

## **Mission Possible: Public Service Careers in Military Law**

*Don't be fooled by portrayals of the military in popular culture or current events as an accurate snapshot of legal practice in the U.S. military. Consider instead the lens of government/public service careers. JAGs are the off-screen uniformed member advising commanders and handling disciplinary and military criminal issues – not the grunt getting yelled at boot camp, Top Gun style pilots, or Marine completing a muddy obstacle course in the rain. Instead, we are supporting and conducting full court-martials, advising on major portfolios that touch on fiscal, personnel, administrative, and national security law issues, or drafting a basic will for the young servicemember about to deploy for the first time.*

### **Benefits of Serving**

Financial Incentives	Work-Life Balance	Advance Your Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competitive starting salary</li> <li>• Substantial tax-exempt housing and meal allowances</li> <li>• Raises every 1-2 years of service and with promotion</li> <li>• Eligibility for federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness</li> <li>• Comprehensive medical and dental coverage without premiums/co-pays</li> <li>• VA home loan eligibility</li> <li>• Retirement plan with matching contributions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military exchange, commissary, and subsidized childcare privileges</li> <li>• Generous paid parental leave (12-18 weeks)</li> <li>• 30 days of paid annual vacation + 11 paid federal holidays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for an LL.M. paid for by the service</li> <li>• Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility</li> </ul>

## JAG Pathways and Application Information

	If you are a 1L...	If you are a 2L...	If you are a 3L...	If you are a practicing attorney...	Point of Contact
<b>Army</b>	<p><b>Summer Internship Program</b> (Applications: 1 Jan – 13 Feb)</p> <p><b>Summer Associate Program</b> (Applications: 2 – 23 Jan)</p>	<p><b>Summer Internship Program</b> (Applications: 1 Jul – 1 Oct)</p> <p><b>Summer Associate Program</b> (Applications: 2 Sept – 15 Oct)</p>	<p><b>Active Duty</b> (Applications: 1 Jul – 1 Oct, 1 Jan – 31 Mar)</p> <p><b>Reserve</b> (Applications: 1 Jul – 1 Oct)</p>	<p><b>Active Duty</b> (Applications: year round; apply through the Lateral Attorney Accessions Board( (LAAB)</p> <p><b>Reserve</b> (Applications: 1 Jul – 1 Oct)</p>	<p>(866) ARMY-JAG (866-276-9524) (9 am to 5 pm EST, Monday- Friday)</p> <p><a href="mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-otjag.mbx.jaro@army.mil">usarmy.pentagon.hqda-otjag.mbx.jaro@army.mil</a></p> <p>Reserve: <a href="mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-otjag.mbx.army-reserve@army.mil">usarmy.pentagon.hqda-otjag.mbx.army-reserve@army.mil</a></p>
<b>Navy</b>	<p><b>Summer Internship</b> (Applications due September-October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May apply without first semester grades</li> <li>- Eligible for expedited professional recommendation pipeline</li> <li>- Requires submission of 1L grades for expedited pipeline consideration</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apply through the Student Program</b> (Applications due August-September)</p> <p><b>Summer Internship</b> (Applications due September-October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eligible for expedited professional recommendation pipeline</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall/Spring Externship Program</b> (Applications due March / September respectively)</p>	<p><b>Apply through the Student Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fall board (August-September application window)</li> <li>- Spring board (January – March)</li> <li>- Summer board (April – May)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apply through the Direct Appointment Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fall board (August-September application window)</li> <li>- Spring board (January – March)</li> <li>- Summer board (April – May)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:NavyJAGAccessions@us.navy.mil">NavyJAGAccessions@us.navy.mil</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:NavyJAGInternships@us.navy.mil">NavyJAGInternships@us.navy.mil</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.jag.navy.mil/career/navy-lawyer/">https://www.jag.navy.mil/career/navy-lawyer/</a></p>
<b>Air Force</b>	<p><b>Year Round Externship Program</b> (Applications: Fall: 15-31 Mar, Spring: 1-15 Sep, Summer: 15-31 Jan)</p> <p><b>Paid Summer Internship Program</b> (Applications: Posted on usajobs.gov late fall/winter)</p> <p><b>Graduate Law Program</b> (Applications: 1 Nov – 10 Jan)</p>	<p><b>Year Round Externship Program</b> (Applications: Fall: 15-31 Mar, Spring: 1-15 Sep, Summer: 15-30 Sep)</p> <p><b>Paid Summer Internship Program</b> (Applications: Posted on usajobs.gov late fall/winter)</p> <p><b>One Year College Program</b> (Applications: 1 Nov – 10 Jan)</p>	<p><b>Direct Appointment Program</b> (Applications: 1 Jun – 10 Jul for Aug board, 1 Sept – 10 Oct for Nov board, 1 Feb – 10 Mar for Apr board)</p>	<p><b>Direct Appointment Program</b> (Applications: 1 Jun – 10 Jul for Aug board, 1 Sept – 10 Oct for Nov board, 1 Feb – 10 Mar for Apr board)</p>	<p>Maj Aneisha Bell/ Mr. Franklin Love 1-800-524-8723, <a href="mailto:af.jag.recruiting@us.af.mil">af.jag.recruiting@us.af.mil</a></p>

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<p><b>Marine Corps</b></p>	<p>You can apply for Marine Officer Candidates School (OCS) before and during your 1L year. Upon being properly screened by an Officer Selection Officer, you will be briefed before a selection board composed of other Marine Officers of various specialties. The last selection board before summer OCS is held in March. Once completing summer OCS and commissioning, you'll have paid internship opportunities for your following law school summers.</p>	<p>You can apply for OCS before and during your 2L year. Upon being properly screened by an Officer Selection Officer, you will be briefed before a selection board composed of other Marine Officers of various specialties. The last selection board before summer OCS is held in March. Upon completing OCS and commissioning, you'll have paid post-bar exam internship opportunities before attending The Basic School (TBS). The Marine Corps will also reimburse you for bar prep courses and initial licensing fees.</p>		<p>You can apply for OCS as a 3L or as a practicing attorney. Once you complete OCS, you'll transition straight to TBS where you will learn the fundamentals of warfighting and officership. After that you'll attend Naval Justice School (NJS) where you will learn the fundamentals of military justice. Upon successful completion of your first tour, you'll be eligible for a \$110,000 tiered continuation pay package.</p>	<p>Captain Rachel Halinski United States Marine Corps Officer Selection Officer, Fairfax 10517 Braddock Rd, Suite A Fairfax, VA 22032 Cell: (240) 447-5629 <a href="mailto:rachel.halinski@marines.usmc.mil">rachel.halinski@marines.usmc.mil</a></p> <p>Captain Chelsea Lucas United States Marine Corps Deputy Staff Judge Advocate / Law Programs Manager Marine Corps Recruiting Command Office: (703) 432-9262 <a href="mailto:Chelsea.lucas@marines.usmc.mil">Chelsea.lucas@marines.usmc.mil</a></p>
<p><b>Coast Guard</b></p>	<p><b>Summer Internship</b> (Applications due by 15 February)</p> <p><b>Fall Externship</b> (Applications due by 15 May)</p>	<p><b>2L Direct Commission Lawyer Program</b> (Application deadlines in mid-August and mid-February)</p> <p><b>Spring Externships</b> (Applications due by 15 October)</p> <p><b>Summer Internships</b> (Applications due by 15 February)</p> <p><b>Fall Externships</b> (Applications due by 15 May)</p>	<p><b>Direct Commission Lawyer Program</b> (Application deadlines biannually in mid-August and mid-February)</p> <p><b>Spring Externship</b> (Applications due by 15 October)</p>	<p><b>Direct Commission Lawyer Program</b> (Application deadlines biannually in mid-August and mid-February)</p> <p><b>Direct Commission Lawyer Selected Reserve Program</b> (Application deadlines annually in June)</p>	<p>LT Peyton Nedley, Accessions &amp; Resource Program Manager <a href="mailto:CoastGuardDCL@uscg.mil">CoastGuardDCL@uscg.mil</a></p> <p>More information about these programs and how to apply is available at <a href="https://www.uscg.mil/Resources/Legal/JoinCGJAG/">https://www.uscg.mil/Resources/Legal/JoinCGJAG/</a></p>