

# Legal Assistance

## OFFICE

**Macomb & Armistead Streets,  
Bldg. 2-1133**

**L**awyers and legal personnel from the Fort Bragg SJA offices will be available during Retiree Appreciation Days to provide various legal services, including drafting wills, preparing powers of attorney and notarizing documents.

Will preparation takes about 30 minutes per person and each spouse needs to have their own will prepared.

SJA personnel can draft your will as long as you are a U.S. citizen (except for residents of Puerto Rico or Louisiana) and your assets are less than \$1,000,000. Estates over that amount could face tax consequences, so you should consult with an attorney specializing in estate planning.

A will worksheet outlining your desires must be completed prior to meeting with an attorney. It is available online at [dragonnet.bragg.army.mil/sja/LAO.htm](http://dragonnet.bragg.army.mil/sja/LAO.htm), or it can be picked up at the Fort Bragg Legal Assistance Office at the corner of Armistead St. and Macomb St. on Fort Bragg in bldg. 2-1133. Additional copies will be available at the Retiree Appreciation Days site at Womack Army Medical Center.

### LIVING WILLS

Living wills and health care powers of attorney are offered along with the basic will. Living wills are statements declaring that your life not be prolonged by extraordinary means should you have a condition determined to be terminal and incurable or if you are diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state.

They can also state a preference to pass away at home rather than in a hospital, and can authorize the donation of organs after death.

Health care powers of attorney list who you would like to make health care decisions for you should you become incapacitated. Both living wills and health care powers of attorney help prevent family discord during difficult decision making events.

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

General and various special powers of attorney forms will be available. General power of attorney forms grant the complete authority to act in your name to another person. They can create problems if they are not given to trustworthy people, and not all

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