

Claims Report
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Claims Note

The Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence in Claims

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The Judge Advocate General's Award for Excellence in Claims is an annual award designed to recognize outstanding field claims offices.¹ Initiated as a competitive award in 1998,² the award is an important measure of excellence for all Army claims offices.

The criteria for the award are posted on the Claims Discussion Board at the end of each fiscal year.³ The criteria measure the type and number of personnel dedicated to processing claims and various indications of excellence.⁴

This year, twenty-seven field offices won this prestigious award. There were a total of fifty-two

applicants, and over one hundred field claims offices are eligible for the award. The winners of the award, along with winners from previous years, are posted at the end of this note.

The Award for Excellence in Claims is an ideal way for staff judge advocates and other legal leaders to assess their claims operations. Even if an office does not win the award, the application process enables the office to assess its strengths and weaknesses. All offices are encouraged to apply for this prestigious award.⁵

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¹ U.S. DEP'T OF ARMY, REG. 27-20, CLAIMS, para. 1-23 (8 Feb. 2008).

² Lieutenant Colonel Masterton, *Winners of 1998 Award for Excellence in Claims*, ARMY LAW., Sept. 1999, at 41.

³ U.S. DEP'T OF ARMY, PAM. 27-20, CLAIMS PROCEDURES para. 1-23 (21 Mar. 2008). The criteria for the 2008 award were posted on 30 November 2009. Posting of Colonel Reynold P. Masterton to Claims Discussion Board, subject: Claims Award Applications Due 29 Jan 2010, <https://www.jagcnet2.army.mil/JAGCNETPortals/Intranet/Discussion%20Boards/claimsdb.nsf/WebBoardSubNotApp?OpenView&RestrictToCategory=4E911F66373F22DA8525767E00735E0B&Count=30&ExpandSection=2>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ An excellent note describing the application process and suggestions for improving award scores can be found in the September 2009 edition of *The Army Lawyer*. Lieutenant Colonel Cheryl E. Boone, *The Judge Advocate General's Excellence in Claims Award*, ARMY LAW., Sept. 2009, at 45.

Appendix

Winners of The Judge Advocate General's Excellence in Claims Award (winners denoted with "x")

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Aberdeen Proving Grounds			x		x	x						
Beaumont MEDCEN						x						
Brooke MEDCEN												x
Fort Belvoir									x		x	
Fort Benning		x	x	x	x						x	x
Fort Bliss	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Fort Bragg				x		x		x	x	x	x	x
Fort Buchanan					x	x						
Fort Campbell		x	x		x			x	x	x		
Fort Carson		x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x
Fort Dix						x	x			x		
Eisenhower MEDCEN	x	x	x							x	x	x
Fort Eustis									x		x	
Fort Gordon			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Fort Greely		x										
Fort Hood					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fort Huachuca			x	x	x							
Fort Jackson				x	x				x			
Fort Knox	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fort Leavenworth	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Fort Lee				x								
Fort Leonard Wood			x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Fort Lewis			x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Madigan MEDCEN											x	x
Fort McPherson			x	x				x	x			x
Fort Meade						x						
Fort Monmouth	x											
Fort Polk		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Presidio of Monterey						x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Redstone Arsenal							x				x	
Fort Richardson				x								
Fort Riley	x				x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Fort Rucker				x		x	x	x				
Fort Sam Houston	x			x			x	x	x		x	x
Schofield Barracks						x	x	x				
Fort Sill				x	x	x	x		x	x		
Fort Stewart							x				x	x
Fort Wainwright				x								
Military District Washington											x	x
West Point						x		x				
White Sands Missile Range	x	x	x	x			x		x			
Womack MEDCEN				x	x			x		x		
Bad Kreuznach, Germany		x	x									
Bamberg, Germany				x	x	x		x				
Baumholder, Germany		x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	
Friedberg, Germany			x									
Grafenwoehr, Germany												x
Hanau, Germany			x	x	x	x	x					

Heidelberg, Germany				x								
Kaiserslautern, Germany						x	x		x	x	x	x
Katterbach, Germany		x	x		x	x						
Mannheim, Germany		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
Menwith Hill, England		x	x	x	x							
Mons, Belgium	x	x	x		x		x			x	x	x
Schinnen, Netherlands		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x
Schweinfurt, Germany		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Wiesbaden, Germany						x	x	x	x	x		
Camp Casey, Korea			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Camp Henry, Korea				x	x		x	x	x			
Camp Humphreys, Korea						x	x	x	x		x	
Camp Red Cloud, Korea					x	x	x	x	x	x		
Torii Station, Japan		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yongsan, Korea						x	x	x		x	x	x
Camp Zama, Japan			x	x	x		x			x		