

JUSTICE CHRONICLES

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Military Naturalization Ceremony Onboard USS Midway Museum

MILITARY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY ONBOARD USS MIDWAY MUSEUM

Region Legal Service Office Southwest is pleased to announce a military naturalization ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 0900, onboard USS MIDWAY Museum. This is a perfect time to schedule naturalization interviews for service members whose naturalization applications are pending with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Service members who pass their interviews may be eligible for inclusion in this ceremony.

For further information, please call the RLSO SW Naturalization Team at (619) 556-6322.

PASSPORT DAY IN THE USA AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- The San Diego Passport Agency will conduct a U.S. passport fair at 401 West A Street, Suite 1000, San Diego, CA 92101, Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 1000-1300. For passport information, fees and forms please visit travel.state.gov.
 - Command Citizenship Representative Training, via DCO, on April 11, 2013 at 1300.
 - Citizenship and Immigration Outreach, RLSO SW Ventura County Detachment, on March 21, 2013 from 1000-1300.
 - Wounded Warrior and Family Member Naturalization Outreach at Naval Medical Center San Diego, on 27 February 2013, from 0800-1200.
 - For further information on any of these upcoming events, please contact the RLSO SW Naturalization Team at (619) 556-6322.
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Passport Day in the USA and Other Upcoming Events

SCAMS THAT TARGET THE MILITARY

When servicemembers board the plane to return to the United States from deployment overseas, their family and friends are not the only ones waiting for them. Scam artists are also busy setting up store fronts, phone lines, and websites specifically targeting servicemembers. These consumer predators know that servicemembers have to deal with unique pressures, such as spending extended periods of time abroad, moving to different cities multiple times, and being held to a higher standard for debt repayment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. In addition, servicemembers are known for having a steady income and trying to do what is best for their families. The Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch has made fighting fraud aimed at servicemembers and veterans a top priority. The division is working internally with the Department's Civil Rights Division to ensure that businesses respect the rights of servicemembers. The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are also working diligently to identify potential fraud earlier. They have joined forces with federal and state prosecutors – as well as the JAG Corps – to identify scammers and bring more cases against them. There is a commitment to using all available tools to hold these swindlers responsible. But the best way to fight them is to deprive them of customers. Servicemembers of each military branch have spoken of their experiences, and they are dedicated to getting their message out. Here are a few tips on how to protect yourself and your family: be wary of up-front fees, always find out the total price, don't trust promises about the future and find out who you are dealing with. If you have been the victim of a scam you are encouraged to come forward and complain. Often times, financial fraud goes unreported because victims feel embarrassed or foolish. Consult your military installation legal assistance office or your State Attorney General and log your complaint.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

The Legal Assistance Department onboard Naval Base San Diego and Naval Air Station North Island is shifting from walk-ins to an appointment based system. This will provide for greater planning and flexibility for customers, as well as reduced wait times to meet with our attorneys.

APPOINTMENT HOTLINE 619-556-2211

Naval Base San Diego and Naval Base Coronado Attorney Services

ATTORNEY SERVICES (APPOINTMENT ONLY)

Emergency Walk-Ins will be seen on a case by case basis only. Please call our Appointment Hotline (619)556-2211 for more information.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY/NOTARY SERVICES (WALK-IN ONLY)

Monday - Thursday 0800-1130 and 1300-1500

Friday 0900-1100

Naval Base Coronado (NAB): Wednesday 1300-1500

DIVORCE SEMINAR

Naval Base San Diego (32nd Street) and Naval Base Coronado (North Island)
General Information: Tuesday 1330
Court Paperwork Review: Thursday 1330

WILL EXECUTION (For clients with pending estate planning documents)

Monday – Thursday 1100 and 1500, Friday 1100

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to review your documents

NOTE: For notaries, powers of attorney, affidavits, or to execute your will, you must bring your Military ID and a State/ Government issued photo ID with a signature (i.e., passport, drivers license, state I.D.)

PARKING:

Naval Base San Diego (32nd St): across from Bldg. 56, with designated spaces for clients.
Naval Base Coronado (North Island): across from Bldg. 318. Please call ahead for wheelchair accessibility.

OFFICIAL NAVY TAX PROGRAM

The Tax Assistance Center will open for business on January 30, 2013.

Prepare your taxes with the assistance of IRS trained volunteers. This service is available to active duty, retired military, and dependents.

LOCATION AND HOURS

RLSO SW Tax Center, Building 56, NBSD
Monday-Friday, 0800-1500, no appointment necessary
Pizza and Taxes Nights, Recyard, NBSD
March 13, 1700-1900 and April 13, 1700-1900

Please ensure you have the following documents when you arrive:

- Your photo ID plus social security cards and birthdates for yourself, your spouse, and your dependents
- Wage, earning, and pension statement(s) from all employers (W-2 & 1099-R)
- Interest and dividend statements (1099-INT and 1099-DIV)
- A copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available
- Bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit
- Any other relevant information (example: day care expenses, mortgage statements, student loan interest, etc.)

Please note, to E-file a joint tax return, you must bring your spouse to sign the required forms or have a power of attorney for filing taxes on your spouse's behalf.

For further information or any questions, please call (619)556-6848.

COMMAND SERVICES HELP DESK

In order to provide more timely service to all commands we have established a Command Services Helpdesk that will be manned from 0730-1630, Monday-Friday. The Command Services Helpdesk may be reached at (619)556-5977, or by email at cmdservices.rlsosw.fct@navy.mil. When contacting the Command Services Helpdesk by phone, one of our staff members will ask you for your name, command, a phone number or email address where you can be reached, and a brief description of the issue you are calling about.

Command Services Helpdesk

If emailing the helpdesk, please include this same information in your email. Our staff will collect your information on an intake form that will be assigned immediately to a Command Services Department JAG or Legalman that will respond to your request. If you have an emergency requiring Command Services outside of normal business hours, contact the RLSO SW Command Duty Officer, (619)851-5129.

Please provide us with feedback on whether our Command Services Helpdesk is providing you with efficient service, because that is our primary mission.

RESULTS OF TRIAL 4TH QUARTER 2012

Navy E-4 with 4 years and 11 months of service sentenced to forfeiture of \$1655.00 per month for 2 months, reduction in rate to E-1, and restriction to the limits of NAS North Island for 60 days, for aggravated sexual assault. This court was held on 5 October 2012.

Navy E-4 with 3 years and 11 months of service sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, and 181 days of confinement for conspiracy to commit larceny, false official statements, wrongful destruction of government property, and larceny of government property. This court was held on 10 October 2012.

Navy E-7 with 16 years and one month of service sentenced to reduction in rank to E-5, and restriction to the limits of Naval Air Station Lemoore for 45 days for violation of a lawful general order: Fraternalization policy, and adultery. This court was held on 11 October 2012.

Navy O-3 with 19 years and 4 months of service sentenced to dismissal from the naval service and 50 months of confinement for possession of child pornography and obstruction of justice. This court was held on 16 October 2012.

Navy E-3 with 3 years and 5 months of service sentenced to 181 days confinement and reduction in rank to E-1 for aggravated assault. This court was held on 2 November 2012.

Results of Trial 4th Quarter 2012

Navy E-6 with 12 years and 9 months of service sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 30 days for unauthorized absence and violation of a lawful general regulation. This court was held on 7 November 2012.

Navy E-6 with 18 years and 9 months of service sentenced to 60 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-3 and restriction to the limits of NAS Lemoore for 30 days for false official statements and larceny. This court was held on 16 November 2012.

Navy E-3 with 4 years and 2 months of service sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, 185 days confinement and reduction in rank to E-1 for assault consummated by a battery. This court was held on 21 November 2012.

Navy E-3 with 4 years of service sentenced to 20 days confinement and reduction in rank to E-1 for false official statements, wrongful destruction of government property and larceny of government property. This court was held on 26 November 2012.

Navy E-4 with 5 years and 11 months of service sentenced to 60 days confinement and reduction in rank to E-3 for false official statements and larceny of government property. This court was held on 26 November 2012.

Navy E-2 with 1 year and 8 months of service sentenced to 60 days confinement and reduction in rank to E-1 for unauthorized absence, wrongful use of marijuana and larceny. This court was held on 27 November 2012.

Navy E-4 with 3 years and 10 months of service sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and 43 months confinement for aggravated sexual assault upon a substantially incapacitated person. This court was held on 6 December 2012.

Navy E-5 with 5 years and 9 months of service acquitted of charges of aggravated sexual assault upon a substantially incapacitated person and sodomy. This court was held on 14 December 2012.

Navy E-4 with 3 years and 8 months sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, 265 days of confinement, and reduction in rank to E-1 for wrongful distribution of marijuana. This court was held on 17 December 2012.

Navy E-3 with 2 years and 1 month of service sentenced to 90 days confinement and reduction in rank to E-1 for absence without leave terminated by apprehension. This court was held on 21 December 2012.

Navy E-5 with 8 years and 6 months of service sentenced to a reprimand for dereliction of duty and false official statements. This court was held on 21 December 2012.

OFFICER BOARD OF INQUIRY RESULTS 4TH QUARTER 2012

Officer Board of Inquiry Results 4th Quarter 2012

Navy O-3 was ordered to show cause for retention due to substandard performance of duty: failure to maintain adequate levels of performance as evidenced by the failure to conform to prescribed standards of military department. Board members recommended separation with a General discharge characterization. The Board of Inquiry was held on 10 December 2012.

Navy O-5 was ordered to show cause for retention due to misconduct and substandard performance of duty: failure to obey order and regulation (three specifications) and failure to demonstrate acceptable qualities of leadership required of an officer in the member's grade. Board members recommended separation with an Honorable discharge characterization. The Board of Inquiry was held on 18 December 2012.

ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD RESULTS 3RD QUARTER 2012

Navy E-3 was awarded an Other Than Honorable Discharge for Misconduct-Commission of a Serious Offense. This administrative board was held on 2 October 2012.

Navy E-5 was awarded an Other Than Honorable Discharge for Misconduct – Commission of a Serious Offense. This administrative board was held on 30 October 2012.

Navy E-7 was awarded an Other Than Honorable Discharge for Misconduct – Drug Abuse. This administrative board was held on 18 December 2012.

VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Victim and Witness Assistance Program is designed to ensure victims and witnesses of crime are afforded their rights throughout the criminal justice process – from initial contact by investigators through any period of confinement adjudged. The Department of Defense requires their services to establish comprehensive Victim and Witness Assistance Programs in order to enhance and protect the rights of victims of crimes committed within the military setting. OPNAVINST 5800.7A requires every command to appoint a Victim Witness Assistance Coordinator (VWAC) in writing and ensure command personnel are educated on the rights of crime victims and witnesses. Please note that the VWAP program is a separate program from SAPR and FAP, with distinct requirements. RLSO SW provides quarterly training for new VWACs.

Upcoming trainings:

Monday, 29 April 2013
Monday, 29 July 2013
Monday, 28 October 2013 (1000-1100)

Time: 1300

Location: Fleet and Family Support Center, NBSD, Bldg 259, Classroom 1

RSVP and/or Questions: Nya Ayala, (619) 556-0237, nya.ayala@navy.mil

Enlisted Administrative Board Results 4th Quarter 2012

Victim and Witness Assistance Program

WATERFRONT OUTREACH TRAINING

Come join us at our Monthly Legal Officer Brown Bag Lunch/Discussion!
Hosted by COMNAVSURFPAC Legal and RLSO SW Command Services

When: Thursday, 28 February 2013
Thursday, 28 March 2013
Thursday, 25 April 2013

Time: 1200-1300

Where: Naval Base San Diego (wet side), Waterfront Recreation Center (near Pier 2, across the street from the Base Theater), Blue and Gold Room.

What: The HOTTEST legal topics of the day!

Plus JAGS will be available to answer any and all legal questions. Tell us what issues you are facing so we can train on your specific topic. RSVP is appreciated but not required. Thank you for your support.

RSVP to LCDR Trevor Grant at trevor.grant@navy.mil.

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Monday – Friday

TOPICS FOR FUTURE ISSUES

If you have a topic you'd like to see discussed in the next newsletter, please forward your request to Nya Ayala at nya.ayala@navy.mil.
