure that they will have adequate career opportunities.

My point of contact for questions about the data is Ms. Teresa Brooks. She may be reached at 703-681-8309 or by e-mail at teresa.brooks@osd.mil.



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