



APPENDIX C: LEGAL READINESS CONSIDERATIONS

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Readying the Force

While not an exhaustive list, [judge advocate generals](#) (JAG) and paralegals may take any or all of the following actions to ready the force:

- ★ Advise commanders of forces preparing for deployment.
- ★ Develop and implement robust preventive law programs.
- ★ Participate in the logistics support process to obtain, pre-position, or transfer resources to sustain operations.
- ★ Provide training and mission-related legal assistance on the legal issues influencing readiness (e.g., estate planning, law of armed conflict [LOAC], [rules of engagement](#) [ROE]).
- ★ Prepare legal support capabilities for deployment.

Preparing the Operational Environment

Following are examples of the actions JAGs and paralegals may take to prepare the force:

- ★ Identify and resolve legal issues within the operational environment (e.g., host-nation support, use of force, environmental constraints).
- ★ Remove, document, or resolve legal impediments encountered during base support planning activities.
- ★ Determine legal reachback capabilities and requirements available to support forward deployed forces and those required to sustain operations.
- ★ Identify legal support requirements and capabilities needed to support operations (e.g., legal services, equipment, facilities).

Positioning the Force

JAGs and paralegals may take any or all of the following actions to position the force:

- ★ Deploy as part of advance and reception teams or operational cadre to receive and beddown deploying forces.
- ★ Participate in negotiations for host-nation support and the status of US forces in a host-nation (e.g., foreign criminal jurisdiction, landing fees, use of facilities, claims provisions, taxes).
- ★ Develop comparative law studies of the operational environment (e.g., civil and criminal procedures, summary of unique host-nation laws, rights of US personnel apprehended by host-nation authorities).
- ★ Support logistics processes to obtain goods and services from the local economy (e.g., contingency contracting actions, environmental law, and land use issues).
- ★ Assist commanders and their staffs in developing local policies and procedures to protect the force and maintain discipline (e.g., General Order #1; Force Protection Plan).
- ★ Educate deploying forces on legal issues and policies that apply to the location and operations conducted from the location (e.g., host-nation law, ROE, claims provisions).
- ★ Liaison with applicable US agencies and nongovernmental organizations within the host-nation.

Employing the Force

Following are some examples of actions JAGs and paralegals may take to employ the force:

- ★ Refine the legal support requirements for the location and establish reachback connectivity.
- ★ Accomplish mission training for the supported population (e.g., ROE, LOAC, General Order #1).
- ★ Support actions to generate operational elements of the force (e.g., logistics support, operations planning, target reviews).
- ★ Develop and organize legal services to support continuing operations (e.g., legal assistance, claims services, military justice support, and legal support to C2).

Sustaining the Force

While not an exhaustive list, JAGs and paralegals may take any or all of the following actions to sustain the force:

- ✦ Provide full-spectrum legal services to Air Force forces at forward operating locations (e.g., courts-martial, legal assistance, claims, C2 support).
- ✦ Employ legal reachback capabilities to enhance legal services (e.g., connectivity to legal information services, liaison with legal specialists).
- ✦ Refine legal support requirements and adjust legal services to meet mission requirements (e.g., ROE changes, tax program, and upgraded equipment).
- ✦ Provide continuous support for the logistics processes (e.g., military construction, long-term service contracts, and new contracts).
- ✦ Support C2 activities and ongoing operations (e.g., ROE training, target reviews, ATO generation).

Recovering the Force

Examples of actions JAGs and paralegals may take to recover the force:

- ✦ Address legal issues concerning real property, materials, and real estate that are returned to the owner or host-nation (e.g., environmental impact, value of improvements to facilities).
 - ✦ Provide mission-related personal legal services to recovering Air Force forces.
 - ✦ Ensure defense goods and services are sold, transferred, disposed of, or returned in accordance with law and policy (e.g., fitness equipment, temporary facilities, tent platforms, supplies).
 - ✦ Adjudicate and settle claims for and against US forces (e.g., personal injury, property damage).
 - ✦ Provide legal support to forces remaining behind to support recovery operations (e.g., legal assistance, contracting support, and logistics).
 - ✦ Consider whether the limited time ARC forces are called to duty drive any special redeployment prioritization or processing.
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