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Welcome

- Welcome and thank you for reading the first ever 3ID Legal Assistance Newsletter! This will be a monthly publication that will discuss important legal changes, 3ID news, legal assistance staffing updates, and more! With this helpful newsletter, you will be able to stay in the know and will be better informed!

Services Legal Assistance Offers

- Thanks in large part to the barracks lawyers on post, there are many misconceptions in the Ft. Stewart and HAAF communities about the services that Legal Assistance (“JAG”) can provide. Often times, the first thing our paralegal staff hears when someone comes to our office is “they sent me to JAG.” It is important to know, JAG of course refers to a U.S. Army JAG Corps Attorney aka Judge Advocate (JA), but there are many different types of JAs. For example, there are JAs who practice in legal assistance (the best JAs serve in this section), claims, administrative law, military justice, and national security law. The OSJA (Office of the Staff Judge Advocate) is broken into multiple different sections that all have different missions and provide different legal services. If you are coming to the Legal Assistance Office we can help you with: notary services, power of attorneys, wills, landlord tenant issues, military administrative matters (GOMOR, FLIPs, etc.), uncontested divorce, 608-99 obligation, child custody, immigration law matters, and the list goes on and on. We CANNOT represent you in court, a contested divorce, or assist you with civilian (civilian defense attorney) or military criminal matters (call TDS). If you have questions, come see us or shoot us an email!

Tax News

- Due to JAGC wide changes, we unfortunately no longer provide assistance with income tax preparation. But there are still many free sources for income tax assistance!
- For free in person tax assistance for active duty, dependents, and retirees:
 - Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA)- <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>.
- For self-service tax preparation, with no income limits, unlimited state returns, and consultants available 24/7 to answer questions try Military One Source- <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/taxes/miltax-military-tax-services/>. This is Available to Servicemembers, their qualifying family members, and retirees within 1-year of retirement.

If you have inquiries or would like to schedule an appointment with one of our attorneys, please email us at: usarmy.stewart.forscom.mbx.fsga-legal-assistance-office@army.mil.

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