

**Legal Briefing**  
**Client Services, Office of the SJA**



# Office of the Staff Judge Advocate



## What we do:

**Legal Assistance/Tax Center/Claims**

**Military Justice (Soldiers)**

**Administrative Law / Labor Law**

**International Law (Host Nation Issues)**



# Legal Assistance



## **ELIGIBILITY: US Forces Personnel, Retirees, Dependents & Survivors**

- \* Contractors if included in their contract.**
- \* Must bring contract/authorization for legal services (AR 27-3).**



# Legal Assistance Services



- **WHAT types of advice / services do we offer?**
- **Estate Planning/Wills**
  - **Immigration**
  - **Separation & Divorce**
  - **Contracts**
  - **Debt / credit issues**
  - **Notary & document certification services**
  - **Security clearance issues (unpaid debts)**
  - **Financial Liability Investigation for Property Loss (FLIPL) Rebuttal/review**
  - **Reprimand Rebuttals**
  - **Qualitative Management Program (QMP) notification**

# Claims - DD FORM 1840/1840-R



## Two Step Process:

- *MUST provide notice to the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) of damages or loss within 75 days.*
- *File online claim at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) within 9 months of delivery for Full Replacement Value (FRV).*

Claims Office can provide additional assistance.

**DD FORM 1840, 01 APR 82**

**JOINT STATEMENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE AT DELIVERY**

**MEMBER INFORMATION** (The member's name, service and address and age as of 1 Jan 1982 and latest telephone number of the member or member agent. The number of months' service and number of months' service since the member's last duty station are indicated on the right. The number of months' service since the member's last duty station is indicated on the right. The number of months' service since the member's last duty station is indicated on the right.)

**SECTION 1. MEMBER'S INFORMATION**

1. NAME OF MEMBER (Last, first, middle initial) \_\_\_\_\_ 2. GRADE OR RATE \_\_\_\_\_ 3. PAY WT (or pay grade) \_\_\_\_\_

4. GRADE OF MEMBER (Army and branch/branch) \_\_\_\_\_ 5. DESTINATION OF SHIPMENT (City and State/Country) \_\_\_\_\_

6. PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ 7. HOME OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ 8. SERVICE BRANCH (Army or Air Force)

9. CODE OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 10. SIC \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF LOSS OR DAMAGE** (To be completed by member and agent if applicable)

11. Was a timely claim to the carrier to whom this shipment is consigned that the shipment was received in condition as shown below and the value of loss will be made for the value of such loss under delivery as indicated subject to carrier's insurance and contribution for the carrier's office under 75 days by DD Form 1840-R found on the member's loss report?

12. MEMBER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ 13. AGENT'S SIGNATURE (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3. MEMBER'S DECLARATION**

14. MEMBER'S DECLARATION BY MEMBER OR AGENT

I HAVE RECEIVED MY PROPERTY IN APPARENT GOOD CONDITION EXCEPT AS INDICATED ABOVE, A CONTINUATION SHEET (if any)

15a. SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ 15b. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 15c. SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ 15d. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

16. I WILL INITIATE CLAIM ACTION FOR MISSING ITEMS

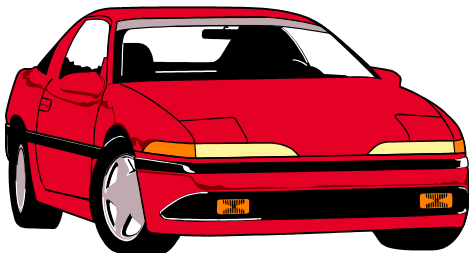
17. SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ 18. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 19. SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ 20. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DD FORM 1840, 01 APR 82** This form, together with DD Form 1840-R (Reverse), applies to previous editions of 01 April 1982 with A and B changes. **2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176**

# Japanese Auto Liability Law



- **Japanese Motor Vehicle Laws**
  - **“Professional Driver”**
  - **“Professional Negligence”**
  - **“Comparative Negligence”** (“Comparative Fault”)  
**Partial Negligence = Criminal Liability**  
**(Cycles, Bikes, Pedestrians)**





# Alcohol in Japan



- **Legal Age is 20 Years Old**
- **Implied Consent**
  - **Take BAT or Forfeit License**
  - **No On-Post Exception (same laws on & off post)**

**TAKE THE TRAIN!**

**USE A DESIGNATED DRIVER!**

**CALL THE MPs FOR HELP!**

**DO NOT DRIVE AFTER DRINKING!**





# Japanese Driving Laws



- **Japanese Law Blood Alcohol Content Limit = .03%**
- **Pretrial Detention**
- **Fine & Prison in Japan**
- **Revocation of SOFA license**
- **Passenger Liability - riding with drunk driver**
- **Suspension & Revocation (New as of: 30 March 16)**
  - 60 days suspension for .03-.049 BAC
  - 6 months revocation for .05-.079 BAC
  - 12 months revocation for .08 BAC and above







# Prohibited Items

- Firearms / ammunition
- brass knuckles
- slingshots
- BB guns
- pellet guns
- switchblade knives
- stiletos & daggers
- Knives with blades longer than 5.8cm (<2.3 inches)



REGISTER REPLICAS  
WITH THE COMMAND  
USARJ Reg 190-6





# Sexual Assault Laws



- Japan has primary jurisdiction in cases involving Japanese citizens as victims
- If you are a suspect in a crime and the Japanese decide not to prosecute, you can still be charged under the UCMJ (military members)
- Age of consent:
  - UCMJ – 16 years old
  - Japan
    - Article 4 of the Child Welfare Law of Japan defines "child" as "anyone below 18 years of age. The consent age depends on the prefecture, however, the Japan adult age is considered to be at the age of 20.



# SOFA - Your Responsibilities



- **Identification to Japanese Authorities**
- **Cooperation & Courtesy**
- **Notification to MPs, Supervisor or Commander**
- **International Hold**
  - **U.S. ENSURES YOUR PRESENCE IN JAPAN DURING ANY PROCEEDINGS**



# Military Justice - Other Issues



- Family Member Misconduct

## Penalties

- Community Service
  - Fees
  - Early Return of Dependents (ERD)
  - Bar from post
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- Do not contribute to the “Black Market” (e.g., sell PX items off base)
  - Make sure your dependents are properly SOFA licensed to drive!
  - Visitors must have a SOFA license to drive on post!
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- Be careful with off-base OTC medications!
  - If in doubt check with MEDDAC / MPs
  - Example: “Bron” contains codeine - a Schedule II narcotic under the U.S. Controlled Substance Act





# Military Justice - Curfew



- **Currently SGT (E5) and below: 0100-0500**
- **Off-installation public consumption of alcohol prohibited between 2400-0500**
- **Commanders can make some exceptions**
- **There are various other exceptions, so check with your command!**
  
- **Review the CG's Liberty Policy!**

# Labor Law US - Japan SOFA



## Individual Privileges – GET PRIOR APPROVAL

- **Commercial Activities Restricted**
  - May Teach English
  - Home Business or Off-Post Work Requires Garrison Command Approval!
  - Call Legal Assistance for Help
- **Off-post employment cannot be:**
  - In a bar or establishment that regularly sells alcohol.





# Tax Center



- Located in Bldg 101, E-100
- Free Federal & State Preparation & Filing
- Appointments & Walk-Ins accepted
- DSN 263-1040 or COM at 046-407-1040
- Open mid-January to June 15





# Legal Assistance Office

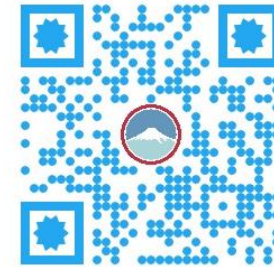


- **USARJ HQ BLDG. 101, Room CE-209**
  - **Second floor, near middle stairwell.**
  
- **Appointments:**
  - **Phone: DSN: 263-4698 or 263-3331**
  - **Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri: 0830 to 1630**  
**Wed: 0830 to 1200**  
**Lunch: Daily 1200-1300**
  
- **Walk-ins: Notary & Powers of Attorney**  
**Emergencies**





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