



Chief Legalman (SW/AW) José Macumba, Jr., Defense Service Office North, receives his collar device from his son during a chief pinning ceremony.



Commander, Naval Legal Service Command, Rear Adm. James Crawford cut the ribbon for the new JAG Consolidated Administrative Business Office (JCAB). The JCAB office consolidates NLSC's security, travel, and supply into one centralized office in order to improve the administrative support for the members of NLSC and ensure the JAG Corps is compliant on all administrative requirements.



Lt. Corey Bean, Region Legal Service Office Japan, competes in a triathlon in Japan. Bean has established himself as an accomplished triathlete on two continents. Both at his previous duty station in San Diego and in Sasebo, Japan; Bean reached the podium in several triathlons.



Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Mitchell, Rule of Law Field Force – Afghanistan, awaits transport to conduct a rule of law visit in Helmand province. ROLFF-A's mission is to provide essential field capabilities and security to Afghan, coalition and civil-military rule of law project teams in non-permissive areas of Afghanistan, in order to build Afghan criminal justice capacity and promote the legitimacy of the Afghan government. Mitchell is a reservist assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet legal unit.



Judge advocates of the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs in Summer 2013: Lt. Cmdr. Barbara A Kagle, Cmdr. Aundrea Taplin, Capt. Kirk Foster, Cmdr. Dom Flatt, and Lt. Cmdr. Erin Quay. The Office of Legislative Affairs plans, develops, and coordinates relationships between representatives of the DoN and members of the U.S. Congress.



Two years ago, the Navy JAG Corps community lost one of its own, Lt. Jentso Hwang. In his memory, the JAG Corps sponsored a 5K run at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. Hwang was accepted into the JAG Corps Student Program and commissioned in October 2005. He completed Naval Justice School in 2006 and reported to the Naval Legal Service Office North Central. In 2008, Hwang deployed to Al Anbar, Iraq with the 1st Marine Logistics Group, and earned his Fleet Marine Force Qualification. After his first tour Hwang clerked for the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.



Region Legal Service Office Southwest and Defense Service Office West staff finish up the last of the long line of clients during the Veteran's Village of San Diego Stand Down 2013. The stand down is an annual three-day event where an estimated one thousand of San Diego's homeless veterans can receive a variety of free services, including help finding employment, substance abuse counseling, health care, and legal assistance.



Members of Region Legal Service Office Midwest get ready to head out for a bike ride along the Green Bay Trail for command PT. Left to right: Lt. Cmdr. Kelly Trunnell, Lt. j.g. Taurean Brown, Lt. j.g. Drew Austria, Lt. Andrew Murray, Lt. Howard Smith, Lt. j.g. Adam Smith, Legalman 1st Class Earl Brown, Legalman 2nd Class Deandra Whitehead, Legalman 2nd Class Dameon Smith and Legalman 2nd Class Alexis Lowe.



Lt. Cmdr. Ben Ammerman, Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A), speaks with local children in Kabul, Afghanistan during a walk from International Security Assistance Force Headquarters. Ammerman is serving as an operational law attorney in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Camp Eggers.



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Legalman 2nd Class Alina Davis sends an email from the legal office on the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), while underway off the coast of Southern California conducting unit-level training.



Embracing the winter spirit at Region Legal Service Office Midwest (RLSO MW), Lt. Cmdr. Kelly Trunnell, Lt. Liz O'Connor, Lt. j.g Tom Bright and Fire Controlman Percy Francois built a snowman during a recent snow storm in front of RLSO MW offices at Naval Station Great Lakes.



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Lt. Rachel Weidemann, deputy mission judge advocate for Pacific Partnership 2013, talks with a child in Seghe, Solomon Islands. Pacific Partnership is an annual deployment of forces designed to strengthen maritime and humanitarian partnerships during disaster relief operations, while providing humanitarian, medical, dental and engineering assistance to nations of the Pacific.



U.S. Navy Photo by Chief Legalman K. Sigurdsson

Senior Chief Legalman Lyn Pirtle inspects Damage Controlman 3rd Class Celeste Jimenez' uniform during a personnel inspection of the Legalman Accessions Class at Naval Justice School.



Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCPAC) legal team after completing the Airborne Operations on the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii. Pictured left to right: Army Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Robles, Cmdr. Kimberley McCann, staff judge advocate, Army Maj. Franklin Rosenblatt, deputy staff judge advocate.



Legalman 1st Class Demieka Wilson and the combined first class petty officer associations served up food and drinks for the flag football tournament "Snow Bowl" attendees at Misawa Air Base. Naval Air Facility Misawa and several of its tenant commands competed against each other on a field covered in almost two feet of snow aboard this northern Japan-located U.S. military installation.



Ms. Sandy Dixon of Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic at the RLSO Mid-Atlantic health and wellness safety stand down. The event provided resources to promote safety, health and quality of life through an exhibition of information and services. Some of the topics covered included driver safety and motorcycle safety information, home fire-prevention safety, and additional health and wellness topics.



Lt. Ben Sandel, staff judge advocate for Naval Base Guam, takes a break from the tropical weather of Guam to travel to the Himalaya Mountains. He poses here at 17,765 feet above sea-level at Thoron-La Pass in the Manang District of Nepal.



Members of Region Legal Service Office Southwest and Defense Service Office West got together Thanksgiving morning for a JAG Turkey Bowl football game. RLSO SW supports the operational readiness of Navy commands and Sailors by providing legal guidance, support services and training in the areas of military justice, administrative law and legal assistance. DSO West provides legal representation to military service members at administrative separation boards, boards of inquiry and courts-martial, in addition to providing advice to service members on defense-related topics such as nonjudicial punishment.



A team from the Region Legal Service Office Midwest traveled to the VA Hospital in Milwaukee to draft and execute a will for a paralyzed wounded warrior. The team consisted of Lt. Josh Bennett, Petty Officer Emily Thomas, Ms. Cyndi Bartelt, and Mr. Tom Digan. The team conducted a bedside intake interview at the VA hospital and, with the help of the local Navy Operational Support Center, was able to prepare the will for execution. RLSO Midwest is located at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., and has a branch office in Millington, Tenn. The office oversees a geographic area encompassing 16 states.



Twenty of the Navy's Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) attended the U.S. Air Force's Special Victims' Counsel Course at the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Oct. 15-18, 2013. Students received training in effective victim interaction, policies and procedures related to victim legal support, and practical advocacy of victim rights and interests. The Navy established the VLC Program to provide additional support and legal counsel to victims of sexual assault.



Chief Legalman Sean Harris goes through an obstacle course at Naval Base Coronado as a part of the San Diego Chief Petty Officer Legacy Academy. The academy is a six-day course in which the selectees live aboard the USS Midway Museum and participate in preservation activities, leadership training, community service projects and learn lessons about the history and heritage of the U.S. Navy and chief petty officer community.