

JUSTICE CHRONICLES

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Military Naturalization Oath Ceremonies in the San Diego Area

MILITARY NATURALIZATION OATH CEREMONIES IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA

Naturalization is the process by which a person born in a foreign country becomes a U.S. citizen. Regional Legal Service Office Southwest (RLSO SW) oversees the military naturalization program in the Navy Region Southwest (NRSW) and provides naturalization assistance to service members by assisting with the application process. After a naturalization applicant submits a naturalization application to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the applicant must attend a naturalization interview and oath ceremony to become a U.S. citizen. A military naturalization oath ceremony is scheduled for 13 November onboard USS MIDWAY Museum. A service member whose naturalization application is currently pending with USCIS, and desires a naturalization oath ceremony in the San Diego area, may request inclusion in this military naturalization ceremony.

For further information on attending a military naturalization oath ceremony or applying for naturalization, please call (619) 556-6322.

FAMILY IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Region Legal Service Office Southwest (RLSO SW), Command Services Department, Immigration and Naturalization Division, provides family immigration assistance at Naval Base San Diego, Building 56. Family immigration assistance is provided on routine family immigration matters, and, when necessary referrals are provided to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). Family immigration assistance is provided on Thursdays from 0800-1200, by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (619) 556-2211, during normal business hours.

Family Immigration Assistance

COMMAND REPRESENTATIVES TRAINING VIA DCO

Per NAVADMIN 113/08, commanding officers must appoint a Command Citizenship Representative (CCR) to assist non-citizen service members with applying for naturalization. They must be trained and the next training class for Command Citizenship Representatives will be Thursday, 16 October at 0900.

To schedule training, for further information on becoming a Command Citizenship representative, or applying for U.S. citizenship, please call the RLSO SW Naturalization Team at (619) 556-6322.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

The Legal Assistance Department onboard Naval Base San Diego and Naval Air Station North Island now uses 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

DISSOLUTION SEMINAR

Naval Base San Diego (32nd Street)

Step One: Dissolution Seminar held Monday (GENERAL INFORMATION), Tuesday (PART 1: INITIAL PAPERWORK), Wednesday (PART 2: SERVICE OF PROCESS & DISCLOSURES), Thursday (PART 3: FINAL JUDGEMENT) at 1:30 p.m. at 32nd Street Naval Station San Diego, Building 56. Check-in begins at 1:00 p.m. on a "first come -- first serve" basis. Clients arriving after 1:30 p.m. (or after all seats have been filled) will not be admitted and may attend the seminar the following week.

Naval Air Station North Island (Bldg.318, 2nd Floor)

Dissolution Seminar held Monday (GENERAL INFORMATION) and Thursday (PAPERWORK). Check-in begins at 1:00 p.m. on a "first come -- first serve" basis. Clients arriving after 1:30 p.m. (or after all seats have been filled) will not be admitted and may attend the seminar the following week.

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.

COMMAND SERVICES HELP DESK

In order to provide more timely service to all commands we have established a Command Services Helpdesk that is 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.

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 3RD QUARTER 2013

Navy E-3 with 3 years and 3 months of service, sentenced to 265 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge for unauthorized absence, missing movement, larceny and wrongful drug use. This court was held on April 26, 2013.

Navy E-7 with 17 years and 1 month of service, sentenced to reduction in rank to E-6 and confinement for 29 days for failure to obey an order. This court was held on April 26, 2013.

Marine E-3 with 1 year of service, was found not guilty of sexual assault. This court was held on April 29, 2013.

Navy E-5 with 6 years and 3 months of service, was found not guilty of sexual assault. This court was held on May 3, 2013.

Navy E-5 with 7 years and 3 months of service, sentenced to restriction for 2 months. This court was held on May 6, 2013.

Navy E-1 with 2 years and 2 months of service, sentenced to 90 days confinement and a Bad Conduct Discharge for simple assault and wrongful drug use. This court was held on May 8, 2013.

Navy E-4 with 3 years and 4 months of service, was found not guilty of aggravated sexual assault. This court was held on May 10, 2013.

Navy E-6 with 10 years of service, sentenced to 130 days confinement for desertion. This court was held on May 13, 2013.

Navy E-5 with 8 years and 5 months of service, sentenced to Bad Conduct Discharge and confinement for 12 months for sexual assault. This court was held on May 23, 2013.

Navy E-5 with 6 years and 3 months of service, sentenced to 30 days confinement and reduction in rank to E-4 for assault consummated by a battery. This court was held on May 30, 2013.

Navy E-5 with 18 years of service, sentenced to 5 months of confinement, forfeitures of \$1000 per month for 5 months, and reduction in rank to E-3 for indecent act. This court was held on June 4, 2013.

Navy E-2 with 3 years and 11 months of service, sentenced to 91 days of confinement for unauthorized absence terminated by apprehension, missing movement, and breaking restriction. This court was held on June 11, 2013.

Navy E-5 with 4 years and 8 months of service, sentenced to 45 days of confinement and reduction in rank to E-4 for simple assault. This court was held on June 13, 2013.

Navy E-5 with 15 years and 7 months of service, sentenced to 16 months of confinement and Dishonorable Discharge for possession of child pornography. This court was held on June 27, 2013.

OFFICER BOARD OF INQUIRY RESULTS 3RD QUARTER 2013

Navy 0-5 was ordered to show cause for retention due to substandard performance of duty: failure to conform to prescribed standards of military department and misconduct, substantiated command investigation for forgery and creating false official documentation. Board members recommended retention. This Board of Inquiry was held on 3 April 2013.

Navy 0-2 was ordered to show cause for retention due to substandard performance of duty: failure to obey order or regulation, wrongful use of a control substance, conduct unbecoming an officer and gentlemen, adultery and fraternization. Board members recommended separation with an Other-Than-Honorable discharge characterization. This Board of Inquiry was held on 25 April 2013.

Navy CW02 was ordered to show cause for retention due to substandard performance of duty: failure to obey order or regulation, fraternization, adultery and failure to conform to prescribed standards of military department. Board members recommended retention. This Board of Inquiry was held on 7 May 2013.

Navy 0-5 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 obey order or regulation, conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman and failure to conform to prescribed standards of military department. Board members recommended retention. This Board of Inquiry was held on 14 May 2013.

Navy 0-3 was ordered to show cause for retention due to substandard performance of duty: failure to maintain adequate levels of performance as evidenced by the substandard performance of duty over an extended period of time. Board members recommended separation with an Honorable discharge characterization. This Board of Inquiry was held on 16 May 2013.

Navy 0-5 was ordered to show cause for retention due to substandard performance of duty: failure to maintain adequate levels of performance as evidenced by the false official statement, drunken or reckless driving of a vehicle, aircraft or vessel and conduct of unbecoming an officer and gentleman. Board members recommended retention. This Board of Inquiry was held on 22 May 2013.

Navy 0-5 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 conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, and failure to conform to prescribed standards of military department. Board members recommended retention. This Board of Inquiry was held on 23 May 2013.

ENLISTED ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD RESULTS 3RD QUARTER 2013

Navy E-4 was processed for separation for Alcohol Rehabilitation Failure. The board found misconduct and awarded a general discharge. This board was held on 1 May 2013.

Navy E-7 was processed for Commission of a Serious Offense. The board found misconduct and awarded a honorable discharge. This board was held on 17 April 2013.

Navy E-7 was processed for Commission of a Serious Offense. The board found misconduct and awarded a general discharge. This board was held on 19 April 2013.

Navy E-5 was processed for Misconduct – Drug Abuse. The board found misconduct and awarded a general discharge. This board was held on 11 June 2013.

Navy E-4 was processed for Misconduct – Drug Abuse. The board found misconduct and awarded a general discharge. This board was held on 12 June 2013.

Navy E-6 was processed for Commission of a Serious Offense. The board found misconduct and awarded retention. This board was held on 19 April 2013.

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, 28 October 2013 (1000-1100)

Monday, 27 January 2014

Monday, 29 April 2014

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

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 & Where:

Thursday, 29 August 2013- Naval Air Station North Island

Thursday, 26 September 2013- Naval Base San Diego (wet side), Waterfront Recreation Center (near Pier 2, across the street from the Base Theater), Blue and Gold Room.

Thursday, 31 October 2013- Naval Air Station North Island

Time: 1200-1300

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.

Waterfront Outreach Training

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Suite 9, San Diego,
CA 92136

Commercial Phone Numbers:

(619) 556-0049
DSN: 526-0049
Fax: (619) 556-1674

Hours:

0730 - 1630
Monday - Friday

SOUTHWEST REGION STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE DIRECTORY

Command Services DH: (619) 556-2789
Command Services LCPO: (619) 556-0839
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NB Coronado SJA: (619) 545-8143 - DSN 735
NB Point Loma SJA: (619) 553-7190 - DSN 553
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NAS Lemoore SJA: (559) 998-3889/3352 - DSN 949
NB Ventura SJA: (805) 989-7309/1706 - DSN 351
NAS Fallon SJA: (775) 426-2854 - DSN 890
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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.