Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

Key Facts

- **Date Signed**: 1951
- **Signed by**: Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall
- **Purpose**: Provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to recruitment, retention, employment, integration, well-being, and treatment of women in the Armed Forces
- **Membership**: Civilian men and women appointed by the Secretary of Defense for 4-year terms
- **Track Record**: Submitted over 1,100 recommendations since 1951; approximately 94-98% adoption rate (full or partial)
- **Status**: Terminated September 2025 by Secretary Pete Hegseth
- **Notable Original Members**: Oveta Culp Hobby, Mildred McAfee Horton, Ruth Streeter, Helen Hayes, Sarah G. Blanding, Lillian Gilbreth, Beatrice Gould

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