

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Legal Assistance

*(Attorney consults by appointment only)*

### Will Appointments

Please complete Will worksheet BEFORE you make a will appointment! Stop by or call our office for more information.

### Italian Legal Assistance

*(Attorney consults by appointment only)*

### Powers of Attorney/Notaries

Mon-Fri 0745 - 1630

You can complete power of attorney & will worksheets, and read information at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>

31 FW/JA

Unit 6140 Box 115

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## JURY DUTY EXEMPTION (ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY)



## 31<sup>ST</sup> FW LEGAL OFFICE

Current as of March 2020

## JURY DUTY EXEMPTION

Generally, state and federal courts obtain names of prospective jurors from voter registration lists. Therefore, if you are registered to vote in your state of legal residence you may be summoned for jury duty by a court in that state. If you are an active duty military member stationed overseas and you have been summoned to jury duty by either a state or federal court, you are eligible for an exemption under federal law (10 U.S.C. § 982). Under the DOD Directive implementing the federal law, the following active duty personnel are exempt from jury duty:

- General officers
- Commanders
- Active duty member assigned to an operating force, in training, or stationed outside the US

Thus, if you are stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy or any other installation in Europe, you are exempt from jury duty in your state of residence. However, you still must officially notify the court of your exemption with a letter from your immediate commander. Here is a sample exemption letter:

## IMMEDIATE COMMANDER'S LETTERHEAD

### RETURN ADDRESS

### CLERK OF COURT ADDRESS

RE: Excusal From Jury Service (**NAME OF SERVICE MEMBER**)

Dear Sir or Madam:

(**GRADE AND NAME**), a member of the United States Air Force on active duty, has been summoned to perform jury duty (**WHEN, WHERE, AND ON WHAT JURY**). Under 10 U.S.C. § 982, Department of Defense Directive 5525.8, and Air Force Instruction 51-301, this member has been determined by me, an authorized designee of the Secretary of the Air Force, as exempt from duty on the jury in question because such jury service would unreasonably interfere with the performance of the member's military duties or would adversely affect the readiness of the unit, command, or activity to which the member is assigned. Under 10 U.S.C. § 982(b) this determination is conclusive.

Please excuse (**GRADE AND NAME**) from jury duty. If you have questions or cannot accommodate this request, please contact me at (**COMMANDER'S DUTY PHONE NUMBER**) or the Aviano Air Base Legal Office at 011-39-0434-30-7843. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

### IMMEDIATE COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK