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**THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S FIELD
 OPERATING AGENCIES**

1. *Effective 15 March 1973*, the United States Army Legal Services Agency is established as a field operating agency under the staff supervision and command of The Judge Advocate General, and the US Army Judiciary is discontinued as a class II activity of The Judge Advocate General. The following elements of the United States Army Legal Services Agency are designated and will be known collectively as the United States Army Judiciary: United States Army Court of Military Review, Office of the Chief Judge, Clerk of Court, Trial Judiciary and Examination and New Trials Division.
2. The mission of the United States Army Legal Services Agency is to provide administrative support for the United States Army Judiciary, the appellate counsel divisions, and the Contract Appeals Division.
3. *Effective 15 March 1973*, the United States Army Claims Service is reorganized as a field operating agency under the staff supervision and command of The Judge Advocate General and is discontinued as a class II activity of The Judge Advocate General.
4. The mission of the United States Army Claims Service is to supervise and administer Army claims activities worldwide.
5. *Effective 15 March 1973*, The Judge Advocate General's School is reorganized as a field operating agency under the staff supervision and command of The Judge Advocate General and is discontinued as a class II activity of The Judge Advocate General.
6. The mission of The Judge Advocate General's School is to assist The Judge Advocate General in the performance of his duties; conduct resident and non-resident instruction in military law for active duty and Reserve component judge advocates and civilian attorneys; conduct research in military legal subjects; prepare military legal publications; establish, manage and supervise JAGC Reserve Component Career Guidance program; develop and coordinate a training program for troop program unit Reserve Judge Advocates; maintain association and liaison with professional, legal and military organizations; and conduct doctrinal studies concerning judge advocate combat development activities.

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