OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5450.189D

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSION, FUNCTIONS, AND TASKS OF NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE COMMAND

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5400.44A

Encl: (1) Naval Legal Service Command Echelon 3 Commands
      (2) Functions and Tasks of Naval Legal Service Command

1. Purpose. To publish the missions, functions and tasks of Naval Legal Service Command (NAVLEGSVCCOM), per reference (a). Enclosure (1), NAVLEGSVCCOM echelon 3 commands has been updated. This instruction is a major revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5450.189C, CNLSCINST 5450.1G, and CNLSCINST 5450.3B.

3. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to NAVLEGSVCCOM and its subordinate commands.

4. Mission. NAVLEGSVCCOM was established to provide legal training and services worldwide to support fleet and shore command readiness and the effective operation of the military justice system, and to perform such other functions or tasks as may be directed by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).

5. Status and Command Relationships. NAVLEGSVCCOM is a shore activity in an active status. The commander also serves in a statutory position as the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy. NAVLEGSVCCOM has the command relationships as outlined in subparagraphs 5a and 5b.

   a. Echelon

      1. CNO

      2. Commander, Naval Legal Service Command (COMNAVLEGSVCCOM)

   b. Regional Coordination. Commandant, Naval District Washington
6. **Command, Tenant, Supported and Supporting Activities and Detachments**

   a. **Echelon Chain of Command**
      
      1. CNO
      
      2. COMNAVLEGSVCCOM (68323)
      
      3. See enclosure (1) for a complete list of NAVLEGSVCCOM echelon 3 commands and corresponding unit identification codes (UIC).

   b. **Command Clients.** COMNAVLEGSVCCOM supports Commander, Navy Installations Command by providing legal advice for region commanders and installation commanding officers. COMNAVLEGSVCCOM activities also provide legal support to Navy fleet and shore commands without a staff judge advocate and to all commands for courts-martial prosecution and defense services.

   c. **Office of the Judge Advocate General.** Under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Judge Advocate General (JAG) provides or supervises legal advice and related services throughout the Department of the Navy (DON), except for the advice and services provided by the DON General Counsel. The Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy reports to the JAG on all matters affecting the provision of legal service to the Navy. JAG oversight responsibilities are executed through the Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG). OJAG provides direct support to COMNAVLEGSVCCOM, and by longstanding practice, is uniquely blended with the COMNAVLEGSVCCOM headquarters staff with purposely shared areas of responsibility. The Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy is dual hatted as COMNAVLEGSVCCOM, and reports both to the Chief of Naval Operations as an echelon 2 commander, and to the JAG on all matters affecting the provision of legal services to the Navy.

7. **Overseas Diplomacy.** COMNAVLEGSVCCOM includes overseas activities that serve as an effective instrument of United States foreign policy by initiating and continuing action programs, which promote positive relations between supported overseas installation commands and foreign nationals, and which assist individual naval personnel and their families to work effectively, live with dignity and satisfaction, and function as positive representatives of the Navy and the United States while overseas.

8. **Action.** In accomplishing the assigned mission, COMNAVLEGSVCCOM should ensure performance of the functions and tasks in enclosure (2).
9. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned for the standard subject identification codes 1000 through 13000 series per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page at https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the DON/AA DRMD program office.

10. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, COMNAVLEGSVCCOM will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

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NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE COMMAND ECHELON 3 COMMANDS

1. Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Southeast, Jacksonville, FL (39706)
   a. Officer in Charge, RLSO Southeast Detachment (DET), Mayport, FL (39703)
   b. Officer in Charge, RLSO Southeast DET, Pensacola, FL (39709)
   c. Officer in Charge, RLSO Southeast BROFF, Millington, TN (3935A)

2. Commanding Officer, RLSO Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, VA (31528)
   a. Officer in Charge, RLSO Mid-Atlantic DET, Groton, CT (31855)
   b. Officer in Charge, RLSO Mid-Atlantic BROFF, Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA (35494)

3. Commanding Officer, RLSO Naval District Washington, Washington Navy Yard, DC (31851)

4. Commanding Officer, RLSO Midwest, Great Lakes, IL (31852)

5. Commanding Officer, RLSO Southwest, San Diego, CA (31530)
   a. Officer in Charge, RLSO Southwest BROFF, Lemoore, CA (31543)
   b. Officer in Charge, RLSO Southwest BROFF, Ventura County, Port Hueneme, CA (31536)

6. Commanding Officer, RLSO Northwest, Bremerton, WA (31537)
   a. Officer in Charge, RLSO Northwest BROFF, Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA (31538)
   b. Officer in Charge, RLSO Northwest DET, Everett, WA (31539)
   c. Officer in Charge, RLSO Northwest BROFF, Bangor, Silverdale, WA (46796)

7. Commanding Officer, U.S. RLSO Europe Africa Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA), Naples, IT (31940)
   a. Officer in Charge, U.S. RLSO EURAFSWA DET, Rota, SP (31941)
   b. Officer in Charge, U.S. RLSO EURAFSWA DET, Sigonella, IT (31943)
   c. Officer in Charge, U.S. RLSO EURAFSWA BROFF, Bahrain (31944)
8. Commanding Officer, RLSO Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, HI (31846)

9. Commanding Officer, U.S. RLSO Japan, Yokosuka, Japan (31848)

10. Commanding Officer, Defense Service Office (DEFSVCOFF) Southeast (SE), Norfolk, VA (68363)
   a. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF SE DET, Pensacola, FL (68366)
   b. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF SE DET, Mayport, FL (39292)
   c. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF SE BROFF, Jacksonville, FL (68365)

11. Commanding Officer, DEFSVCOFF West, San Diego, CA (68370)
   a. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF West DET, Bremerton, WA (35969)
   b. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF West BROFF, Lemoore, CA (32895)

12. Commanding Officer, U.S. DEFSVCOFF Pacific, Yokosuka, Japan (68376)
   a. Officer in Charge, U.S. DEFSVCOFF Pacific BROFF, Guam (68377)
   b. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF Pacific BROFF, Pearl Harbor, HI (68373)
   c. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF Pacific BROFF, Sasebo, JA (49421)

13. Commanding Officer, DEFSVCOFF North, Washington, DC (68382)
   a. Officer in Charge, U.S. DEFSVCOFF North BROFF, Rota, Spain (35504)
   b. Officer in Charge, U.S. DEFSVCOFF North BROFF Bahrain (49424)
   c. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF North DET, Naples, IT (68374)
   d. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF North DET, Great Lakes, IL (68369)
   e. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF North BROFF, Groton, CT (35493)
   f. Officer in Charge, DEFSVCOFF North BROFF, Annapolis, MD (68750)
14. Commanding Officer, Naval Justice School, Newport, RI (62750)
   
   a. Officer in Charge, Naval Justice School DET, San Diego, CA (68943)
   
   b. Officer in Charge, Naval Justice School DET, Norfolk, VA (30251)
FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE COMMAND

1. During all phases of courts-martial, provide prosecution services, advise commands, and provide defense counsel and support services to military personnel.

2. Establish and maintain an active and continuing dialogue with supported commands and activities worldwide to ensure they are provided with complete, timely, and responsive legal services.

3. When requested, advise commands on all matters relating to non-judicial punishments.

4. When requested, provide qualified counsel to serve as recorder or legal advisor during all phases of officer and enlisted administrative separation processing.

5. Serve as ethics counselor for commands and provide standards of conduct advice and training as necessary.


7. When required, advise commands on all matters relating to foreign criminal jurisdiction.

8. Be prepared to advise commands on all other legal matters to include, but not limited to, command administration advice, admiralty law, administrative law, environmental law, health law, international law, and operational law; and coordinate with the Office of the Judge Advocate General as necessary for expertise, resources, and support.

9. Provide support, when necessary, to United States Attorneys’ Offices.

10. Liaise and coordinate as necessary with appropriate State and Federal law enforcement agencies to ensure the proper administration of justice and selection of judicial forum for Service members.

11. Provide advice to military personnel who are the subject of disciplinary investigations, formal JAG Manual investigations, or courts of inquiry. Provide counsel and support services for respondents during all phases of officer and enlisted administrative separation processing.

12. Provide legal assistance to military personnel, authorized dependents, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and dependents while assigned outside the continental United States, and eligible reservists as resources permit.
13. Provide support, when necessary, to commands, governmental agencies, and Service members on issues relating to U.S. citizenship, immigration, and naturalization. Be prepared to establish, train, coordinate, and run regional tax assistance centers as supported by region commanders.

14. Train all Sea Service (Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) judge advocates and enlisted legal professionals to deliver quality legal services, promote justice, and enhance Sea Service readiness.

15. Train Sea Service leaders and legal support personnel to perform their command and staff duties per U.S. domestic law, international law, and military regulation.

16. Provide program within the Navy to provide legal support and advocacy on behalf of victims of sexual offenses or attempts of those offenses.

17. Be prepared to deploy personnel, provide virtual support, or any other method under the circumstances, capable of performing all the enumerated functions to deploying units and outlying activities on short notice upon request.