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Military Law Websites

[Judge Advocate General's Corp: US Army](#)

This is the legal database and website of the Army JAG Corps. Although much of the database is restricted to authorized subscribers

there is still plenty of useful information for visitors to this website. Included on the site are forms, JAG publications, The Army Lawyer, DA Regulations, etc.

[The National Institute of Military Justice](#)

This is a very useful current awareness website for military law. Although not oriented towards any one service, this site provides useful links to primary materials and commentary on all aspects of military justice.

[Army Judge Advocates General School](#)

The school, in Charlottesville, Va., trains military lawyers from all services.

[Military Law Review](#)

The Military Law Review is the premier U.S. Armed Forces journal of military legal scholarship. It has been published quarterly by The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School (JAGS), U.S. Army, Charlottesville, Virginia since 1958. The Review is "designed for use by military attorneys in connection with their official duties," and "provides a forum for those interested in military law to share the products of their experience and research." Articles are downloadable in PDF.

[The Army Lawyer](#)

The Army Lawyer is published monthly by the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School for the official use of Army attorneys in the performance of their legal obligations. Articles are downloadable in PDF.

[Enactments and Approved Papers of the Control Council and Coordinating Committee](#)

The Control Council and Coordinating Committee issued a series of enactments and approved papers. This nine-volume series, compiled and printed by the Legal Division of the Office of the U.S. Military Government for Germany, represents the effort to rule an occupied country by unanimous agreement of representatives of the four occupying powers: The United Kingdom, the U.S.S.R., France, and the United States. The collection is not only of historical value, but is an important resource for current military legal scholarship.

Journal of Legal Studies

The Journal of Legal Studies was an annual publication of the Department of Law, United States Air Force Academy, since 1990. It was published as a forum for articles concerning the relationship between law and other social sciences—philosophy, theology, politics, international relations, economics, history, and the military. Publication ceased with volume 12.

Military Law

An overview of military law from Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute.

Military Law Society

Home page for organization dedicated to promoting knowledge and awareness of military law issues in America's armed forces.

American Military Law Enforcement Links

America Online site containing links to American military law enforcement sites.

Air War College Military Law and Legal Links

Site provides an extensive list of Military Legal Links.

The Military Commander and the Law

Air Force Judge Advocate General School University Press of the Pacific

The Military Commander and the Law is a publication of the Air Force Judge Advocate General School (AFJAG School). The AFJAG School uses this publication as a deskbook for instruction at various commander courses at Air University. It also serves as a handy reference guide for commanders in the field, providing general guidance and helping commanders to clarify issues and identify potential problem areas.

Books /Treatises/Digests

Lurie, J. **Military Justice in America: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1775-1980.** Lawrence : University Press of Kansas, c2001

A unique but largely neglected part of the American legal system, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces marks its fiftieth anniversary in 2001. In *Military Justice in America*, Jonathan Lurie chronicles the struggles leading to the Court's creation, as well as its subsequent efforts to fulfill a difficult and sometimes controversial mission. Illuminating and fairminded, Lurie's work provides a new and valuable perspective on the uneasy relations between civil and military authority.

West's military justice reporter. West Publishing Co

Reviews the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and Courts of Criminal Appeals, which review courts martial proceedings conducted pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. All of the cases published in the National Reporter System® are reviewed by West's attorney-editors, who prepare case synopses, write headnotes for each point of law, and classify each headnote to the West Key Number System.

Decisions of the United States Court of Military Appeals, with headnotes, tables, index and parallel references. Lawyers Co-operative Pub. Co

Provides decisions from the United States Court of Military Appeals, created in May 1950, which for the first time in our history provided for a civilian court to act as the highest appellate tribunal.

Dahl, R. and John Whelan. **The Military law dictionary.** New York : Oceana Publications, 1960.

Index & Legislative History: Uniform Code of Military Justice. William S Hein & Co.

Provides a valuable historical review of the military justice system; a system that remained the same from the time of the Revolutionary War through the end of World War II. By the end of this period, America had become the newest superpower, and her global responsibilities led to the need for a revised military justice system.

Filbert, B. **Naval Law: Justice & Procedure in the Sea Services.** Annapolis, Md. : Naval Institute Press, c1998.

Two active-duty U.S. Navy judge advocates who have practiced both ashore and at sea provide an up-to-date examination of a rapidly evolving area of law. This is the first study of naval law to encompass all phases of the subject providing students, officers, lawyers, and others interested in the military's justice system with a thorough overview of law as it relates to the naval services. Using famous courts-martial, punishment statistics, and other historical material, the authors chronicle the development of discipline and law in the U.S. Navy.

Lederer, F. **Court-Martial Procedure**, 2d ed., (three-volume treatise). Charlottesville, Va. : Lexis Law Publishing, c1999.

Court-Martial Procedure covers the phases of military criminal procedure, from initiation of charges through conviction, appeal, and collateral attack. In addition to the complete text of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Rules for Court-Martial, and the Manual for Courts-Martial (including Change 5 to the Manual), Court-Martial Procedure provides valuable guidelines to many aspects of military trial procedure.

Shanor, C. **National Security and Military Law in a Nutshell.** St. Paul, Minn. : West Pub. Co., c2003

This reliable source provides authoritative coverage of the Constitution and national security, entering the military, and service members' rights. Text also discusses the military criminal justice system, discharge, and compensation for injury or death. An ideal overview for practitioners, law students in specialized courses, cadets at military academies or in college ROTC programs, and lawyers preparing to enter the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Fidell, E. **Evolving Military Justice.** Annapolis, Md. : Naval Institute Press, c2002.

Their book scrutinizes the current military justice system, identifying its strengths and weaknesses and pointing the way toward further improvements. Included are essays written about the American military justice system over the past decade by such notable authorities as Sam Nunn, former Senator from Georgia; Andrew S. Effron, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; and Brig. Gen. Jerry S.T. Pitzul, Judge Advocate General of the Canadian Forces. Some defend military justice, while others are critical. The book then shifts its focus overseas to compare the U.S. system with those of several other common law countries.

Davidson, M. **A Guide to Military Criminal Law.** Annapolis, Md. : Naval Institute Press, c1999

The book includes an examination of nonjudicial punishment, a step-by-step description of the court-martial process, and an overview of the various constitutional and statutory rights enjoyed by those in the military. It also looks at selected military crimes and the defenses of such crimes. And, because war crimes committed by American service members are prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the guide further provides an excellent introduction to the Law of War.

Servicemember's Legal Guide: Everything You and Your Family Need to Know About the Law. Jonathan P. Ltc, USA Tomes, Michael I. Col., USA Spak, Alain D., Lt. Col., Usmc Flexer Stackpole Books; 4th edition

Fully updated with the latest laws, this guide is essential for the identification and management of personal and professional legal matters for members of the armed forces. Its 18 chapters point out military service implications of civil law, military law, claims, personal legal matters, ownership or lease of property, debt, marriage, divorce, lawsuits, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Military Law and Precedents. Washington : Govt. Print. Off., 1920

This comprehensive treatise details early military law, written and unwritten, and explains all of the intricacies of the courts martial process. Notable adjudications by civil courts and in military trials as well as the opinions of law officers are covered. Separate treatment is offered on the law of war and on the civil functions and relations of the military. Most military justice practitioners have heard of Colonel William Winthrop's Military Law and Precedents. This nineteenth-century treatise is still frequently cited by the military appellate courts, and has been called "a masterpiece of painstaking scholarship, brilliant erudition, and lucid prose."

Scj;ietter, D. **Military Criminal Justice: Practice and Procedure.** Charlottesville, VA : LexisNexis/M. Bender, c2004

This definitive one-volume work is a user-friendly guide through the unique procedural and substantive rules governing military criminal justice practice. It is designed to assist those who practice military justice, both civilian and military, as well as those studying the military justice system. Supported with cites to thousands of cases, statutory provisions, and regulations, the text covers virtually every aspect of military criminal law -- from arrest to appeal, substantive crimes, and nonjudicial punishment.

Rant, J. **Courts Martial, Discipline, and the Criminal Process in the Armed Forces.** Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2003

This book provides a comprehensive guide to the practice and procedure used in the disciplinary processes in the army, navy, and air force. It covers investigation, custody, summary trial, courts martial, and the relevant appellate procedures, also describing the available powers of punishment.

CD-ROM

21st Century Complete Guide to the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps of the U.S. Air Force - Air Force Law Review, Legal Services, JAG Corps in Korea, Vietnam, Cold War - Historical Coverage, Air Force Military Judges, Court of Criminal Appeals (CD-ROM) by Department of Defense, Progressive Management; (January 22, 2004)

This up-to-date electronic book on CD-ROM contains the finest collection of official federal documents available anywhere on the subject of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) corps of the United States Air Force, including history; 50th anniversary edition of The Reporter; The Air Force Law Review 1994 through 2001; USAF JAG Department Personnel; USAF JAG Recruiting; USAF JAG Brochure; USAF JAG Department Vision; The Air Force Legal Services Agency; USAF JAG Corps and Korea, Cold War, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Desert Shield.