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**LEGAL SERVICES**  
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**Newsletter**

***Winners of the 2008 Army Chief of Staff Award  
 for Excellence in Legal Assistance!***

COL Gregory B. Coe, SJA, US Army Japan & I Corps (F), has been notified that, for the second consecutive year, the Legal Assistance Office (LAO) at Camp Zama has been selected as one of the winners of the Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance. The Camp Zama LAO was a winner in the Medium Office category and the Torii Station LAO of the 10<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group in Okinawa was a winner in the Small Office Category. In the notification, Mr. John Meixell, Chief of the Legal Assistance Policy Division, pointed out that the selection rate for winners in this year's competition reflected a careful evaluation of the applications, and recognized only those offices that were truly exceptional.

The criteria for evaluating the nominees, according to COL Coe, includes: the extent and quality of a nominee's legal assistance and pre-

ventive law programs, responsiveness to clients' needs, and professionalism of the attorneys and supporting personnel. Innovations by an office that benefit the legal assistance and preventive law programs are also evaluated. Although statistics are submitted, workload is not the sole factor used to evaluate nominees.

The Judge Advocate General appoints a board to evaluate the nominations. The President of the board is the Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law. Other members of the board are the Chief, Legal Assistance Office, Office of the Judge Advocate General; the Chief, Legal Assistance Branch, The Judge Advocate General's School; one company grade judge advocate; and one legal specialist or non-commissioned officer. The board recommends offices in each category to the Judge Advocate General, who selects the winners.

**INTERESTED IN LAW SCHOOL?**



**OFFICERS O-1 TO O-3 WITH BETWEEN  
 TWO AND SIX YEARS OF SERVICE MAY BE  
 ELIGIBLE FOR THE ARMY'S FUNDED LEGAL  
 EDUCATION PROGRAM.**



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## *Clarifying Post 9/11 GI Bill*

The NEW Post 9/11 GI Bill offers benefits for on-the-job training, apprenticeship training, correspondence courses, flight training, preparatory courses, and national exams. These benefits are available for both active duty soldiers as well as their dependents, effective on or after August 1, 2009.

The minimum requirement for eligibility may be any of the following:

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- Must have been discharged as a result of service-related disability after 30 days of continuous service, or 90 days continuous service after September 10, 2001.
- Must have been honorably discharged from the Armed forces, or released with honorable service and placed on the retired list, or transferred to either the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.
- Must have been released with honorable service for further service in a reserve component.
- Must have been discharged or released from the Armed Forces for EPTS (Existed Prior to Service), HDSP (Hardship), or CIWD (Condition Interfered with Duty).
- Continue to be on active duty.

Eligibility exist for a period of 15 years, starting 90 days after continuous active duty service. This policy also applies for soldiers who were released after 30 days of continuous service because of service-related disabilities.

Soldiers serving the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009 are able to receive benefits for both their spouses and dependent children. The transfer policy will be distributed shortly after activation of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The percentage of benefits will be determined by the length of active duty service as follows:

<b>Active Duty Completed after Sept. 10, 2001</b>	<b>% of Benefits</b>
At least 36 months	100%
30 continuous days on active duty/discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
30 cumulative months	90%
24 cumulative months	80%
12 cumulative months	70%
18 cumulative months	60%
6 cumulative months	50%
90 aggregate days	40%

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If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact the Legal Assistance Office at 263-4698.



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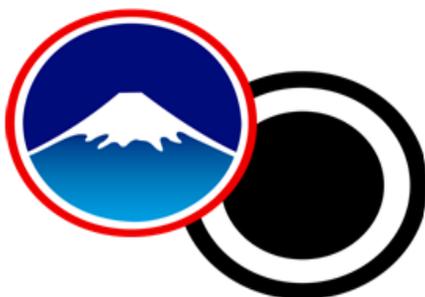
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## *Got a Teenager?*

With the longer summer days and no school in session, there is a tendency to cut teens some slack to let them enjoy the summer break. However, lack of adult supervision can lead to undesirable and even disastrous results.

Command Policy 15, 3(c)1, dated 29 September 2008 reads “Children/youth ages 13 through 17 may be left unattended in quarters and unsupervised on the playgrounds, with access to adult supervision. Access to adult supervision is defined as having the ability to contact a verifiable, prearranged, responsible adult in case of an emergency and the sponsor knows the location of the child. Ages 13 through 17 may be left alone for more than four hours. Children/youth ages 13 through 17 may not be left alone overnight (2230-0530) in government quarters.” Command Policy 93 extends a high school junior or senior’s curfew to midnight during summer, winter, and spring breaks.

Violation of Command Policy 15 subjects a service member parent to possible UCMJ action while violation of Command Policy 93 subjects a uniform and civilian parent to administrative sanctions and possible removal from the command.

For more information, contact your legal office.

## *Claims Season*

In case of loss or damage to items of a shipment, the Full Replacement Value program covers either \$5,000 per shipment or \$4.00 per pound of shipment up to a maximum compensation of \$50,000. Any damages or losses must be submitted to the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) on either a DD Form 1840 (damages found during delivery) and/or the DD Form 1840 R (damages found after delivery) within 75 days of delivery. Form 1844 must be received by TSP within 9 months of delivery. Once the claim is filed, the TSP should settle within 30 days. The TSP is responsible for obtaining repair and replacement costs and has the right to inspect the damaged items.

If for some reason a claim is denied, clients may transfer their claim to the Military Claims Office (MCO). Of course, lost or broken items are depreciated. However, the remaining balance of the items may be compensated for by the TSP. Claims may also be filed with the MCO if the nine month deadline is missed; however, the claim will only be paid based upon the depreciated value. Claims filed more than two years after delivery cannot be paid.

Please contact your nearest MCO or Legal Assistance Office for more information or clarification.