



MILITARY *and* VETERANS LAW SECTION



Spring CLE 2019

10.0 hours including 1.75 hr. ethics
March 29-30, 2019
Stagecoach Inn - Salado, Texas

Friday, March 29

4.0 credit hours (including 0.75 hour ethics)

12:00 Registration

12:45 Welcoming Remarks

Lisa Windsor, Chair, Military & Veterans Law Section
Rick Rousseau & Wade Faulkner, Course Directors, Military & Veterans Law Section

1:00 Mefloquine Poisoning & VA Service-Connection 1 hr.

An overview of the anti-malaria medication administered to US armed forces, its side effects, and VA service-connection.
Dr. Remington Nevin, Epidemiologist White River Junction, VT

2:00 Mefloquine & Appellate Defense in US v. Bales 1 hr.

The impact of mefloquine side effects in the appellate defense of former army Staff Sergeant Robert Bales 2012 conviction for the murder of 16 Afghan civilians.
John Maher, Maher Legal Services, Chicago, IL

3:00 Break

3:15 Update: Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) 1 hr. (including 0.25 hr. ethics)
An update of selected recent changes to the UCMJ.

Colonel Doug Watkins, Military Judge, Fort Hood, TX

4:15 The Current State of Sexual Assault in the Military 1 hr. (including 0.5 hr. ethics)
Sexual violence in the military and the National Law Center pro bono initiative.

Colonel (Retired) Don Christensen, Protect Our Defenders, McLean, VA

5:15 Adjourn

5:30 Icebreaker
Location TBD

Saturday, March 30

6.0 credit hours (including 1.0 hour ethics)

9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Update: VA Appeals Modernization & Reform 1 hr.

An update of selected recent developments in representing clients before the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
Diane Boyd Rauber, Executive Director, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates (NOVA), Washington D.C.

Course Information

10:00 VA Ancillary Benefits & the VA Caregiver Program 1 hr.

An overview of VA ancillary benefits, such as special housing grants, home loan benefits, car allowance/adaptation, etc. Also, the VA caregiver program, expansion of the program, and issues with Veterans arbitrarily removed from the caregiver program.

Diane Boyd Rauber, Executive Director, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates (NOVA), Washington D.C.

11:00 State of Texas Veterans Benefits 1 hr.

Overview & update for practitioners of benefits for veterans, family members, and survivors.

Keeyawnia (K.C.) Hawkins, Bell County Veteran Service Officer, Killeen, TX

12:00 Lunch (provided)

12:30 The Use of Biometrics in *US v. Lorange* 1 hr.

A discussion of biometric technology and its use in identifying terrorists in the murder trial of First Lieutenant Clint Lorange.

John Maher, Maher Legal Services, Chicago, IL

1:30 Break

1:45 Ethics & the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program

1 hr. ethics

Darren Bertin, Dunham & Jones Attorney at Law, Waco, TX

2:45 Destruction of the Caliphate: Operational Law in Operation Inherent Resolve 1 hr.

A recently redeployed operational law attorney will discuss players in the area of operations, political/strategic considerations of those players, issues in targeting, and the intersections of law of armed conflict and policy considerations on the modern battlefield.

Captain Cadman R. Kiker III, Trial Counsel, 3d Cavalry Regiment Fort Hood, Fort Hood, TX

3:45 Military & Veterans Law Section Meeting

4:45 Adjourn

MCLE Course # 174041229

This course has been approved for 10.0 hours of continuing legal education credit, which includes 1.75 hours of ethics credit. Uniform Certificates of Attendance will be provided for those seeking credit from other entities or other states.

Reserve your room before February 27

The Military & Veterans Law Section has arranged for a courtesy rate of \$152 at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado, TX. To reserve your room, call (254) 947-5111 and ask for rate listed under the "State Bar of Texas Military & Veterans CLE". Or you can reserve your room online at this link: [MVLS at Stagecoach Inn](#)

Join the Military & Veterans Law Section

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Parking

There is no charge for parking at the hotel for this event.

Special Accommodations

Please email sections@texasbar.com or call (512) 427-1420 if you need accommodations for a disability, and we will do our best to assist you.

Materials

Bring your wireless electronic device! Materials will be made available to registrants on a secure webpage prior to, and during the CLE conference.

Refunds

If you register and are unable to attend, full refunds will be provided for requests received on or before March 11 at 5:00 p.m. After that date, no refund will be available. To request a refund, contact Rhonda Bridges at the State Bar of Texas Accounting Department by phone at (512) 427-1428 or by email at rhonda.bridges@texasbar.com

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To register online via credit card, visit: [Spring CLE 2019](#)

\$225 Non-Members of MVLS Section

\$\$175 MVLS Section Members

\$50 Active Duty Military

\$_____ Total amount enclosed

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