

Fort Rucker Preventive Law Program
LEGAL ASSISTANCE
SERIES

Military Dependent

THIS PAMPHLET

Contains basic information on making someone a military dependent. If you have specific questions, call 255-3482 to make an appointment.



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FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: *Making Someone a Military Dependent*

I. - PURPOSE. To provide legal assistance clients with basic information on making someone a military dependent.

NOTICE: The legal office does not advise clients on the rules for making someone a dependent for military benefits purposes! Direct your question to the MILITARY PERSONNEL and FINANCE OFFICE.
The Legal Assistance Office will advise clients on how to get a legal custody order or guardianship order from a court of law if clients determine that they need a court order.

II. - FACTS. Certain family members, such as a spouse or child, are entitled to dependency status upon completing the procedures described below. Other family members, such as a parent, brother or sister, require special review before they can be considered dependents.

- a. To seek dependent status for a minor, for whom you have legal custody or guardianship, you must bring the minor's birth certificate and original or certified copies of the guardianship or other relevant court document to Finance. To seek dependent status for a spouse you must bring the original or certified copy of your marriage certificate. Additionally, you will need to complete DD Form 137, which is available at Finance, requesting financial support for the new dependent. You will next be sent to the Military Personnel Office, ID Card Issuing Facility, to complete DD Form 1172 to enroll the dependent in DEERS and obtain an ID card, if needed. Fort Rucker's ID Card Issuing Facility is located in the Soldier's Service Center, building 5700, corner of Novosel Street and Andrews Avenue.
- b. To seek dependent status for an adult family member or a child over age 21 who is incapacitated, DFAS, Indianapolis must make a determination of dependency. Packets for this may be secured from the ID Card Issuing Facility, Bldg. 5700. The ID Card Issuing Facility has paperwork for Army ONLY. The determination of dependency must be made by the servicemember's branch (Navy, Air Force, etc.). Points of contacts for other branches of service may be obtained from the ID Card Issuing Facility.

THIS IS GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY. REGULATIONS ARE ULTIMATELY INTERPRETED BY THE PROPONENT OFFICE SUCH AS DFAS, PERSCOM, etc.