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Greetings, JAG Corps! Now that PCS season is behind us, here is a new JAG Connector to help get you back into the swing of things! A lot has happened—and you will find your updates below... read about *Military Justice Redesign*, the *Regimental Award*, peruse the *Army Planning Guidance*, and see the *JAG Corps' Strategic Messaging for August*. Also, did you know that 1 August 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of judicial independence in the Army? Read more about it, below!

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➤ *Military Justice Redesign*

On July 29, 2019, the 244th birthday of our beloved JAG Corps, The implementation of the Military Justice Redesign (MJR) was announced. The MJR builds capacity by enhancing expertise and, consequently, increasing efficiency across the Army's military justice enterprise. We are confident that you will develop procedures to assist brigade judge advocates, military justice advisors, trial counsel, paralegals, OSJAs, and the commanders and units they support to adjust to this new approach.

Visit the [JAGCNet announcement page](#) for more information.

All published documents and examples pertaining to MJR can be found on milSuite in the [Leadership, Management, and Training](#) page on JAGConnect.

➤ *Regimental Award*

Reminder! Regimental Award nominations are due 2 August 2019. Every member of the JALS is eligible for this award. Find the TJAG and DJAG Sends announcing the Regimental Award and the MOI [here](#).

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➤ *Army Planning Guidance*

On 29 July, the Army G3/5/7 published the Army Planning Guidance (APG) Fiscal Years (FY 2022-2026). The APG communicates the Army's strategic direction, provides prioritization and planning guidance using the Army's four lines of effort (LOE). You can find the APG [here](#).

➤ *SIO Sends*

The latest edition of the SIO Sends can be found [here](#). This month we are focusing on recruiting. Our Regiment's greatest asset is our people—driven, engaged, and principled professionals who provide premier legal counsel to the best clients in the world. Every member of our Regiment is a recruiter—scouting talent and sharing the JAG Corps' message. Every engagement is an opportunity to recruit; whether at a law school, an ROTC department, or during a field exercise. Use these talking points in your recruiting efforts as we continue to grow the greatest law firm in the world!



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USALSA

➤ Military Justice Act of 1968 Commemoration

USALSA is hosting a panel discussion, "Commemorating the Military Justice Act of 1968: Celebrating 50 Years of Judicial Independence," on 5 August at 1300 in the 4th floor training room at the USALSA building on Fort Belvoir. The event is open to all JALs personnel, friends of the JAG Corps, and distinguished guests. A reception will follow the event.

Panelist include: BG(R) John Cooke, Federal Judicial Center Director; Professor David Schlueter, St. Mary's University School of Law; BG Susan Escallier, Commander, USALSA and Chief Judge of the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals; Mr. Fred Borch, JAG Corps Regimental Historian; and COL Timothy Hayes, Chief of U.S. Army Trial Judiciary.

MJA '68 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 24, 1968 and went into effect on August 1, 1969. At the time, the Military Justice Act of 1968 made the most extensive changes to the military justice system since the Uniform Code of Military Justice was enacted in 1951. Changes included enhancing the rights of the accused, bringing court-martial procedures in line with the procedures of United States district courts, and most significantly, establishing the use and authority of military judges, creating an independent military judiciary. The military marks 50 years of judicial independence on August 1, 2019.

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