



## FORT SILL POST CLAIMS



### *Categories of Claims*

The Fort Sill Claims Office processes the following categories of claims:

1. **Personnel Claims** – Personnel Claims include claims against the United States filed by Soldiers, DA civilians, and other military personnel for damages to, or the loss of, personal property incident to service.

For example:

- a. Damage to, or loss of, household goods during a PCS move or another move incident to service.
- b. Damage to, or loss of, personal property during an unusual occurrence which affects the Soldier or DA civilian incident to their service obligations, such as a claim resulting from a natural disaster.
- c. On-post robberies, theft, or vandalism.
- d. Destruction of, or damage to, property held as evidence (and evidence held for an extended period of time, when this creates a grave hardship to the victim).

2. **Tort Claims** – Claims filed pursuant to federal statute, including the Federal Tort Claims Act, Military Claims Act, Non-Scope Claims Act, National Guard Claims Act, Foreign Claims Act, and Maritime Claims Act, against the United States for property damage or loss, personal injury, or death caused by the negligence of military personnel acting within their scope of employment or incident to the noncombat operations of the armed services.

3. **Affirmative Claims** – Claims where the United States either recovers, or assists in the recovery, from third parties for (i) property wrongfully taken, property losses, or property damage; or (ii) medical costs and/or lost wages.

- a. Medical Affirmative Claims – Claims made to recover the Soldier's lost pay and the reasonable cost of medical care furnished by Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) or paid for by TRICARE from responsible third parties (pursuant to the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act).
- b. Affirmative Tort Claims – Claims made to recover the cost of damage to government property from responsible third parties.
- c. Article 139 claims – Claims filed by an individual against a member of the armed forces who is suspected of wrongfully taking or willfully damaging the individual's personal property. The United States will assist in adjudicating these claims.
- d. Carrier Recovery – Claims made to recover the cost of personal property losses, resulting from household good and vehicle moves, paid to claimants as personnel claims.

**The Fort Sill Claims Office is located at 4700 Mow-Way Road, Suite 400 in the Client Services Center. Our office operates on a walk-in basis from the hours of 09:00 – 16:00, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursdays, hours are from 13:00 – 16:00. Our telephone number is (580) 442-2317.**