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- (1) Duty Involving Flying-Proficiency (DIFPRO): The following aviation assignments are designated DIFPRO billets:
 - (a) Office of Aviation Management, Aviation Facility Management Division (G-OCA-2), five billets;
 - (b) Office of Aeronautical Engineering, Program Management Division (G-SEA-1), four billets;
 - (c) Aviation Safety Division (G-WKS-1), three billets.
- (2) The following procedures will be followed by personnel assigned DIFPRO:
 - (a) Chief, Aviation Facility Management Division, Office of Aviation Management (G-OCA-2) will sign the aviator's flight log book in lieu of a commanding officer to meet the requirements of reference (c);
 - (b) All DIFPRO aviators who fail to meet the semi-annual minimums prescribed by reference (c) will report such failure by memorandum via the chain of command, to Chief, Office of Aviation Management (G-OCA) within 30 days of the end of the semi-annual period;
 - (c) Upon the execution of DIFPRO orders, an aviator shall immediately revert to, and maintain, a designation no higher than copilot in one type of aircraft.
- (3) Duty Including Flying-Denied (DIFDEN): All rotational billets and all aviation billets not otherwise designated.
- (4) Assignments to other agencies:
 - (a) Aviator Exchange Program: Assignments will normally be designated as DIFOPS.
 - (b) Assignments to other agencies or services not as part of an exchange program (such as Liaison Officer) will be designated in accordance with the requirement of the program and will be either DIFPRO or DIFDEN.
 - (c) Assignment to other services as a Flight Instructor will be designated DIFOPS

- (d) Special Circumstances: Certain aviation billets may require periods of flight performance differing from the billet designation assigned. In such cases, the billet designation will be amended by Commandant (G-OCA).

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