



# U.S. ARMY OKINAWA

## ☆ TORII STATION ☆



### CLAIMS

• 652-4332 / 4742 • BUILDING 218, ROOM 222 •

#### **“Pro-Government Claims” (G-Claims) Keep the Money in the Unit**

#### **What happens if a government vehicle is damaged by a privately owned vehicle (POV)?**

If a Department of the Army vehicle is damaged by a private party on Okinawa, the Army Claims Office is one of the first offices that you should contact. The Army Claims Office will assert an **Affirmative Claim**<sup>i</sup> against the private party and their insurance company and either collect the money for the cost to repair (or the market value of the government vehicle if not economical to repair) or obtain an agreement from the private party to repair the damaged government vehicle by having them make direct payment to a commercial garage to repair the vehicle.

The **Miscellaneous Receipts Act** requires that any money collected from private parties for damage to government property is deposited into the General Fund of the US Treasury (Miscellaneous Receipts) and not back to your unit.

Since the money collected cannot be kept locally, it is beneficial to the unit if the private party or their insurance carrier agrees to pay a commercial garage directly for the repairs. Please keep in mind that this “Repair in Kind” agreement is voluntary and the other party cannot be forced into agreeing to such an arrangement. Only the Claims Office should negotiate such agreements and vehicles should not be taken to commercial garages until the agreement is signed and you are advised by the Claims Office.

If you are involved in a traffic accident while operating a U.S. Army vehicle, you and your supervisor must complete **Standard Form (SF) 91 (Motor Vehicle Accident Report)** and submit it to the motor transportation officer for your unit. If your government vehicle is damaged by a private party, remember to **submit a copy of the SF 91, repair estimates and photos of damage to the Army Claims Office** as soon as possible and discuss having the private party pay the repair garage for the damage. This will keep your unit from having to pay to repair the vehicle. If the Army vehicle is maintained by Logistic Readiness Center (LRC)’s motor pool, please contact them at 652-4103 and the Claims Office will work closely with them. It is important that agreements with private parties be in writing and supervised by the Army Claims Office. You can call the Claims Office on Torii Station for more information at 315-652-4742.

**Most importantly, exercise the utmost caution on the road to avoid accidents!**

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<sup>i</sup> AR 27-20 defines the term “Affirmative claim” as *an assertion of the Government’s statutory right to recover money, property, or repayment in kind, resulting from property loss, damage or destruction by any individual, partnership, association, or other legal entity, foreign or domestic, except an instrumentality of the United States. The Air Force has single-service responsibility for the settlement of Affirmative Claims in Japan. The Air Force refers to Affirmative Claims as Pro-Government Claims (G-Claims).*