



## Practicing Military Justice

If you are a licensed attorney and are interested in earning a JAG certification, the online portion of the SGAUS JAG Training Program, Practicing Military Justice, is now available through the SGAUS website. All active State Guard member attorneys that are commissioned officers at the time of successful completion of the Training Program's online and in-person course requirements will be eligible to receive the SGAUS JAG Skills Qualification Badge. The next opportunity to complete this new program will be at the JAG Training Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC in September 2017. Registration information will be published the first week in July.

The SGAUS JAG Training Committee is capitalizing on its string of successful annual Training Academies by expanding its frequency to include a Training academy that corresponds with the SGAUS 2017 Annual conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in September 2017. State Guard JAG's from multiple states, will converge upon the Embassy Suites for a MILOPS lectures and a rigorous trial advocacy skills practicum. Highly respected guest lecturers will talk on a variety of legal topics, including Cyber-Security and Anti-Terrorism. CLE credit is offered for most courses, but is not guaranteed for all attendees.

Beginning in 2016, SGAUS implemented a JAG Skills Qualification Program which is available to all State Guard JAGs who are active members of SGAUS. To become JAG skills certified, the participant must successfully complete all ten on-line training modules that are currently offered through the SGAUS PME Academy. Next, the participant must attend no less than 4 hours of MILOPS training that is offered at a SGAUS sanctioned event, such as the mid-year or annual conferences. Finally, the participant must demonstrate proficiency in a mock trial advocacy practicum, which are also offered at sanctioned SGAUS events. Successful candidates will be awarded a JAG Skills Qualification Certificate. As an alternative, JAG's with documented prior Federal experience will be grandfathered into the Program.

All active SGAUS members who are also State Guard JAG's are encouraged to earn their SGAUS JAG Skills Certificate. The JAG Skills Qualification Program point of contact is CPT (TX) Michael Parker, who can be reached at [mrp@parkerllp.com](mailto:mrp@parkerllp.com), and [Michael.r.parker@txsg.state.tx.us](mailto:Michael.r.parker@txsg.state.tx.us). CPT Parker can

also be reached at his Ft. Worth, TX office: 817-442-9500. There is no charge for the on-line training modules, and the fee for attending the one-day JAG Training Academy is just \$50. JAG Academy attendees are responsible for their own transportation and lodging. Becoming JAG Skills Certified and attending the mid-year for annual conferences are the best possible ways for State Guard JAG's to prove their value as force multipliers and to network with JAG's from other states.

For more information about the JAG training program, please go to this link:  
<https://sgaus.org/sgaus-academy/jag-academy/>

