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Tax Season

As military members, we come to expect frequent changes and surprises, but don't get taken by surprise on 15 April 2016 by the individual income tax return filing deadline. Filing your tax return does not have to be stressful, and there are many services available – some of them free – that make filing quite easy. Online programs are a popular and inexpensive way to electronically file your tax return. Military OneSource (MilitaryOneSource.mil) provides access to free tax preparation software with on-call assistance from tax professionals. This is available to active duty members, as well as Guard/Reserve members and dependents. You may also hire a private company to complete your taxes.

In addition to the options above, during tax season this year, the JA teams at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, and JBSA-Randolph will each operate a tax center for active duty service members and retirees. The tax centers will operate from February through mid-April. The tax centers provide free tax preparation, electronic filing, and tax form distribution for federal and state tax returns.

To receive assistance at the JBSA Tax Centers you must bring with you your Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and your Form 1095, required under the Affordable Care Act. These documents are available to through myPay. Also bring your Social Security card and the Social Security card of each individual you intend to claim as a dependent. If applicable to your financial situation, you must also bring the following:

December 2015 Leave and Earnings Statement

1099-INT or 1099-DIV to report any interest or dividends you received as income in 2015

1098 to report payment of mortgage interest and property taxes, if any

1099-B for stock sales in 2015 together with your cost basis for capital gain or loss calculations

1099-R to report any distributions from an IRA or 401k you've received in 2015

SSA-1099 to report any Social Security benefits received in 2015

If you've already received a 2015 state tax refund, you may need to report it as income.

1099-MISC if you have self-employment or miscellaneous income, outside of your regular job

Have your documents with you, otherwise your tax preparer will not be able to help you. Tax center personnel will review your documents and help you complete your tax return.

JBSA-Ft. Sam Houston	JBSA-Lackland	JBSA-Randolph
Active Duty, Retirees and Dependents Hours: M-F 0900-1700 (1) 2414 Stanley Rd., Bldg 131 Tel: (210) 295-1040 (2) SAMMC, Rm L44-06 (basement) Tel: (210) 916-1040	Active Duty (E-4 and below, O-1 and O-2) and their Dependents. Others on a space available basis. Hours: M, Tu, Th: 0900-1500 1701 Kenly Ave. Ste. 41 Tel: (210) 671-1001	Active Duty and Dependents. Retirees on a space available basis. Hours: Tu & F: 0800-1200 W & Th: 0800-1400 10711 W. 2nd Street Tel:(210) 652-1040

AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL

ADCs are experienced judge advocates outside the local chain of command to allow Airmen completely confidential legal advice for criminal and adverse matters.

Ft Sam Houston: DSN 471-9679

Lackland: DSN 473-2924/2926

Randolph: DSN 487-2274

SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL

SVCs are experienced, independent judge advocates who provide confidential legal advice to victims of sexual assault. They serve both restricted and unrestricted reporters, help victims understand their legal rights, and explain how the legal process works for processing sex assault claims.

JBSA (Lackland): DSN 473-4748

**PREPARE FOR YOUR
LEGAL ASSISTANCE APPOINTMENT**

LOG ONTO: <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>

Wills & Power of Attorney Powers of Attorney

1. Click on tab "Legal Worksheets"
2. Complete worksheet for documents you wish to have created
3. Save your ticket number, then call the Legal Office for an appointment!
4. Please complete survey online

Legal Assistance

1. Click on tab "Legal Information"
2. If the information you are looking for is not listed, call the Legal Office for an appointment!
3. Please complete online survey!

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL
ONE OF THE OFFICES BELOW**

JBSA-Ft Sam Houston

502 FSG/JA
2422 Stanley Road

*Legal Assistance Primarily by
Appointment*

Walk-in Hours

Tues 0830-1030 All eligible clients
Thurs 0830-1030 Active Duty only

Will Executions

Thurs 1330-1430

Notary and Powers of Attorney

Mon-Thurs 0730-1630
Fri 0730-1200

**DSN 420-0169
Comm: 210-808-0169**

JBSA-Randolph

502 SFLSG/JA
1 Washington Circle, Bldg 202

*Legal Assistance Primarily by
Appointment*

Walk-in Hours

Mon 1000-1100 Active Duty only

Will Executions

Fri 0900-1100 By appointment only
Provide ticket number from the
website when scheduling

Notary and Powers of Attorney

Mon-Fri 0800-1130 and 1300-1500

**DSN 487-6781
Comm: 210-652-6781**

JBSA-Lackland

502 ISG/JA
1701 Kenly Ave, Suite 134

*Legal Assistance Primarily by
Appointment*

Walk-in Hours

Wed 0800-0930 All eligible clients

Notary and Powers of Attorney

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 0800-1530
Wed 0800-1230

**DSN 473-3362
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