

## AIR FORCE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY



### **MISSION**

Air Force Legal Services Center (AFLSC), as part of The Judge Advocate General's Department, provides Air Force-wide legal services in the areas of military justice, claims, litigation, and preventive law. The Center was established in 1978.

The Center headquarters is located in Washington, D. C., and commanded By Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Bruton, who is also The Judge Advocate General. His Senior Enlisted Advisor is CMSgt. Thomas R. Castleman. The 250 officer, 135 enlisted, and 170 civilian members of the Center are located throughout the CONUS and in sixteen foreign countries.

A large number of the Center's personnel are involved in the administration of military justice in the Air Force. The Judge Advocate General assigns military judges and defense counsel to the Center to assure independence from local commands. Attorneys at the Center also perform post-trial appellate and clemency actions, including representation before the Air Force Court of Military Review and the US Court of Military Appeals.

In addition to supervising Air Force claims activity, which in 1980 included 140,000 claims actions totaling almost \$46 million, the Center manages the Air Force's 2,200 civil lawsuits. These cases involve aviation law, environmental law, medical malpractice, general torts, freedom of information, procurement, tax and utilities, and military personnel issues. Through the Central Labor Law Office, the Center provides advice on labor law questions and representation for the Air Force in a variety of hearings. The Center is also the most active federal body in patent litigation and manages the Air Force inventory of more than 3,100 active patents.

The Air Force Preventive Law and Legal Assistance Program is directed by the Center. In 1980, through that program, more than 500,000 clients were advised on more than 1,100,000 different personal civil matters. The office also provides the Air Force representatives on the Armed Services Individual Income Tax Council and the Armed Forces Tax Group.

Computers play an important role in the modern practice of law. The Center is the DoD executive agent for FLITE or Federal Legal Information Through Electronics. FLITE provides computerized access for the research of case law and precedent, including Comptroller General decisions and Air Force administrative regulations. Computers also track claims with CAMP, the Claims Administrative Management Program, and monitor military justice activity with AMJAMS, the Automated Military Justice Analysis and Management System.

The Air Force Legal Services Center is one of the world's largest law firms. Through the Center, commanders and other Air Force members benefit from ready access to legal counsel.

#### **LINEAGE**

Air Force Legal Services Center established and activated as a separate operating agency, 1 Jul 1978

Status changed to a field operating agency of the USAF, 5 Feb 1991

Redesignated Air Force Legal Services Agency, 1 Sep 1991

#### **STATIONS**

Bolling AFB, DC

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **COMMANDERS**

Col William A. Moorman, #1995

Col Jerald D. Stubbs, #1997

Col James R. Van Orsdol, #2000 (acting)

Col Michael Madrid, #2001

Col David L. Thomas, 2003

Col David G. Ehrhart, #2004

Col Steven Lepper, #2005

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**

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