

## Law Library

The LCS houses the premier military law library in the Department of Defense. With over 30,000 volumes, the library's holdings are particularly strong in the areas of the law of armed conflict, operational law, International Committee of the Red Cross publications, and military justice. This specialized library collection, which includes many rare and one-of-a-kind books and documents, complements the massive one million-volume collection general law library at the University of Virginia's law school. Students, faculty, and staff have access to this law library, and UVA's Alderman Library and its fourteen satellite libraries, which together contain over six million printed volumes. Also, access to the Alderman Library's electronic resources is available in the LCS library.

The key part of the LCS Library Rare Book Collection is the personal book collection of Colonel (Retired) Howard S. Levie, who served in the Corps from 1946 until 1963, and was honored as a "Distinguished Member of The Judge Advocate General's Corps" in April 1995. After retiring from active duty, Levie embarked on a successful career as a law school professor at St. Louis University School of Law until retiring again to accept the Charles H. Stockton Chair of International Law at the Naval War College. The author of twelve books and more than eighty articles, Colonel (Ret.) Levie was an internationally known expert in the law of armed conflict, and his writings on prisoners of war continue to be cited by scholars and practitioners today. Prior to his death in 2009 at the age of 101, Levie donated his 7,000-volume library of military history and international law books to the LCS. Most of these books are out-of-print and not available for purchase, and this means that the "Levie Collection" will always be a valuable and important part of the library.

As online services continue to grow in importance, the LCS library, in conjunction with the Library of Congress, continues to develop its Military Legal Resources website and make the many military-unique documents in its collection available to deployed judge advocates, as well as to faculty and students at American Bar Association (ABA)-approved law schools. In addition to digitizing and storing some of the LCS' own publications, such as *The Army Lawyer* and the *Military Law Review*, the Library of Congress has digitally stored and made available through its website numerous items of importance to military attorneys, such as the Code Committee Reports on the Uniform Code of Military Justice, World War II European Theater of Operations Board of Review decisions, and historical materials on the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949.

The 2014-2015 Academic Year will be a busy one for the LCS Library. The Library will welcome the 118 students in the 63d Graduate Class



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on August 11, 2014. Study carrels will be assigned and students will be given a series of orientations on the resources available to them at the UVA Law Library and the UVA Alderman Library. Students will then begin work on the rite of passage known as the "scholarly paper," which will be due in March 2015. The Library will also begin its preparation for the 2016 American Bar Association site visit to the LCS. Formally known as an ABA Sabbatical Reinspection of the Graduate Course LL.M. program, this site visit is currently scheduled for the fall of 2016.



*Every year, the LCS librarian presents a "JAG Cake" to the UVA law library staff in appreciation for its support of LCS students throughout the year.*

The LCS library holds extensive collections of primary source materials and publications in the field of military law. In order to make these library holdings more accessible to lawyers, scholars, and members of the public, the Library of Congress Federal Research Division website ([http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military\\_Law/MLR\\_site-map.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military_Law/MLR_site-map.html)) contains full text PDF versions of a select number of these resources. As of June 30, 2014, the site had 2,123 items, which translates into more than 350,000 e-pages.

The Military Legal Resources site is especially useful to the public because it does not require a logon ID or password and can accommodate a large number of simultaneous users. It also has documents that are (to the greatest extent possible) fully text-searchable. Finally, the site presents documents in their original format, with no changes in pagination.

Those interested in military criminal law will find documents on the Uniform Code of Military Justice, including the complete text of the 1949-1950 congressional floor debate on changes to the military criminal legal system. There is considerable information on the Articles of War (superseded by the UCMJ in 1951) and on old Manuals for Courts-Martial. The current Manual for Courts-Martial (2012) with the newest 2013 amendments promulgated by President Barack Obama is also on-line. Finally, there are publications from the LCS Criminal Law Department, including the Criminal Law Deskbook, which covers substantive military justice, pre- and post-trial procedure, trial and evidence, and special topics in military justice. Information about military commissions (including the Military Commissions Act and the Manual for Military Commissions) is also available on the site.

Those lawyers and members of the public looking for information on the Law of Armed Conflict will find a variety of resources, including the Hague and Geneva Conventions. There also are helpful publications like the Law of Armed Conflict, Operational Law, Rule of Law, and Domestic Operational Law Handbooks. The site has a fully accessible electronic version of Francis Lieber's General Orders No. 100, with bookmarks. It also has the only complete run of the English edition of the International Review of the Red Cross [No. 1 (April 1961) through No. 856 (December 2004)].

Legal historians will want to peruse the text of the Reno Court of Inquiry (which examined conduct at the Battle of Little Big Horn River) and the military commission that tried Captain Henry Wirz (the infamous commandant of the Confederate prison near Andersonville, Georgia). There also are reports on the Malmedy Massacre investigation, Nuremberg Trials, Yamashita military commission, and My Lai Massacre. The LCS Administrative and Civil Law Department has posted its Estate Planning and Ethics Counselor's Course Deskbooks on the site. Similarly, the LCS Contract and Fiscal Law Department has posted its Contract Attorneys and Fiscal Law Deskbooks.

The Military Legal Resources website routinely receives three million "hits" a month, with the highest recorded number of "hits" in a single month being 5.2 million (April 2014).

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