

JAG Corps Mission

To deliver professional, candid, independent counsel and full-spectrum legal capabilities to command and the warfighter.

JAG Corps Vision

Enabling the Air Force and the warfighter through mission-focused legal capabilities honed for a dynamic environment.

JAG Corps Core Competencies

Legal Information Mastery—the ability to obtain, analyze, and communicate legal information rapidly. This extensive realm includes educating and training, researching, managing electronic and other documents, transmitting analyses and advice to decision makers, and processing JAG Corps analytical data. We analyze information and its implications perceptively, use it creatively, and express it definitively.

Authoritative Counsel—the ability to provide decision makers at all levels with the information and analysis they need to best evaluate options, assess risks, and make informed decisions within the bounds of international law and domestic law and policy. Advice and recommendations that are timely, accurate, balanced, ethical, and realistic and that reflect the Air Force mission, doctrine, and culture help leaders to resolve complex issues properly. Decisions based on authoritative counsel sustain the confidence of American and foreign citizens in the integrity of the United States Air Force.

Compelling Advocacy and Litigation—the ability to advocate, negotiate, mediate, and litigate in order to preserve command prerogatives so the Air Force can accomplish its mission. In an increasingly litigious world, legal challenges to global military activities continue to grow. We employ, advocate, and negotiate alternative dispute resolutions and litigation measures aggressively and zealously to ensure that desired outcomes are attained.

Operational Readiness—the ability to provide the warfighter with a complete set of legal capabilities at any place at any time. We maintain the skills necessary to survive and operate wherever the Air Force goes and the expertise to provide necessary legal support in varied environments ranging from fixed facilities to austere deployed locations.

Fair Military Justice—the ability to field a disciplined force based upon a fair military justice process. Operational success depends on this key competency. We assist commanders in the administration of military justice as they maintain the morale, good order, and discipline of their forces. We ethically and expertly fulfill advisory, judicial, prosecutorial, defense, appellate, and administrative roles in the military justice system. A military justice system that is fair—in fact and perception—bolsters Air Force Core Values by properly addressing allegations of misconduct, deterring others from wrongdoing, and maintaining the trust of fellow Airmen, host nations, and the American people.

Robust Legal Programs—the ability to provide valuable and responsive programs such as legal and income tax assistance, defense services, preventive law, claims, and legal training on a variety of subjects. On an individual level, these programs help Airmen and their families resolve legal problems so they can focus on their responsibilities and better prepare for deployments. On a broader scale, these programs involve substantial Air Force resources and influence anyone who is affected by Air Force activities.