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ABA MID-YEAR MEETING

Details on the military-related activities at the ABA's Mid-Year Meeting (Dallas, February 9-13) are available on the Judge Advocates Association's website, www.jaa.org.

NEWPORT

Thanks to **William C. Aseltine**, International Legal Education Consultant, Naval Justice School/Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, for the following:

The December 1999 issue of the *Military Justice Gazette* contained interesting articles concerning military justice cases decided in the UK and New Zealand. These and earlier articles on military justice outside the United States lead me to believe that readers might be interested in a program at the Naval Justice School specifically designed to promote comparative law scholarship in the area of military justice.

Twice a year, a group of 4 or 5 military lawyers from other countries come to the Naval Justice School to compare and contrast the U.S. military justice system with their own. During the 11-week program the participating judge advocates attend lectures offered as part of the Naval Justice School Basic Lawyer Course, Legal Officer Course and the Course on Conducting Military and Peacekeeping Operations in Accordance with the Rule of Law. They also conduct their own comparative law research working closely with staff from the Naval Justice School and the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies. The comparative process allows these students to gain insight into their own military justice system and practice and often provides them with useful models for further development.

On 17 December 1999 judge advocates representing Albania, Philippines, Ukraine and Zimbabwe graduated from the second class. The first class had two students from Thailand. It is

anticipated that students from Italy, Thailand and Venezuela will attend the third class, which is scheduled to begin 1 May 2000.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6-7, Second JAA Appellate Advocacy Symposium, Catholic University School of Law

1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

NIMJ advisory board member **Ron Meister** reports that one of President **Bill Clinton's** 37 December 1999 pardons went to **Freddy Meeks**, who was among those convicted in 1944 in connection with the Port Chicago mutiny. He was represented by the firm of Morrison & Foerster. Also pardoned were **Arthur N. Evans**, convicted in 1954 of protecting and assisting an Army deserter; **Kenneth M. Kaull**, convicted in 1976 of, among other things, negligently hazarding two Navy vessels; and **Ronald M. Smith**, convicted in a 1977 Army court-martial of stealing mail.

MILES FOUNDATION

New address information about a private nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting awareness of interpersonal violence, especially as it pertains to the United States armed forces: The Miles Foundation, P.O. Box 934, Waterbury, CT 06721-0934, tel/fax (203) 270-0688, Milesfdn@aol.com or milesfd@yahoo.com. Office hours are Mon-Sat, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Foundation publishes an electronic newsletter, "Across the Miles." For a free subscription, send an email request to MilesfdnMCD@aol.com. There is also an Across the Miles Listserv. To subscribe, send an email request to acrossthemiles-subscribe@onelist.com.

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Readers who practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

will be delighted to know that the Court is current in making its *Daily Journal* available on its website. It is now possible to know in real time the issues on which the Court has granted review. *Bravo!*

BOOKSHELF

- (1) The fifth edition of NIMJ advisory board member **David A. Schlueter's** *Military Criminal Justice: Practice and Procedure* (1999) (a commemorative edition recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Code) (\$110).
- (2) The third edition (Lexis 1999) of *Federal Standards of Review*, by **Steven A. Childress** and **Martha S. Davis**.
- (3) **Gordon N. Lederman**, *Reorganizing the Joint Chiefs of Staff: The Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986*. Mr. Lederman, an attorney with Arnold & Porter, will discuss his book at Olsson's, Metro Center, 1200 F St., N.W., Washington, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000.



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