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NLG Military Law Task Force
318 Ortega Street
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Check out the MLTF website:
www.nlg.org/mltf

Our work includes challenges to continued deployments and extended tours of duty. We provide assistance with discharges and GI Rights, discharge upgrades, conscientious objector claims, counter-recruitment, registration, draft and enlistment counseling, AWOL/UA, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," veterans' rights, HIV discrimination, courts-martial, Nuremberg defenses, freedom of speech and communication, contract disagreements, and medical issues.

The Military Law Task Force monitors military policies and practice, and creates programs to counter unnecessary and unjust wars and the militarization of civilian communities. It reports its findings to the National Lawyers Guild and the public.

The MLTF welcomes new members and is dedicated to assisting them in this area of law.

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MILITARY LAW TASK FORCE

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The NLG MLTF defends the rights of servicemembers in the United States and abroad. It supports dissident and anti-war forces within the military.

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MILITARISM and INTERVENTION

During times of war, the United States armed forces regularly threaten and attack civil and human rights. As long as the U.S. engages in immoral and interventionist foreign policies, the military will serve those interests.

To maintain the availability of such a force, men and women in uniform are deprived of civil liberties and subjected to bigotry, abuse and harassment. Veterans often have difficulty obtaining the benefits promised from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and many face a life-long stigma of less than honorable discharges. Family members suffer through extreme hardships as National Guard, reserve and IRR forces are activated.

THE RESISTANCE

These problems have not gone unchallenged. Community-based organizations are working now to challenge the influence of the military in schools and other community institutions. People continue to organize against a possible draft and compulsory national service.

GIs protest military policy and their basic lack of freedom. Family members are speaking out and organizing against the war and military repression. Veterans organize to protect eroding benefits and to protest interventionist policies.

MILITARY LAW TASK FORCE

The MLTF is a national committee of the National Lawyers Guild. For 40 years, dedicated MLTF lawyers, law students, and counselors have directly counseled and represented GIs, veterans and military family organizations.

The major accomplishments of the Task Force have been in the legal areas of GI and veteran rights, challenges to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," legal support for dissent and anti-war activities in the military, and creating legal/political strategies and networks to deal with the growing number of military incursions worldwide.

The MLTF initiated and assisted in the filing of the Stop Loss lawsuit by John Doe in August of 2004, and has been active in developing other lawsuits to challenge military policies and practice that seek to limit or curtail dissent and expression of anti-war sentiment, including the rights of GIs and their family members to create websites and blogs.

THE MILITARY LAW TASK FORCE

- ▶ trains and mentors beginning law students, counselors and military law attorneys in all aspects of military law through training materials and direct communication
- ▶ monitors changes in military law and policy and provides up-to-date information and resources to GIs, counselors, lawyers and the public
- ▶ co-founded and actively participates in the GI RIGHTS HOTLINE
- ▶ assists international organizations in their representation and counseling of GIs
- ▶ maintains a listserv through which MLTF members assist and provide information to each other in their work with GIs, vets, peace and community groups
- ▶ provides direct legal assistance to GIs
- ▶ helps GIs opposing unjust military policies and practice, and encourages them to network with each other and peace-oriented organizations

MLTF PROJECTS

Military Law

The MLTF provides direct legal assistance and resources to GIs, lawyers, and counselors resisting military policies and service.

MLTF Website

This committee prepares information for GIs, vets, activists, attorneys and counselors opposed to the military's mission.

Brief Bank and Legal Digest Committee

The Task Force website provides legal memos and leaflets for GIs, their families, lawyers and counselors.

Local Military Law Panels and Projects

Local MLTF Military Law Panel members cooperate with each other on specific cases and respond to needs of their own communities.

Women's Military Rights Project (WMRP)

The MLTF's Women's Military Rights Project provides legal support to challenge sexual harassment and abuse.

Training Seminars and Speakers Bureau

MLTF members teach courses on beginning counseling to complex courts-martial. Military Law videos are available.

Anti-Militarism Movements

The MLTF participates actively in anti-militarism, alternatives to the military, and counter-recruitment movements.