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Welcome back to the latest edition of the 3ID Legal Assistance Newsletter! This edition of the Legal Assistance Newsletter focuses on a critical topic for deployment preparation: Important Legal Documents for Deployment. Ensuring you have the right documents in place can provide peace of mind for you and your loved ones during your absence.

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What documents should you prepare before deployment?

- **Durable Power of Attorney (POA):** A durable POA authorizes a trusted individual to act on your behalf managing financial, legal, and personal matters during your absence. Ensure your selected agent is fully aware of their responsibilities and be sure to retain the original POA in a secured location.
 - **Other Important POA forms:** The most common forms are
 - **General POA:** A General POA gives your agent wide-ranging authority. However, it becomes invalid if you become mentally incapacitated. This is better suited for short term situations.
 - **Special POA:** A Special Power of Attorney delegates authority to an agent to act on behalf of the owner to carry out specific tasks. This covers a range of specific topics, but you can remove sections that you do not wish to grant authority for. This grants wide authority while allowing you to limit the boundaries specified in the document.
 - **Financial POA:** This document grants another person the authority to make decisions and act on your behalf for financial matters.
 - **Blank POA:** This document is a template that you can customize for various legal purposes. This form offers the most flexibility granting full customization for drafting the legally binding document meeting your current needs.
- **Will:** A will provides legally binding instructions regarding the distribution of your assets upon your death. It allows appointed guardians for minor children, ensuring their care is managed according to your wishes. The Legal Assistance Office can assist in drafting a standard will.
- **Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Beneficiary Designations:** Ensure your SGLI beneficiary designation is current and accurately reflects your intentions. Outdated or incorrect designations can result in delays and misdirected benefits. Additionally, review the beneficiary information for your Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), retirement accounts, and any other financial instruments.
- **Georgia Advance Health Care Directive:** This directive is a legal document that allows you to appoint a health care agent to make medical decision on your behalf if you are unable to do so. You can outline your personal treatment preferences to ensure your medical wishes are respected in case of an emergency.

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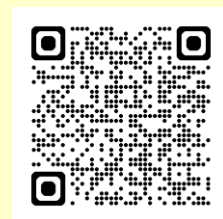
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