
PREFACE

The research in this report concerns whether deployment affects reenlistment. The relationship between deployment and reenlistment is an area of policy interest because of the high rate of deployment in the past decade and the prospect that deployment will rise even more. The report provides a conceptual framework for understanding how deployment experience can influence reenlistment behavior. It also presents empirical estimates of the effect of deployment on reenlistment. The report should be of interest to defense manpower planners, deployers, and policymakers, all of whom share a concern about the heightened pace of deployments that our nation has experienced since the end of the Cold War.

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