

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Legal assistance staff are located on almost every base, ship and installation.1
- In 2017, 71% of households with veterans or other military personnel had at least 1 legal problem, 21% whom experienced 6+ problems. 2
- In 2017, low income-veterans and military personnel received inadequate or no professional legal help for 88% of their civil legal problems.2
- The top 3 civil legal problems low income veterans & military personnel sought legal help for were health, consumer and finance, and employment.2
- Legal guidance provided by staff is free of charge to eligible personnel regardless of branch of service.3

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ON BASE SERVICES? 3

- Spouses of active personnel
- Reservists
- National Guard (30 days or more active duty) & family members
- Retired personnel & dependents
- Survivors of eligible service members & retirees
- Certain overseas civilian employees & family members

# **QUALIFIED LEGAL MATTERS** 4

- Powers of Attorney
- Will & Estate Planning
- Family Care Plan
- Family Law
- Immigration & Naturalization
- Consumer Issues
- Tax Assistance
- Landlord-Tenant Disputes

### **UNQUALIFIED LEGAL MATTERS** 4

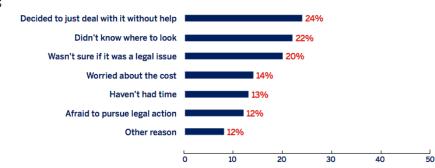
- In court representation
- Serious criminal matters
- Claims against government
- If legal problem involves costs/fees
- Private owned business matters
- Citations for driving under the influence

Referrals are available to pro bono (free) lawyers or drop-in legal clinics to assist with unqualified legal matters by military legal assistant offices.

# RESOURCES/SERVICES AVAILABLE IN SAN DIEGO

- Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa /programs/ais/veterans\_services/)
- San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Project (https://www.sdvlp\_org/)
- USD Veterans Clinic (https://www.sandiego.edu/veteransclinic)
- Community Law Project (https://www.cwsl.edu/clinics-andprograms/community-law-project)
- Legal Aid Society of San Diego (https://www.lassd.org/area/free-clinics)

#### Figure 6: Reasons for Not Seeking Legal Help<sup>38</sup>



Percent of problems for which no legal help or info is sought

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